

## **NEW - HUMANITARIAN DISTANCE LEARNING FOR MANAGERS** *Improve humanitarian response and learn from your work situation!*

**Geneva, May 27, 2014.** The Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action (CERAH), a joint centre of the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) is launching this summer a unique distance learning course for humanitarian professionals as part of its humanitarian distance learning programme (HDL).

Dr. Edith Favoreu, Head of Training, reports " our new [HDL Certificate of Advanced Studies : Designing Strategies and Projects in Humanitarian Action](#) is ideal for humanitarian middle or senior managers who wish to reflect on their experience and to improve their practice. It is designed in close partnership with *Médecins Sans Frontières*, *NGO Management School* and *Groupe URD Urgence Réhabilitation Développement*. At the end of the course, participants will be able to provide coherent, flexible and creative humanitarian responses."

This seven months university degree combines three months distance learning with a ten days residential session in Kampala, Uganda and four months implementation of a plan of action. Participants will also enjoy personalized support throughout the programme and coaching sessions. Modules are offered in partnership with diverse humanitarian and development organisations. Partners include *Handicap International (HI)*, *United Nations Development Programme Bureau (UNDP-BCPR)*, *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)*, *Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAE)*, *Conflict Dynamic International*, *International Federation Red Cross Red Crescent (IFRC)*, *Sphere Project* and *the Centre de Psychologie Humanaire (CPH)*. This course is thus ideal to develop one's professional network and community of practice.

Director, Prof. Doris Schopper comments "We are delighted to launch this certificate and to work with such distinguished partners. Humanitarian Distance learning is designed to further increase the flexibility of our training offer and to circumvent obstacles to join the Geneva-based training programme such as visa problems, high living costs, absence from work. Distance learning is key in our strategy as it will increase access to training, in particular for national staff".

**About humanitarian distance learning:**  
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