



BRIGHTER FUTURES: THE PROMISE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IN CRISIS SETTINGS



Spotlight Session

10:00-11:30 | Monday 16 December 2019 | Room 22 Palais des Nations

There is an urgent need to prioritize and invest in young children and caregivers in refugee settings. The adverse impacts of conflict and displacement are especially salient during the early years of life, when a child's rapidly developing brain is exceptionally sensitive to environmental influence. This Spotlight session will showcase existing models of early childhood development (ECD) programming in contexts of displacement, aligned with the Global Framework for Refugee Education, as well as policy and programming commitments and financial pledges.

Moderator

- Julie Gichuru, Journalist, Entrepreneur and Media Personality

Speakers

- Ms Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF
- Ms Carol Thompson O'Connell, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration, United States Department of State
- Dr Najat Maalla M'jid, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children
- Mr John Goodwin, CEO, LEGO Foundation
- Ms Sherrie Westin, President, Social Impact and Philanthropy, Sesame Workshop
- Dr Sarah Smith, Senior Director of Education, International Rescue Committee
- Ms Cecilia Vaca Jones, Director, Bernard van Leer Foundation
- Ms Keiko Miwa, Regional Director, Human Development, Middle East & North Africa Region, World Bank
- Mr Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization