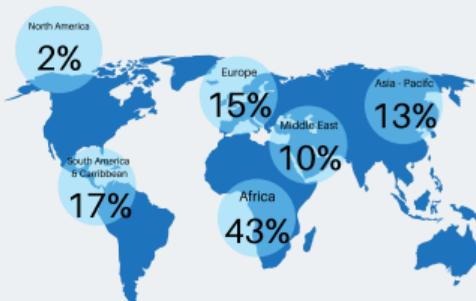


## THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE AND MIGRATION LAW

The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, through its capacity-building programme, aims at enhancing the knowledge and skills of government and civil society officials engaged in work with people in need of protection. Through its training and horizontal sharing of experiences, the Department advocates for the safeguarding of human rights in a way that complements and adds to the efforts of donors in the field of protection of refugees, internally displaced persons, stateless people, and migrants.

The Department closely collaborates with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and other UN agencies to conduct outreach, identify relevant participants, and update the courses with the latest policy developments and guidance. The Department is an active member of the Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network on the Global Compact for Refugees and has made pledges at the UN Global Compact and the Global Refugee Forum.

ORIGIN OF PARTICIPANTS TRAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT (2020-2021)



## THE ONLINE CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM

The Department develops and delivers courses on International Refugee Law, Internal Displacement, Statelessness, and Migration. These courses take place in Sanremo or in other locations, according to the specific requests of governments and partner organizations. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its related travel restrictions, the Department has moved its training online using a customized online learning platform that hosts virtual classes, an online resource library, and several interactivity features.

The courses are designed for mid and senior-level government officials, members of civil society, and academia and are delivered in four different time zones and five different languages (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian). The objective is to provide participants with a comprehensive set of skills on legal and other safeguards related to the protection of refugees, internally displaced persons, stateless people, and migrants. These courses are highly interactive and impact-oriented and therefore the number of applications accepted does not exceed 50 per course.

## HIGHLIGHTS (2020-2021)



**39**  
ONLINE COURSES



**1515**  
PARTICIPANTS

52%  
ACCEPTANCE RATE



**144**  
COUNTRIES



**143**  
LECTURERS AND SPEAKERS



### PROGRESS ON THE PLEDGES MADE AT THE 2019 GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM (2020-21)

The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law made **two pledges** at the **Global Refugee Forum in 2019**. The first pledge was to support the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees through the **development of courses focused on key areas in need of support**, building the capacity of government officials, members of the civil society, the academia, and other relevant stakeholders, and facilitating the sharing of best practices and experiences among them. The Department also pledged to **develop tailored training packages and capacity building programs on refugee protection addressed to governmental training institutions and the academia** from different countries worldwide, developing sound and sustainable training programs, in line with the principles and areas in need of support of the Global Compact on Refugees.

#### I. DEVELOP COURSES FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CIVIL SOCIETY FOCUSED ON "AREAS IN NEED OF SUPPORT" OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES (2020-21)

##### REFUGEE LAW COURSES



The Department has delivered **14 Online Courses on International Refugee Law** for government officials, members of the judiciary, academia, members of civil society, and postgraduate students. **592 participants** from **122 countries** have benefited from the interactive Online Courses, with participants reporting that they have found the content very useful in their professional work.

The Online Courses have been graded with an average of **9.1** on a scale of **1 - 10**. More importantly, after attending the training, several participants have directly contacted the Institute with queries, some of them confidential, on practical issues pertaining to human rights and the protection of persons of concern.

The Department provided scholarship opportunities to candidates from the Global South, to ensure **geographical and professional diversity** and **gender balance** in the selection of participants to the trainings, and to offer to the audiences expertise from knowledgeable and experienced facilitators from different cultural and working backgrounds.

In **2022**, building on the positive feedback received, 10 Online Courses on International Refugee Law will be designed and delivered by the Department in five different languages (English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian), for four different time zones.

##### THEMATIC COURSES



In October 2021, the Department delivered a **Thematic Course on Protecting Refugees in Urban Settings** that brought together **63 municipal government officials, local and grassroot NGOs and other relevant stakeholders** at the city level from **33 countries**, to analyse and exchange best practices on protection mechanisms, roles and responsibilities of all involved stakeholders, and the interaction with the receiving community.

The Course identified **challenges** faced by uprooted persons in urban contexts, while highlighting their **rights and responsibilities** enshrined in international legal instruments. In doing so, the training focused on the **role cities have in building safe, resilient and inclusive societies**, for persons in need of protection and host communities.

The workshop was designed along with the call of the Global Compact of Refugees to have a **multi-stakeholder and partnership approach towards forced displacement**, thus including local authorities and municipalities, who are often first respondents to large-scale refugee situations.

Responding to a strong demand by participants, the 2nd edition of the Thematic Course, taking place between 10 and 28 October 2022, will focus on the issue of **"Climate Change and Forced Displacement"**.

#### II. DEVELOP COURSES ON THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES DEDICATED TO GOVERNMENTAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND THE ACADEMIA (2020-21)

##### COURSES ON TEACHING REFUGEE LAW



The Department has delivered **4 Online Courses on Teaching Refugee Law** for **governmental training institutions** and **academia**, in both *in situ* and online format. The Courses aimed at enhancing participants' skills to design and deliver sessions, learning modules, curricula and programmes on Refugee Law, using the latest learning methodologies, in particular online training.

The audience was mainly composed by representatives of academia, state training academies and members of civil society. **108 participants** from more than **50 countries** have benefited from the Courses, the majority of which from the **Global South**.

The Online Courses have been graded with an average of **9.08** on a scale of **1 - 10**. The success of the Courses has been further highlighted by the fact that participants coming to the Course have recommending it to their co-workers. The Department has been approached by former participants who wished to consult about training programmes they are designing.

The workshops were intended as a concrete deliverable towards the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees, as it focused on **teaching on displacement** and other issues linked to the **principles, objectives and programmes of action** set by the **Global Compact on Refugees** itself.

##### TAILORED SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENTS AND ACADEMIA



In December 2020, the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law established its **Academic Unit**, to serve as an extension of its capacities in supporting **governments, universities and field operations** of international organizations in implementing the Global Compact on Refugees and promoting international refugee law, through tailored support in the creation of **capacity building programmes and advocacy**.

Since it was established, the Academic Unit has been working on designing tailored programmes on international refugee law for different kind of **governmental training institutions**, such as national **judicial academies**, and promoting the expansion of **complementary pathways** as a tool of **responsibility sharing** for refugee protection.

Within this framework, the Academic Unit is organizing a **Thematic Forum**, convening distinguished experts, practitioners and academics from the field of refugee protection, development and education, drawing on their experience to produce recommendations for **expanding access to complementary pathways**, with a special focus on **education pathways**.

The Forum is hosted by the Department and the Refugee law and Migration Center - "Justinianus Primus" Law Faculty, Skopje in cooperation with the UNHCR Representation in North Macedonia.