Official Launch of the EiE Hub 2023 Flagship Report

LEVERAGING EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Monday 20 November 2023 | 3-5 pm CET, with coffee and tea from 2.40pm

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BACKGROUND

Education for displaced and crisis-affected children and youth is crucial to promote climate action. Education helps people address the root causes and impacts of the climate crisis, empowering them with the knowledge, competencies and skills needed to adapt and innovate to take action, transform economies, and improve health, well-being and security. However, the right to education— and the realisation of this potential of education for climate action— is denied to 224 million children and youth due to armed conflict, displacement, protracted crises, and increasingly, climate-induced disasters.

The EIE Hub 2023 Flagship Report is the first report outlining how climate change impacts the learning of crisis-affected and displaced children and youth. It looks at what the education in emergencies sector is doing in this field, as well as the key opportunities it should embrace— singly and in collaboration with other sectors — to contribute towards transformative climate action.

Climate change has gained central prominence in global policy dialogues. Yet, there remains a deficiency in awareness of how it impacts education in crises, and the proactive measures being taken within the education sector and across the nexus to address climate-related issues. Through this flagship report, the EIE Hub is addressing these critical gaps.

PROGRAMME

OPENING REMARKS

H.E. Mr Julien Thöni, Deputy Permanent Representative, Switzerland
Luis Armando Soto Boutin, Head of Cooperation and International Affairs, Ministry of Education, Colombia
Ibrahim, Deputy Speaker of National Children Parliament, Nigeria (video message)

Moderator: Amjad Saleem, Manager of Volunteering, Youth and Education Development, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Petra Heusser, Coordinator, Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies
Yasmine Sherif, Executive Director, Education Cannot Wait (video message)
Omar Alkadamani, GPE Youth Leader, Syria/Germany
Andrew Harper, Special Adviser on Climate Action to the High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR
Verena Knaus, Global Chief, Migration and Displacement, UNICEF
Jerome Oberreit, Executive Director, BRAC Global

Followed by an interactive Q&A session and discussion

CLOSING REMARKS

H.E. Ms Leslie Norton, Permanent Representative, Canada
Members of the Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies

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