



## Programme

# **Interactive Thematic Dialogue of the UN General Assembly on Access to Education in Emergency, Post-crisis and Transition situations- caused by Man-made Conflicts or Natural Disasters**

Trusteeship Council Chamber  
UN Headquarters, New York  
18 March 2009

### **OPENING SESSION:**

10:00 -10:30 AM

Introductory remarks by **H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann**,  
President of the United Nations General Assembly

Address by **H.E. Ban Ki Moon**, Secretary General of the United Nations.

Keynote speech by **H.H. Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned**,  
UNESCO Special Envoy on basic and higher education

### **PANEL I: EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES – WHY WE NEED TO ACT NOW**

10.30 AM– 1:00 PM

#### **Introductory Video**

Moderator: **Dr. Kevin Cahill**, Chief Adviser for Humanitarian Affairs, Office of the President of the General Assembly.

**H.E Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza**, President of the Republic of Burundi

**Mr. Vernor Muñoz**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education

**Mr. Wildenes Etienne**, teacher from a CRS school in Haiti

#### **Q & A**

### **LUNCH BREAK**

1:00 - 2:45 PM

**PANEL II: HOW TO MAKE EDUCATION WORK-- INVESTING IN LEARNERS,  
INVESTING IN SUCCESS**

3:00 - 4:30 PM

Moderator: **Ms. Hilde F. Johnson**, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF

**Mr. Nicholas Burnett**, Assistant Director General for Education, UNESCO.

**Ms. Leslie Wilson**, Country Director Afghanistan (former country Director- Bangladesh), Save the Children

**Ms. Brenda Haiplik**, Representative of INEE (Inter – agency Network on Education in Emergency)

**Mr. Maiwand Rahyaba**, youth representative from Afghanistan

**Q & A**

**PANEL III: SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY: WAYS TO MOVE FORWARD**

4:30- 5:45 PM

Moderator: **Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict

**HE Ambassador Claude Heller**, Mexico's Permanent Representative to the UN, Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

**Mr. Lothar Krappmann**, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

**Mr. Brendan O'Malley**, Author of UNESCO study, "Education under Attack"

**Ms. Sradda Thapa**, Youth Representative from Nepal

**Q & A**

**CLOSING SESSION**

5.45 – 6.00pm:

Closing remarks by **H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann**, President of the United Nations General Assembly