



# Global Task Force on Third Country Education Pathways

## Briefing on Afghanistan

### [Expanding Durable Solutions for Refugees Through Third Country Education Pathways](#)

Thursday, 30 September 2021

8:00 – 9:30am ET / 14h00 - 15h30 CET

#### **Background**

The recent events in Afghanistan shook public opinion and reminded us about the need to expand safe pathways for refugees, including through higher education. Higher education opportunities have a key role to play in assisting refugee students access higher education, excel in their studies, and build their futures, while creating protection spaces for newcomers and relieving the burden on those countries hosting millions of refugees.

[The Global Task Force on Third Country Education Pathways](#) (GTF) invites post-secondary education institutions, state entities, foundations, and other interested stakeholders to a briefing on supporting Afghan refugees to access higher education opportunities through third country education pathways.

#### **Objective**

The objective of this briefing is to share an overview of the protection and academic needs of Afghan refugee youth in the region, discuss concrete steps to expand opportunities for Afghan students to continue their studies in a safe environment and to provide an overview of initiatives that aim at supporting Afghan youth through tertiary education.

#### **Format**

UNHCR field operations in Afghanistan and the region, as well as thematic leads on complementary pathways and education will provide an overview of the current protection needs of and opportunities for refugees, followed by an overview of initiatives currently underway to create solutions for Afghan refugees through higher education.

#### **Registration**

The briefing will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Link made available upon registration by completing this [google form](#).