



INVITATION

Online event: Responding to the Education Crisis in Central Sahel

12th October 2020 at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. CEST

Side event to the Ministerial Roundtable on Central Sahel in October 2020

An education crisis is facing Central Sahel, requiring urgent response in order to build the future of the region.

Education in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger is under threat due to armed conflict, displacements, climate change and recently the covid19 crisis, leaving 13 million out of school and exposing especially vulnerable children and girls to risks of abuse, child labour, early marriage or radicalisation.

There is vital need for the education emergency to be addressed in a consolidated response to the Sahel crises through increased financing and stronger and more holistic partnerships. The event brings together ministers, donors, NGOs and the voices of affected children and youth to highlight the education crisis and its impact on the region, present best practices, and provide concrete recommendations.

The side event is co-hosted by the Ministry of National Education, Literacy and Promotion of National Languages of Burkina Faso, the Government of Spain, Education Cannot Wait, Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack, and Save the Children. Recommendations from the side event will be put forward to the [High-Level Ministerial Roundtable on Central Sahel](#) to be held on October 20th 2020, hosted by the Governments of Denmark and Germany, the European Union and the United Nations.

Speakers:

H.E. Stanislas Ouaro

Minister of Education, Ministry of National Education, Literacy and Promotion of National Languages of Burkina Faso

Ms. Yasmine Sherif

Director, Education Cannot Wait (ECW)

Mr. Michael Köhler

Deputy Director-General, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) (to be confirmed)

Ms. Goundo Odette Keita

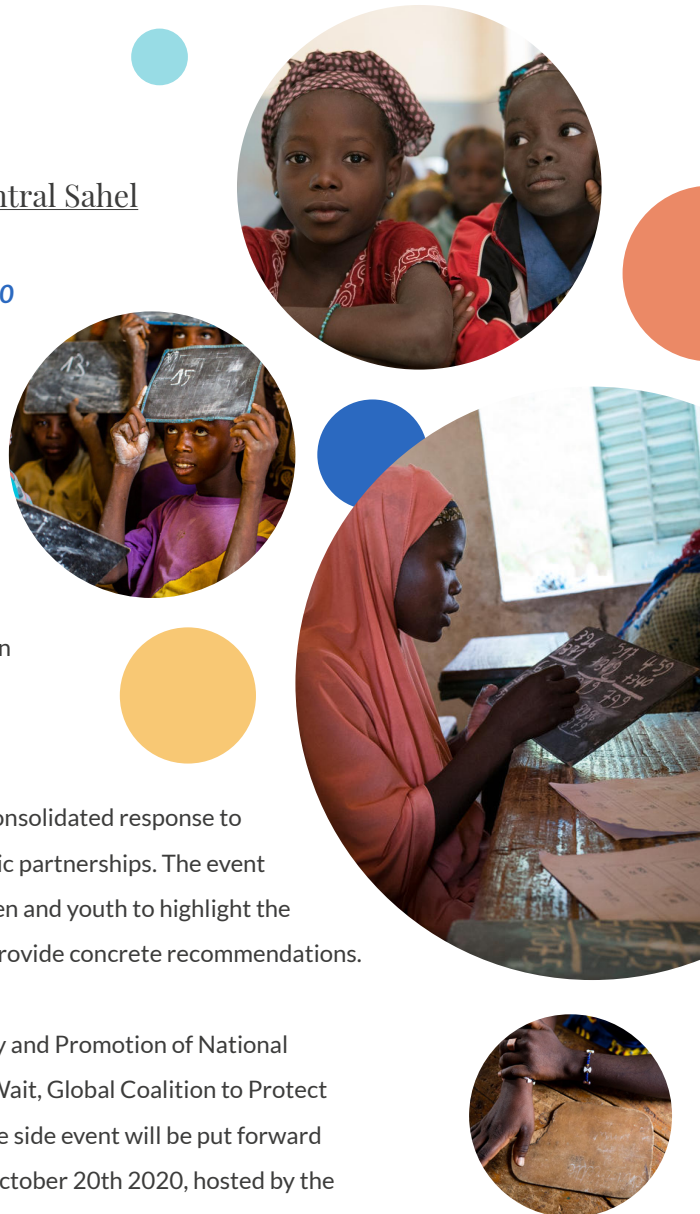
National President, Organisation des Jeunes Africains pour le Développement et l'Émergence, Mali

Ms. Yasmina Mohamed Boubacar

Advocate for children's and girls' education, Plan International Niger

Mr. Issoufou Ouedraogo

Education in Emergencies Specialist, Save the Children Burkina Faso



Register for the side event to take place on Zoom: [Via this link](#)