

**INTERPRETATION OF THE REFUGEE DEFINITION
OF THE 1984 CARTAGENA DECLARATION ON REFUGEES
(AS APPLIED TO ASYLUM-SEEKERS FLEEING CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE)
MONTEVIDEO, 15-16 October 2013**

AGENDA

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER

- 09:00 – 09:15 Welcome and introduction (purpose and objective)
Alice Edwards and Davide Torzilli
- 09:15 – 09:30 Presentation of participants
- 09:30 – 09:45 **Setting the scene**
Presentation of UNHCR draft “Guidelines for International
Protection for Persons Fleeing Armed Conflict and Other Situations
of Violence”
Introduction by Alice Edwards
- 09:45 – 10:00 Background and *rationale* of the Refugee Definition of the 1984
Cartagena Declaration on Refugees
Introduction by Leonardo Franco
- 10:00 – 10:30 *Plenary Discussion*
- 10:30 – 10:45 *Break*
- 10:45 – 11:00 Developments in the doctrine and jurisprudence on the regional
definition
Introduction by Juan Carlos Murillo
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Plenary Discussion*
- 11:30 – 11:45 The regional definition from the perspective and contemporary
contribution of IHRL and IHL
Introduction by Roberto Vidal
- 11:45 – 12:15 *Plenary Discussion*
- 12:15 – 12:30 The relationship between the refugee definitions of both
international and regional instruments
Introduction by Alice Edwards
- 12:30 – 13:00 *Plenary Discussion*

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- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 14:15 **Discussion on the elements of the regional definition**
Protected rights (life, safety or freedom) and causal link: threat to
life, safety or freedom "for one of the objective situations"
Introduction by Jean François Durieux
- 14:15 – 15:00 *Plenary Discussion*
- 15:00 – 15:15 Generalized violence
Introduction by IA Commission of Human Rights
- 15:15 – 15:45 *Plenary Discussion*
- 15:45 – 16:00 *Break*
- 16:00 – 16:30 Foreign aggression and internal conflicts
Introduction by Marta Rosa Vigevano
- 16:30 – 17:30 *Plenary Discussion*

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER

- 09:00 – 09:15 Recap from Day 1
- 09:15 – 09:30 Massive violation of human rights
Introduction by IA Court of Human Rights
- 09:30 – 10:00 *Plenary Discussion*
- 10:00 – 10:15 Other circumstances which have seriously disturbed public order
Introduction by David Cantor
- 10:15 – 10:45 *Plenary Discussion*
- 10:45 – 11:00 *Break*
- 11:00 – 11:15 *Sur place* refugees and Internal Flight Alternative (IFA)
Introduction by João Guilherme

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11:15 – 12:00	<i>Plenary Discussion</i>
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 14:15	The exclusion and cessation clauses of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its application under the regional definition <i>Introduction by Diego Morales</i>
14:15 – 14:45	<i>Plenary Discussion</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Standard of proof (threshold required for the existence of a threat) and the importance of Country of Origin Information (COI) for determining factual situations <i>Introduction by Jorge Álvarez Nieves</i>
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Plenary Discussion</i>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Break</i>
15:45 – 16:00	The regional definition and refugee status determination (individual procedures) and group determination (<i>prima facie</i>), analysis of the procedures and sequence of the analysis of the refugee definitions in countries that have multiple refugee definitions in their domestic legislation <i>Introduction by Bárbara Pérez-Martínez Treviño</i>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Plenary Discussion</i>
16:30 – 17:30	<i>Conclusions and recommendations</i>