

Aim

To induct new members into the United Nations Disaster Assessment & Coordination (UNDAC) team, in order that they be familiarized with the UNDAC methodology and prepared for rapid deployment to sudden-onset emergencies on behalf of OCHA, to assist the national authorities and United Nations in-country with coordination of the international humanitarian response.

Selection process

The UNDAC Induction Course is targeted at experienced disaster managers/humanitarian first responders who are made available to OCHA by their sponsoring governments/organizations for deployment on UNDAC missions. Countries and organizations that are members of or wish to participate in the UNDAC system are invited to nominate candidates based on a set of selection criteria endorsed by the UNDAC Advisory Board. OCHA/FCSS makes the final selection of the participants against these criteria from the information given in the Application Forms, as well as telephone interviews with short-listed candidates.

Course objectives

The objectives of the Course are to develop the aptitudes required of UNDAC members in emergency response missions, including:

- Applying the UNDAC methodology to achieve the mission objectives
- Exercising a key role in response coordination, including coordinated assessments and information management, and ensuring linkages between the national and international response
- Promoting inclusiveness in coordination processes and facilitating communication and information sharing to build common situational awareness
- Gaining the trust and confidence of the various stakeholders through demonstration of professionalism, dedication, transparency and integrity
- Upholding humanitarian principles and advocating for those most in need
- Establishing and effectively performing the key functions within an On-Site Operations Coordination Centre (OSOCC).

Designed for 28 participants, the Course is structured around the UNDAC Mission Cycle, within the context of an OCHA and broader international humanitarian response, to promote understanding of the UNDAC methodology through practical exercises, discussions, use of case studies and peer-to-peer learning through experience-sharing.

The course assumes a solid level of understanding of the current international humanitarian response architecture and OCHA's role and mandate, including awareness of the UNDAC concept, system and generic terms of reference.

The course lasts 12 days (with a 24-hour break in the middle) and is fully residential. In the 4-6 weeks leading up to the course, participants will be required to complete a pre-learning programme, including online seminars and online training.

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