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Yasmine Sherif is the Director of Education Cannot Wait (ECW) – a global fund for education in emergencies established at the World Humanitarian Summit. A Swedish national, Ms. Sherif is a lawyer specialized in international humanitarian, human rights and refugee law (LL.M). She first joined the United Nations in 1988 and has served with the humanitarian, development and peacekeeping arms of the United Nations.

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Ms. Sherif has also worked as an Adjunct Professor at Long Island University (LIU) responsible for the masters' programme on the United Nations and human rights, and has published on humanitarian and development issues, as well as international law. She has appeared in the media in Scandinavia and the US and is also a Huffington Post blogger. Ms. Sherif is the author of the book, *The Case for Humanity: An Extraordinary Session*, which was launched at the United Nations in New York in 2015. In 2017, she received the annual "Sweden's UN Friend" Award.
