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Student Conversations with UN, Donor, and Academic Visionaries

There are now 305 million people in need of humanitarian assistance globally (Global Humanitarian Overview 2025). As the world suffers from a record number of armed conflicts and devastating consequences of the climate crisis, leaders of the UN, Official Development Assistance implementing agency and the academia will engage students in a conversation on the impact of technology on the delivery of life-saving aid.

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Ms. Joyce Msuya was appointed Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator in February 2022. She has more than 20 years' experience in international development and finance, spanning strategy, operations and partnerships, and with diverse assignments in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Mr. Tsutomu Iimura was appointed Director General, Secretariat of Japan Disaster Relief Team, in January 2023. During his 30-year career at JICA, he held several key positions including the Deputy Director General for the Security Management Department, Representative of JICA Offices in Côte d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Senior Advisor in the Regional Department (Africa).

Dr. Nakaya joined Hitotsubashi University in March 2022. She is on special leave from the UN Department of Peace Operations, where she has overseen peacekeeping in Sudan and South Sudan, crisis management, and strategic mission planning.

Professor Akiyama is a specialist in nuclear disarmament. In addition to his teaching roles, Professor Akiyama has served as Minister-Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna, among other senior policy positions.