



## SAVE THE DATE

The Permanent Missions of Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Norway, Portugal, and Qatar to the UN in New York, kindly ask you to save the date for a *High-level breakfast Meeting* on:

### *Ensuring the Inclusion of the Right to Education in Emergencies in the Post-2015 Development Agenda*

**Wednesday, 30 September 2015, 8:00–10:00am**

**South Dining Room, United Nations HQ, New York**

The High-level Breakfast event takes place in the context of the UN Summit which will adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda, from 25-27 September, 2015 and the World Humanitarian Summit, to be held in Istanbul on 23 and 24 May 2016. A major question relates to the right to education in emergency situations. Evidence suggests that in humanitarian crisis, including conflict and disasters, the situation for far too many students around the world is bleak: both access to education and its quality are adversely affected by economic disruption, general insecurity and forced displacement. In this, the right to education is often jeopardized. Furthermore, despite convincing international evidence on the critical need to provide children and youth with education during emergencies and times of crisis, it is one of the least supported sectors in humanitarian response.

The right to education in emergencies has also to be looked at from a development perspective, it should be planned from day one, as part of the development process and not solely as relief effort. Regrettably, the 17 Sustainable Development Targets (SDGs) with 169 associated targets do not cover the specific needs of education during emergencies. There is hope that the World Humanitarian Summit might provide a key opportunity to tackle this issue from a financial, policy and programmatic perspective.

#### ***Purpose and Scope***

The High-level breakfast will build on current and on-going initiatives on education in emergencies to generate political momentum for a follow-up Resolution on 'The right to education in emergency situations'. It will specifically: (a) Build understanding and consensus on the urgent need to respond to the education needs of children and adolescents living in emergencies; (b) Stimulate analysis on how the current humanitarian and development processes interact; (c) Discuss the linkages between the Post-2015 Development Agenda and World Humanitarian Forum vis-à-vis education during emergencies; (d) How to ensure a gender perspective in Education in Emergencies; and (e) To acknowledge and support the efforts of the UN Security Council on children and armed conflict, and of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the relevant UN organs, entities and agencies.

## **AGENDA**

### ***Moderator***

**Mr. Nicholas Kristof**, Columnist, The New York Times

### ***Keynote Speakers***

H.E. Mr. Khalid bin Mohammad Al Attiyah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

H.E. Mr. Gordon Brown, UN Special Advisor for Global Education

H.E. Mr. Jorge Sampaio, Former President of Portugal; Former High Representative, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations; and Chairman of the Global Platform for Syrian Students

### ***Member States Co-sponsors***

H.E. Mr. Manuel González Sanz, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica

H.E. Mr. Saliou Akadiri, Minister of Foreign Affairs and African Integration, Benin

H.E. Mr. Adil Osmanovic, Minister of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina

H.E. Ms. Tone Skogen, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway

H.E. Ms. Maria Rubiales de Chamorro, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representative, Nicaragua

### ***High-level Panelists***

Mr. António Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR

Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO

Mr. Pierre Krähenbühl, Commissioner-General, UNRWA

Dr. John Sexton, President of New York University (NYU)

Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Ms. Geeta Rao Gupta, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF

Mr. John Ging, Director Operational Division, OCHA

### ***Discussants***

Dr. Mark Richmond, Director, Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict (PEIC)  
Youth voice

Mr. Dean Brooks, Director, Inter-Agency for Education in Emergencies (INEE)

Ms. Diya Nijhowne, Director, Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack

Dr. Sarah Smith, Senior Director of Child and Youth Protection, International Rescue Committee (IRC)