



SPECIAL SESSION EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES AND PROTRACTED CRISES

DATE

23 May 2016

TIME

16.00 – 17.00

LOCATION

Uskudar 1+2

CHAIR

Gordon Brown
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SPEAKERS

Elias Abu Saab
Minister of Education and
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Minister of Education,
Turkey

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Minister of Foreign Affairs,
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Julia Gillard
Chair, Global Partnership
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Justine Greening
Secretary of State for
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Executive Director,
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European Commissioner
for International
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Cooperation

**Sheikha Moza bint
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Gayle Smith
Administrator of the United
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Chief Executive, Save the
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SUMMARY

As many as 462 million children and young people aged 3-18 live in 35 countries affected by crises - 75 million of whom are in the most desperate need of educational support. Despite both parents and children identifying education as one of their highest priority needs, less than two percent of all humanitarian funding has gone to education. The Special Session will launch *Education Cannot Wait – a Fund for Education in Emergencies*, and produce commitments and actions as part of global efforts to prioritise education in emergencies and protracted crisis.

OUTCOMES

1

Launch of the ‘*Education Cannot Wait*’ fund; increased and additional financial commitment to education in emergencies.

2

Increased political will, awareness and commitment to prioritizing education in emergencies and protracted crisis.

3

Improved assessment, planning and coordination of education delivery in emergencies and protracted crises.

RELATES TO CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

#1
PREVENT AND
END CONFLICT



#2
RESPECT RULES
OF WAR



#3
LEAVE NO ONE
BEHIND



#4
WORKING
DIFFERENTLY TO
END NEED



#5
INVEST IN
HUMANITY



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