

MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2021
13:00 - 14:30 CET

**OFFICIAL LAUNCH
ONLINE EVENT**



THE GENEVA GLOBAL HUB FOR EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES A CATALYST FOR CHANGE

The **Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies** is a pledge issued at the 2019 Global Refugee Forum by ten key institutions to join forces and collectively make a difference for the education of crisis-affected and displaced children and youth.

The Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies will be launched on the occasion of the 2021 International Day of Education. A high-level panel will exchange with participants on how the Hub can be a catalyst for change to respond to children's education needs in contexts affected by conflict, violence, disaster and displacement.

The Hub will be a platform that welcomes other member states and Geneva related organisations across sectors which are committed to bringing education in emergencies to scale.

To join us, register [here](#).
Interpretation will be provided in Arabic, French, Portuguese, Spanish, as well as sign language.
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Programme

Opening remarks by **Ambassador Jürg Lauber**,
Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations and the other international organisations in Geneva

Video - Voices from the field

Panel discussion moderated by **Yasmine Sherif**,
Director, Education Cannot Wait

With the participation of:

Hina Shikhani, *Afghan refugee born in Pakistan*

Helen Durham, *Director of Law and Policy, ICRC*

Stefania Giannini, *Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO*

Fadi Yarak, *Director General, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Lebanon*

Giancarlo De Picciotto, *Head of International Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in Mali*

Dean Brooks, *Director, Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies*

Karl Blanchet, *Director, Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies*

Closing remarks by **Meritxell Relaño**, *Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF*