

Launch of GAWE 2025: *Education saves lives: Protect education in emergencies!*

28 April 2025, 1400 – 1600 South Africa Standard Time (SAST)

Rationale

The 2025 Global Action Week for Education (GAWE 2025) will be a week-long campaign of education movements and advocates from all over the world to lobby governments and international partners to deliver on their obligation to guarantee the right to education for all children, youth and adults. GAWE 2025 will take place from April 28 to May 5, with a focus on education in emergencies. Amidst the increasing crises brought by conflicts and disasters and the impending crises in the future, education movements will call on duty bearers to urgently transform education systems and act together for education in emergencies and amplify the campaign slogan “*Education saves lives: Protect education in emergencies.*”

GAWE 2025 will be launched globally on Day 1 of the campaign on April 28 through a webinar. The launch will set the stage for the week-long campaign and generate enthusiasm for the GAWE activities of GCE members. The objectives of the webinar launch are to:

- Generate support and call for active participation in the campaign activities building linkages of the campaigns from community to national to regional and global levels
- Discuss the different aspects and contexts of education in emergencies, providing perspectives from the diverse regions, constituencies and youth
- Forge connections with different actors to support the campaign during and beyond GAWE 2025

The webinar launch will be from 2:00 – 3:30 PM South African Standard Time and hosted by GCE with the participation of members from different continents and constituencies. It will be conducted in GCE languages: Arabic, English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

Draft Programme

Time SAST	Topic	Speaker
PART 1: <i>Education in emergencies (EiE) theme</i> Moderator: Ester Simon, GCE Board, Youth Constituency		

1400 - 1405	Welcome and Agenda	Ester Simon GCE Board, Youth and Students Constituency
1405 - 1415	Rallying the movement and GAWE 2025 theme	Refat Sabbah GCE President
1415 – 1420	Protecting the right to education during climate crisis and other emergencies	VIDEO MESSAGE Elisa Morgera Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights during climate change
1420 - 1430	Financing EiE	Heike Khun Head of Division Education at Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany ECW Representative
1430 - 1440	EiE saves lives: the work of ECW	Yasmine Sherif (TBC) Executive Director Education Cannot Wait
<i>Part 2: Key Messages and Calls from Regions and Constituencies</i> Moderator: Cecilia “Thea” Soriano <i>(7 minutes per constituency)</i> <i>1445 - 1600</i>		
1445 - 1452	Youth speak: securing the right to education in emergencies Introduction: the Special Rapporteur for protection of human rights in climate change	Tamara Ciobanu GCE Board Youth and Students constituency
1453 – 1500	Early Childhood Care and Education in EiE	Mercedes Mayol Lasalle GCE Board President World Organisation for Early Childhood Education (OMEP)
1501 - 1508	Asia Pacific: Adult Learning and Education (ALE) in EiE	Taka Miyake Executive Council Member

		Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE)
1509- 1516	Urgent actions in EiE in Africa	Paul Gnelou GCE Chairperson President, African Campaign Network for Education for All (ANCEFA)
1517 - 1524	Enforcing humanitarian laws during emergencies and in EiE in the Arab Region	Mustafa Bargouthi Arab Campaign for Education for All (ACEA)
1525 – 1532	Latin America and the Caribbean: Gender transformative education in emergencies	Latin American Campaign on the Right to Education (CLADE)
1533 - 1540	Campaign for Official Development Assistance (ODA) for Education in Emergencies	Crispin Williams GCE Board Europe and North America constituency
1541 - 1550	Global Fund for Teachers’ Salaries in Crisis-Affected Regions	Education International
1550 - 1600	GAWA 2025: Mobilise and take action!	Grant Kasowanjete Global Coordinator, GCE