

GRF Education Campus

A Global Refugee Forum event organized by UNHCR and the GRF Education Alliance

The Global Refugee Forum (GRF) Education Alliance will be hosting a full-day event on 12 December where stakeholders will reflect on progress made in realizing the vision for education set out in Refugee Education 2030 and the Global Compact on Refugees and commit to concrete actions for the coming four years.

Education is critical to achieving the Global Compact on Refugees' vision of increasing refugee self-reliance and resilience, laying the foundations for peace and creating vibrant and resilient communities. International solidarity is needed to support hosting states whose education systems accommodate refugee learners to guarantee sustained access to education for refugees and simultaneously benefit children and youth in hosting communities.

Since the first GRF in 2019, the number of refugee children and young people in need of access to education has almost doubled; many of whom are hosted in countries where education systems were already under pressure. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the education of over a billion children and adolescents and placed additional pressures on these education systems to rapidly adapt and address the learning losses arising from prolonged school closures. More than 50% of refugee children are not in school and enrolment rates for primary, secondary, and tertiary education lag behind those of their host country peers.

Education Campus Programme:

An official GRF-linked event, the Education Campus programme will consist of a series of thematic panel discussions and sessions designed to reflect on actions, innovations and contributions that stakeholders are taking to operationalize the Global Compact on Refugees.

Thematic areas:

- Early Childhood Education
- Education in Emergency Contexts
- Secondary Education
- Teachers
- Connected Education
- Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)
- MHPSS and Social and Emotional Learning

Please click [here](#) to see the draft programme for the event.

Event details:

- **Date:** 12 December 2023
- **Time:** 09:00 – 16:30 (08:30 arrival)
- **Venue:** Hilton Hotel Geneva
- **Registration:** Please register using [this link](#).

Please note that registration for the Education Campus is distinct from registration for the GRF and that a separate registration is required for this event.



Education Campus – Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register to attend the Education Campus? Please complete the linked form to register to attend the Education Campus. Registration for the event will close on 22 November. Please register early for the event as registration will close when the maximum capacity of the event is exceeded.

If I attend the Education Campus, will I also be able to attend the GRF? The Global Refugee Forum is a by-invitation event and only invited delegates will be able to attend. Registrations for the Education Campus are open to all stakeholders with an interest in refugee education.

How many delegates can be registered per organisation? In order to accommodate as many different stakeholders as possible, we reserve the right to restrict organisational delegations to a maximum of three persons.

Is there a process to submit an abstract or proposal to make a presentation? The GRF Task Teams will discuss the design of sessions related to their thematic areas. There are therefore no open calls for proposals to make presentations or organize a session.

How can I take part in a panel discussion? The thematic panel discussions are organized by the GRF Education Alliance Task Teams who will select speakers that reflect a range of different geographic contexts and a diverse group of stakeholders.

Is there an exhibition space at the Education Campus? There is a small area in the plenary hall that can be used to exhibit posters and showcase work done to advance progress on pledges made at the 2019 GRF. As space is limited priority will be given to organisations that can demonstrate linkages between commitments made in 2019 and new pledges that are in support of the Global Compact on Refugees. Organisations offered a space in the exhibition area will be responsible for all set up of their areas and all related logistical arrangements.

Will the event be livestreamed? The organizers are planning to livestream opening and closing sessions of the Education Campus, but individual panel sessions will not be livestreamed. Recordings of plenary sessions will be available on the Education Alliance website after the event.

Will UNHCR cover the costs of participation in the Education Campus? No, UNHCR does not cover the travel or other associated costs of attendance at or participation in the Education Campus.

Will lunch be provided? Lunch will be available for purchase at the hotel (meals and light snacks). In addition, there are other vendors located close by at the airport or in the area. Coffee and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Where is the venue located? The Hilton Hotel is close to the Geneva Airport alongside the Palexpo Centre. It is easily accessible using public transport and more information can be found on the hotel's [website](#).

