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FIVE DAY SHORT COURSE

**MIGRATION, DEVELOPMENT
AND HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSES IN COMPLEX
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COURSE DIRECTOR

Dr Andre Renzaho, PhD; Professor of Humanitarian and Development Studies at the University of Western Sydney, with over 20 years of professional experience in humanitarian emergencies and development practice. He has worked and undertaken evaluations for a number of United Nations including working with Care Australia, Concern Worldwide, Médecins Sans Frontières, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, and the United Nations Children's Fund; covering Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, the Pacific, and Asia. His research concentration is on migration and health, development assistance, and disaster epidemiology.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this short course, students will be able to:

- Identify and critically review conceptual frameworks for understanding migration processes and causes and effects of migration locally, regionally, and internationally
- Explain the socio-political dimensions of different types of migration and the social and health burden associated with various types of migration

- Articulate relevant policy responses to maximise the socio-economic impact of voluntary migration including the strengths and limitations of their application.
- Succinctly summarise international standards and guidelines as well as best practices governing the response to the need of forced migrants
- Differentiate the roles of key UN agencies from that of international NGOs and the civil society in response to the needs of various types of migrants and in relation to advocacy
- Develop competence in analysing the role of voluntary migration in the context of development assistance, poverty alleviation and skill transfer.
- Critically review the ethical dimensions associated with the militarization of development aid and humanitarian response

OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE

This is a full fee paying short course and consists of 40 hours (5 DAYS) of study. This introductory course will cover all aspects of migration including forced and voluntary migration. Through the lenses of migration theories, the course will examine why and how people migrate, the dynamisms and complexities of migrants' settlement in their

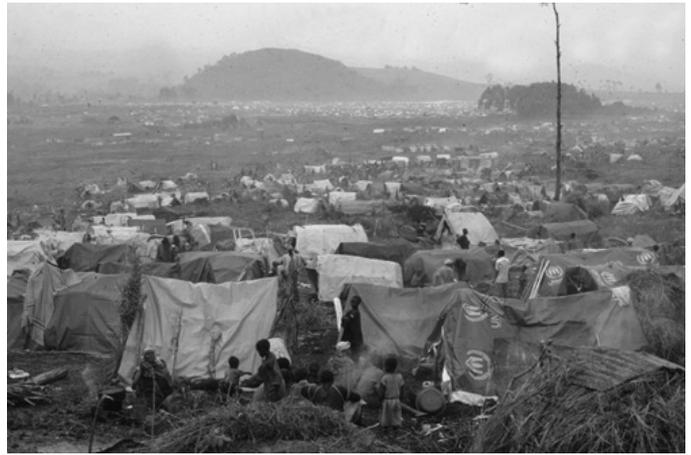
new environment, the socio-economic and political dimensions of forced migration and its consequences, and the relationship between voluntary migration and economic and development goals at regional, national and international level. For forced migration, the emphasis will be on application and relevance of the humanitarian law, refugee law, and human rights law in cases of forced displacements; response to the needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) including implementation frameworks and soft as well as hard laws related to the assistance and protection of IDPs; response to the need of refugees including policies, standards, practice guiding complex emergencies and humanitarian responses as well as the use of United Nations peacekeeping forces and the role of the military in humanitarian work; and response to the need of asylum seekers including immigration detention practice and alternative to detention. For voluntary migration the emphasis will be on the social and economic impact of voluntary migration including the brain drain, remittances, and the effectiveness of policy options that directly deal with the return (migration), restriction (migration), recruitment (migration), repatriation (monetary), resourcing (diaspora options), and retention (opportunities).

WHO SHOULD UNDERTAKE THIS COURSE?

The course has been designed to meet the needs and augment the competencies of the following audience:

- 1. Professional development** - especially those already working with UN agencies, international NGOs, and civil servants in government institutions dealing with migration and human rights issues
- 2. Current students:** student undertaking a degree in humanitarian and development studies, peace and development, conflict and peace building, human rights and protection
- 3. Career choice and further education:** for those contemplating a career in development assistance and humanitarian response and do not where to start. This short course will provide a very solid introduction to help participants make a well informed decision about their career path





4. **Human right activists and civil society representatives:** working on policies to address the plight of both forced and voluntary migrants
5. **Military personnel and the police:** especially those aspiring to partake in the United Nations peacekeeping forces for humanitarian purposes, peace building and conflict resolution, and humanitarian civil-military coordination
6. **Volunteers, the general population, and the diaspora:** especially those seeking to better understand the role of diaspora in addressing development goals in countries of origin given the changing political economy of development
7. **Decision makers and diplomats** involved in migration-related conflict resolution, negotiations, and policy formulation.
8. **Lawyers and migrant agents:** especially those assisting refugees and migrants and interested in global governance of migration processes

ASSESSMENT

Participants will not have to complete an assessment and will receive a certificate of attendance.

WHO TEACHES IN THIS COURSE AND HOW IT IS TAUGHT?

The delivery of the course will involve experts from UWS and practitioners from UN agencies and international NGOs. The course delivery will be in English and will use a combination of strategies including lectures, videos (short films), exercises and problem-solving group discussions, case studies, and simulations. Participants receive reading materials beforehand and lecture handouts.

MODE OF STUDY

The course will be offered face to face course held in Sydney in May of each year. Subsequent evaluation will assess the merit of delivering it online through the UWS e-learning system.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Module 1: Globalization and international migration

- Relationship between globalisation and migration
- International migration theories
- Patterns of international migration
- Dialogue on international migration: United Nations position and other key players
- International migration controversies

Module 2: Forced migration: Internally displaced people

- Who is an internally displaced person (IDPs)?
- Overview of the social and health burden of IDPs: During fleeing, returning and post conflict phases
- Policy Response: soft vs hard laws
 - Refugees law vs. humanitarian law vs. human rights law
 - The 1998 United Nations Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement
 - The 2006 Great lakes Protocol
 - The 2009 Kampala Convention
 - The 2010 Inter-Agency Standing Committee Framework on durable solutions for IDPs
 - The 2011 United Nations Framework on Ending Displacement in the Aftermath of Conflict

Module 3: Forced migration: Refugees and complex humanitarian emergencies

- History and patterns of complex humanitarian emergencies
- Disaster epidemiology
- Refugees' health and burden of disease
- Priority settings and decision making and programming
- International guidelines and standards
- Refugee governance and regional mechanisms and policy response

Module 4: Forced migration: Asylum seekers

- Who is an asylum seeker? How do they differ from an IDP or a refugee?
- Detention Practice and Ethical dimensions
- UNHCR Detention Guidelines
- Social and health burden of asylum seekers in detention
- Alternatives to detention: A European perspective vs. An Australian perspective
- Social and Health policy response: Role of NGOs in Detention vs. Political response

Module 5: VOLUNTARY MIGRATION: Rural-to-urban migration

- Rural-urban migration and economic growth in low and middle income countries
- The socio-economic impact of rural-urban migration in developed countries
- The health consequences of rural-urban migration in Africa
 - Case studies and policy response to rural-urban migration: China, South Korea, and OECD countries

Module 6: VOLUNTARY MIGRATION: Transnational migration

- The Health Burden of voluntary migrants
- The Brain Drain
 - South-north brain drain
 - South-south brain drain
 - Internal brain drain
- Policy options
 - the return option
 - Restriction of International Mobility
 - Compensation and reform
 - Return of and retaining talents
 - Remittance markets and diaspora savings for development
 - The voluntary code of practice
 - Trade agreement: a win-win

COSTS

The tuition fee for the course is \$1,780.00.

Participants will receive a free copy of the following book:

Renzaho, AMN (Ed) (2016). *Globalisation, Migration and Health: Challenges and Opportunities*. London: Imperial College Press

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