



Statement from the Government of the Central African Republic

Delivered by Gisèle Annie Nam, Minister of Education

Madam Chair, Thank You

Ladies and Gentlemen, Ministers, Heads of Delegations,

It is truly a pleasure and a great honor for me to address you on behalf of the President and the Government of the Central African Republic, to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Global Partnership for Education, which, through the Fast Track Initiative Catalytic Fund, has provided financial support to my country in the form of a grant totaling US\$37.8 million, which has helped address the deficiencies in the education sector.

At present, this project's execution rate is 55.32 percent and the commitment rate is 78 percent.

Since this grant does not cover the entire education sector, my country is once again approaching the Global Partnership for Education, not only to request its continued support of the first cycle of the basic education sub-sector, but also to extend this support to the other sectors that have not been taken into account, especially early childhood, general secondary, and technical and vocational education. The challenges therefore facing the Ministry of Education are the following:

- Universal primary education and the development of early childhood education;
- Improvement of the quality of teaching in secondary and higher education;
- Awareness raising about the education of girls in general, and in the rural environment in particular;
- Education about STIs, HIV-AIDS, and environmental protection;

- The development of literacy programs;
- The development of short vocational courses; and
- The professionalization of higher education programs.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it would be remiss of me to conclude my remarks without reaffirming, on behalf of the Government of my country, my gratitude to the Global Partnership for Education, for all that is being done and will be done for the Central African education system.

I thank you for your kind attention.