

Global Refugee Forum - Education Campus

12 December 2023, Hilton Hotel – Geneva

Overview of the day

08:30 - 09:00	Registration			
09:00 – 09:45 <i>Geneva II</i>	Opening plenary and keynote address on the levels of access to education by refugee children and youth (UNHCR and Save the Children)			
09:55 – 10:55 (Parallel sessions)	Early Childhood Education <i>Geneva II (plenary) room</i> <i>Enhancing Refugee Self-Reliance and Peace through Early Childhood Development (ECD)</i>	Refugee teachers and teachers of refugees <i>Roma breakout room</i> <i>Teachers: The backbone of the education sector's global refugee response</i>	Digital technologies and connected education <i>Berlin breakout room</i> <i>Bridging the Digital Divide for Refugee Learners: The Refugee Connected Education Challenge</i>	Complementary Pathways <i>Beijing room</i> <i>Mobility as a Solution: Expanding Third Country Pathways through Tertiary Education</i>
11:00 -11:15	Break			
11:15 – 12:15 (Parallel - sessions)	Secondary Education <i>Budapest breakout room</i> <i>"I thought my dream of getting an education had come to an end ..."</i> <i>Secondary Education in Crisis Contexts</i>	Protection, Gender, Sport <i>Roma breakout room</i> <i>Teaming up sport and education for gender equality</i>	Connected Higher Education <i>Berlin breakout room</i> <i>Beyond access: Universities must do more to enroll and retain refugees</i>	Education in Emergencies <i>Geneva II room</i> <i>Minimising the time refugee children and youth spend out of learning and promoting inclusion from the start</i>
12:15-13:30	Lunch period			
13:30 – 14:20 <i>Geneva II</i>	Plenary session: <i>Empowering Minds: Shaping the Future of Refugee Students Worldwide (refugee-led)</i>			
14:30 – 15:30 (Parallel sessions)	MHPSS and Social & Emotional Learning <i>Budapest breakout room</i> <i>Promoting learning through safety, wellbeing, and play: The critical need for MHPSS + SEL in refugee and host communities</i>	TVET (secondary and post-secondary levels) <i>Roma breakout room</i> <i>Boosting Refugee Self Reliance through Technical and Vocational Education and Training: Lessons we need to learn</i>	Refugee inclusion in national education systems <i>Beijing breakout room</i> <i>Country spotlights – progress in refugee inclusion since the 2019 Global Refugee Forum</i>	
15:40 – 16:30 <i>Geneva II</i>	Closing plenary and keynote address: <i>Realizing the vision for education in the Global Compact on Refugees through local and global action</i>			

Sessions have been organized by the GRF Education Alliance thematic task teams. For more information on the Education Alliance and how you can contribute to its work, please visit our [webpage](#).

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Detailed programme

OPENING PLENARY

09:00 – 09:45 **Setting the scene – how is the sector performing against the vision of the Global Compact on Refugees**
Geneva II

Moderated by: **Alia Al-Khatat-Williams**, Deputy Director – Division of Resilience and Solutions, *UNHCR*

Speakers: **Julien Thöni**, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, *Permanent Mission of Switzerland*
Sonia Grigt, Advisor – Research, Policy and Advocacy, *Education International*
Rebecca Telford, Chief of Education, *UNHCR*
Tory Clawson, Director for Migration and Displacement, *Save the Children*

PARALLEL SESSIONS

09:55 – 10:55 **Enhancing Refugee Self-Reliance and Peace through Early Childhood Development (ECD)**
Geneva II room *Organised by the GRF Education Alliance task team on Early Childhood Education*

Moderated by: **Jan Christensen**, Facilitation Specialist, *Lego Foundation*

Speakers: **Sedra Al Shamaly**, Co-Founder of Elegant Art, Young refugee advocate
Pascal Zigashane, Chairperson, *Action Pour le Progrès*
Dr Cleophus Mugenyi, Commissioner Basic Education Department, *Ministry of Education & Sports (Uganda)*
Rafiath Rashid Mithila, Head of ECD, *BRAC International*
Rushda Majeed, Chief Programme Officer, *Van Leer Foundation*
Nour Jarrouj, Senior Manager Engagement (Advocacy), *Moving Minds Alliance*

09:55 – 10:55 **Teachers: The backbone of the education sector's global refugee response**
Roma Room *Organised by the GRF Education Alliance task team on Teachers*

Moderated by: **Sonia Grigt**, Advisor, *Education International*

Speakers: **Stella Oryang Aloyo**, teacher, *Uganda National Teachers' Union*
Chris Henderson, Education in Emergencies Specialist, *Geneva Graduate Institute*
Fatou Niang, Senior Project Coordinator, *UNESCO - Secretariat of the International Task Force on Teachers*
Marianna Knirsch, Deputy Head of Education Division, *Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ, Germany)*
Anna Maria Tammi, Senior Thematic Lead on Equity and Inclusion, *Global Partnership for Education (GPE)*
Itaf Alawawdeh, Chief of Party- Education Program Director, *Save the Children Jordan*
Anfal Saqib, Education Specialist, *Education Cannot Wait*

09:55 – 10:55

Bridging the Digital Divide for Refugee Learners: The Refugee Connected Education Challenge

Berlin Room

Organised by the GRF Education Alliance task team on Connected Education

Moderated by:

Nhial Deng, Refugee Youth Leader

Speakers:

Robert Jenkins, Director of Education and Adolescent Development, *UNICEF*

Thomas Fiechter, Managing Director, *Akelius Languages*

Marco Obiso, Chief Digital Networks and Society, *ITU*

Eddie Dutton, Acting Chief of Education, *Education Cannot Wait*

Lisa Felton, Director, *Vodafone Foundation*

Kebede Kassa Tsegaye, Senior Coordinator - Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, *Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)*

09:55 – 10:55

Mobility as a Solution: Expanding Third Country Pathways through Tertiary Education

Beijing Room

Organised by the Global Task Force on Third Country Education Pathways

Moderated by:

Rebecca Granato, Co-Chair of the Global Task Force on Third Country Education Pathways

Speakers:

Andrew Kiley, First Assistant Secretary, Refugee, Humanitarian and Settlement Division, Department of Home Affairs, Australia.

HE Madame S. E. Ragnagnèwendé Olivia Rouamba, Ministre des Affaires étrangères, de la Cooperario régionale et des Burkinabè de l'Extérieur, *Burkina Faso*

State Counsel Paulito de Jesus, Assistant Head of the Refugees and Stateless Persons Protection Unit, *Government of Philippines*

Hasan Al Matroud, Guidance Advisor, *World University Service Canada (WUSC)*

Jojo Ferris, Head, *IOC/Olympic Refugee Foundation*

Emma McLeavey-Weeder, Lead Strategic Engagement Executive, Global

Marco Borraccetti, Associate Professor, *University of Bologna and delegate for International Agreements and Networks and University Corridors for refugee students, Italy*

Mary Dempsey, University of Galway, Associate Professor and Vice Dean for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, *Ireland*

PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:15 – 12:15 **"I thought my dream of getting an education had come to an end ..."** Secondary Education in Crisis Contexts

Budapest Room

Organised by the Secondary Education Working Group

Moderated by: **Jill Drzewiecki**, Gender-Responsive Education Specialist, *Jesuit Refugee Service*

Speakers: **Chris Henderson**, *Columbia University*
Hiba Salem, Research Fellow, *University of Oxford*
Hawa Abdiaziz Abdi, member of *Transform Education, UNGEI and the Refugee Education Council*
Hamida Jahamah, Country Director, *Plan International (Jordan)*
Amedeo Piccolo, Consultant, *Secondary Education Working Group*

11:15 – 12:15 **Teaming up sport and education for gender equality**

Roma Room

Organised by the UNHCR Education, Sport and Gender-Based Violence Teams

Moderated by: **Kreena Govender**, Senior Strategy & Policy Adviser, *Global Observatory for Gender Equality & Sport*, and

Speakers: **Nyanen Juch Malik**, Co-founder & Public Speaking Trainer, *Refugee Teen Talk*
Diana Dalton, Head of Gender and Equalities, The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, *Government of the United Kingdom*
Eliane Furuyama, Head of Program Partnerships, *Skateistan*
Anastasia Sorokina, Chairperson of the Women's Commission, *International Chess Federation*
Cécile Pango, Founder and CEO, *Women for Action*
Hussein Tadicha Jillo, Executive Director, *URISE*

11:15 – 12:15 **Minimising the time refugee children and youth spend out of learning and promoting inclusion from the start**

Geneva II Room

Organised by the GRF Education Alliance task team on Education in Emergency Contexts

Moderated by: **Hawa Abdiaziz Abdi**, Refugee advocate, *Together for Learning Refugee Education Council*

Speakers: **Elizabeth Taylor Jay**, Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs, *Colombia*
Yasmine Sherif, Executive Director, *Education Cannot Wait (ECW)*
Sian Long, Senior Humanitarian Education Adviser, *Save the Children*
Dean Brooks, Director, Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)
Joseph Field, Head of English and Empowerment | Cultural Engagement, *British Council*
Noor Azizah, Refugee advocate
Faridah Luanda, Refugee advocate

11:15 – 12:15

Berlin Room

Beyond access: Universities must do more to enroll and retain refugees

Organised by the 15by30 GRF Education Alliance task team

Moderated by: **Jackson Byiringiro**, College Guidance Administrator, *Kepler College*

Speakers: **Ayuen Isaac**, Student, *Jesuit Worldwide Learning*

Bathsheba Asati, *Amahoro Coalition*

Kebede Kassa Tsegaye, Senior Coordinator - Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, *Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)*

Sarah Ghazal Salehi, Programme Manager, *University of Oxford*

Alan Mackay, Deputy Vice Principal International & Director of Edinburgh Global, *University of Edinburgh*

PLENARY SESSION:

13:30 – 14:20

Geneva II

Empowering Minds: Shaping the Future of Refugee Students Worldwide

(Refugee-led session)

Moderated by: **Michael Paller**, Senior Advisor, *Open Society Foundations*

Speakers: **Aisha Khurram**, Representative, *Global Student Forum and Tertiary Refugee Student Network*

Hasan Al Matroud, *Canadian Refugee Education Council*

Summia Tora, *Refugee-led Research Hub*

Jackson Byiringiro, *Connected Learning in Crisis Consortium*

Mulki Mohamed Ali, *Open Society University Network*

Jacob Blasius, Representative, *Global Student Forum*

Xinying (Heidi) Sui, *UNHCR Youth Champion*

PARALLEL SESSIONS

14:30 – 15:30

Budapest Room

Promoting learning through safety, wellbeing, and play: The critical need for MHPSS + SEL in refugee and host communities

Organised by the GRF Education Alliance task team on Social and Emotional Learning and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (SEL and MHPSS)

Moderated by: **Daria Mierhut**, Youth on the Move Fellow, *UNICEF Europe and Central Asia Region*

Speakers: **Sedra Alshamaly**, *Refugee Advocate, Co-founder of Elegant Art*

George Tarr, *Refugee Advocate, GRF Youth Delegation*

Susan McIsaac, President & CEO, *Right To Play International*

Ib Peterson, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations

Rob Jenkins, Global Director - Education and Adolescent Participation, *UNICEF NYHQ*

Christian Baobab, *Refugee Advocate, Refugee Education Council*

Vivan Shaima, *Refugee Advocate, Refugee Education Council*
Huzan Waqar, *Asia Displacement Solutions Platform, IRC*
Mulualem Desta, *Deputy Director of the Refugee and Returnee Service ,
Government of Ethiopia*
Paul St. John Frisoli, *Interim Team Lead - Children on the Move, The LEGO
Foundation*

14:30 – 15:30 **Country spotlights – progress in refugee inclusion since the 2019 Global Refugee
Forum**

Beijing Room

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Moderated by: **Jennifer Roberts**, Senior Education Officer, *UNHCR*

Speakers: **Murdakai Titus**, Deputy Director of the National Commission for Refugees,
Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), *Government of Nigeria*
Majid Hamedani, Head of Department for Refugee Affairs, *Ministry of Foreign
Affairs Iran*
Oumou Selemete Cheikh, Directrice des Stratégies, de la Planification et de la
Coopération au Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Réforme du Système
Éducatif, *Government of Mauritania*

14:30 – 15:30 **Boosting Refugee Self Reliance through Technical and Vocational
Education and Training: Lessons we need to learn**

Roma Room

Organised by the 15by30 TVET Steering Group (ILO, FCA, GIZ, UNHCR)

Moderated by: **Merja Färm**, Humanitarian Advocacy Advisor, *Finn Church Aid*

Speakers: **HE. Minister Awut Deng Acuil**, Minister of General Education and Instruction,
South Sudan
HE. Minister July Moyo, Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare,
Zimbabwe
Lilian Musoki Maate, Senior Program Manager – Complementary Pathways, *FCA
Uganda*
Marianna Knirsch, Deputy Head of Education Division, *German Federal Ministry
for Economic Cooperation and Development*
Joel Mullan, independent researcher
Christine Hofmann, Team Lead for Skills and Social Inclusion, *ILO*
Manal Stulgaitis, Education Officer, *UNHCR*

CLOSING PLENARY

15:40 – 16:30 **Realizing the Global Compact on Refugees’ vision for education through local and global action**
Geneva II

Moderated by: **Sajjad Malik**, Director – Division of Resilience and Solutions, *UNHCR*
Speakers: **Abdullahi Mire**, Global Nansen Award Laureate
 Margarita Focus-Licht, Manager – Partnerships Team, *Global Partnership for Education (GPE)*
 Nhial Deng, Refugee Advocate, *Refugee Education Council*
 Bella Nshimirimana, Refugee Expert & refugee advocate
 Tara Painter, Deputy Director Education, *Global Affairs Canada*
 Kebede Kassa Tsegaye, Senior Coordinator - Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, *Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)*