

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION RECEPTION AND PLEDGING CONFERENCE

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Pledges

1. What is a pledge?

A “Pledge” is a verbal commitment made by each member of the Global Partnership for Education to advance progress towards Education For All between 2011 and 2014 in low-income countries. Partners may present three kinds of pledges: 1) to provide a direct financial contribution to the Global Partnership for Education Fund; 2) to increase financial investments in basic education (including for pre-primary, primary, lower secondary, and basic skills for youth and adults); and 3) to increase activities and programs to improve aid effectiveness, girls education, education in fragile states, early learning outcomes, and education access for out of school children. On November 8, 2011 during the Pledging Conference, donor governments, developing country governments, multilateral organizations, development banks, civil society organizations, members of the teaching profession, private sector organizations and private foundations will present their pledges to the Global Partnership for Education.

2. How do I make a pledge?

In order to make a pledge, please download, complete and submit the *Pledging Questionnaire*, which can be found at www.globalpartnership.org/about-us/replenishment/gpe-pledging-conference-november-2011/ or contact Sarah Beardmore at sbeardmore@globalpartnership.org. Further details can be found in the *Pledging Procedures* at www.globalpartnership.org/xxx which provides more information on the process for having your pledge included in the Pledging Conference on November 8.

3. Where and when will pledges be made?

All pledges will be presented on November 8, 2011 at Docken in Copenhagen at the Global Partnership for Education Pledging Conference. There will be pledging sessions from 9.00 to 11.50 and from 13.30 to 15.30.

4. What is the pledging zone?

The pledging zone is the area where members of the Global Partnership for Education will present their pledges in the Docken venue. This area will have restricted access, with only the Head of Delegation and two delegates from each delegation allowed to enter the room.

5. What is the format for the pledging sessions?

Each Head of Delegation will be seated at a main roundtable and will present their pledge in the form of a 3 minute speech which should outline how his/her organization or government will contribute to the goals of the

replenishment. Speakers will be given slots in alphabetical order by organization or country. We will provide an hour 'window' when each speech will be made, and request that speakers stay for the whole hour within which they will speak. The speeches will also be live-streamed to the 'Café Zone' in Docken. Each delegation may have 2 seats in the back row of the Pledging Zone. We expect an alternate to be in the seat at all times when the principle is not present.

6. How many speakers will be making pledges?

The Global Partnership for Education is currently receiving confirmation from delegations which would like to make a pledge at the Pledging Conference. As of October 24, over 40 countries, multilateral agencies, development banks, civil society organizations, foundations and private sector organizations have confirmed their desire to make a pledge.

7. How many people are expected to attend?

Over 200 people have already registered to attend the Pledging Conference, including over 30 Ministers and heads of UN agencies. We have been delighted with the number of people already registered and the very high level of those attending from all the disparate members of the Partnership.

8. How do I announce my pledge?

In order to plan the sequence of pledge speeches made at the Pledging Conference, and allow for interpreters to prepare themselves adequately, we request that all persons making pledges submit their speaking points, limited to 3 minutes, in advance. Please send a transcript of the remarks (no more than 300 words) that you plan to deliver to Sarah Beeching at sbeeching@globalpartnership.org by Wednesday 3 November 2011.

9. Will there be a report released after the event on all the pledges?

Yes, the Global Partnership for Education will produce a Pledging Conference Outcomes document after the event. Information submitted in the *Pledge Questionnaire* will help the Global Partnership for Education to provide an accurate report on your pledge. The report will include a summary of all pledges, and a table indicating the amount of financial contributions to the trust fund, bilateral aid increases (and/or decreases), domestic financial increases (and/or decreases) and the results expected from the collective contributions of all members of the Global Partnership for Education.

10. What if we are unable to make a pledge now but would like to do so after the Pledging Conference?

The Global Partnership for Education replenishment period is from 2011 to 2014, and any pledges submitted to the Global Partnership for Education after November 8, 2011 will still count towards the goals of the replenishment campaign. The Global Partnership for Education will report every six months on the delivery of pledges and any new pledges which have come in over the previous year. In addition, pledges made after the Pledging Conference will be highlighted on the Global Partnership for Education website, and in the GPE newsletter and press releases.

Zones

1. How many zones will there be?

The venue at Docken will have three zones where sessions will take place concurrently:

- 1.) Pledging zone, where the pledging sessions will occur
- 2.) Civil Society zone
- 3.) Private Sector and Private Foundation zone

In addition, the venue will have a Plenary room, small rooms for side meetings, an internet café and a yurt.

2. What is the Civil Society Organization (CSO) zone?

There will be four CSO sessions in the CSO zone that will be open to all Replenishment participants and we encourage everyone to attend. The sessions will include:

Session 1: Fund the Future: Delivering Education Rights Now

Civil society has campaigned hard for the replenishment of multilateral and bilateral funding in the run-up to this conference. This session aims to highlight the reasons why some donors are already committed to making education a priority as well as to hear the perspective of developing countries who are striving to deliver Education for All in the face of the withdrawal of funding. The objectives of this session are to: Provide insight into donor perspectives on funding, understand the challenges facing countries where multiple donors are set to withdraw support, and find out more about the ten principles for quality aid to basic education.

Session 2: Making Girls' Education Rights a Reality

Girls comprise the majority of children out of school. This panel will consider quality education and what it takes to make girls' rights a reality. In particular, enabling safe learning spaces, free from violence and discrimination, is crucial to ensuring girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their confidence, capacity and aspirations. The objectives of this session are to: to share expertise, experience and best practice on improving quality education for girls and marginalised groups; to emphasise girls' right to safe learning environments and the impact this has on girls learning outcomes; and to raise commitments to ensure countries' education plans are gender-sensitive and respond to girls' education needs and rights.

Session 3: Quality Teachers for All: Overcoming the Teacher Shortage and Meeting Training Challenges

The global teacher shortage and the quality of teaching are recognized as major obstacles on the way towards achieving Education for All goals. According to UIS projections, more than 5 million new teachers are needed to achieve universal primary education by 2015. This panel will promote a debate on how policymakers and donors alike can engage with the teaching profession to tackle teacher training, professional development, recruitment and working conditions issues in authentic and sustainable ways that remove the obstacles for quality teaching.

Session 4: Education in Fragile States: Ensuring that No Child is Left Behind

More than half of the world's 67 million out of school children are in conflict affected, fragile states. This session will explore the challenge of building educational systems, providing services and ensuring the right to education in conflict affected fragile states. Following introductory remarks by Kevin Watkins in which will draw on the 2011 Education for All Global Monitoring Report, a facilitate panel discussion will draw on the experience of donors, fragile state governments and civil society education organisations to develop a shared understanding of what's needed to accelerate educational progress in fragile states and how the Global Partnership for Education can help.

2. What is the Private Sector zone?

There will be four Private Sector sessions in the Private Sector zone that will be open to all Replenishment participants and we encourage everyone to attend. The session will include:

Session 1: Getting a Meaningful Bang for the Buck: Measuring the Impact of Educational Investments:

After over a decade of progress on primary school enrollment, the education sector faces a global learning challenge: more children are in school today than ever before, yet many learn nothing. Moreover, traditional ways of measuring the impact of social investments in education by the private sector – such as enrollment rates and lives touched – do not tell us whether young people are actually reaping any learning benefit from program participation. This session will focus on the global learning agenda, including the global learning crisis, and how the private sector can consider measuring the true impact of investments in education.

Session 2: Supporting the Global Partnership's Mission of Quality Education for All, Women and Girls and Support for Education in Fragile States by Private Sector Companies

This panel discussion will focus on how private sector firms provide material and scholarly support to

developing country partners. The objectives are to communicate the mission of the Private Sector/Private Foundation Constituency, discuss the role of the private sector in supporting the mission of the Global Partnership and education development, discuss how firms can best assist developing partners' education ministries and how to scale best known methods and answer questions about the private sector's role in the Global Partnership.

The Global Learning Crisis: A Panel Focusing on Low-Cost Private Schools as Part of the Solution

This debate-style session will focus on low-cost education for lowest income quintile and will be led by Pearson International. Further details will be forthcoming.

Session 4: Initiatives in Innovative Finance for Education

This session will be led by the Open Society Foundations and will focus on new initiatives to raise funds for education in developing countries (i.e. Education Venture Fund). Expected participants include members of the Leading Group on Innovative Finance, as well as others working in this area.

Additional Sessions

1. What is the ministerial session?

The ministerial session is a high-level, closed meeting of ministers. The topic is: *All Girls Reading: What It Will Take*. Ministers will discuss gender equity in learning and how to ensure that girls reach the classroom, improve their reading skills, stay in school and excel.

2. What is the plenary session?

The plenary session is a meeting that will take place concurrently to the ministerial session, and will include government representatives, international organizations, the teaching profession, CSOs, private companies and private foundation representatives. The topic is: *Building an Education Campaign*. The aim of this segment is to have an energizing moment around future opportunities to put education higher up the political agenda.

Meeting Rooms

1. Can I reserve a bilateral meeting room?

Yes, you can reserve a room by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.regonline.com/register/checkin.aspx?MethodId=0&eventsessionId=e34be1e02c944451885e03eddb654473&eventID=997074>

Media Representation

1. Will there be media representation at this event?

Yes, this event will have international and Danish press. There will be possibilities for one-on-one interviews with the press. In addition, there will be live tweeting. Please follow @gpforeducation for live tweets of the event. For additional questions, please contact Taylor Royle at taylorroyle@gmail.com.

Internet Access

1. Will there be internet access at the event?

Yes, the location will include an internet café, where computers will be made available for use. Docken will additionally have full access to free wifi.

Receptions

1. What can you tell me about the Reception on November 7?

A reception hosted by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs will take place on November 7 from 19:00-20:30 at

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (address and link below). Light refreshments will be provided. Bus transportation will be provided from the hotels to the reception venue and back again after the reception (see below for a list of hotels).

Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
18 Asiatisk Plads
1402 Copenhagen K <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=w>

2. Will there be a reception after the Pledging Conference?

Yes. A reception hosted by Education International will occur following the Pledging Conference activities, from 16:00-18:00. It will take place at Docken.

Accommodation/Transportation

1. Where is the Replenishment taking place?

The event will take place at Docken (address and link to maps listed below).

Docken
Færgehavsvej 35,
Copenhagen, København 2100
Denmark <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=w>

2. What are the accommodation options for this event?

The following three hotels will provide special rates for participants:

Phoenix Copenhagen Hotel
Bredgade 37, DK-1260 Copenhagen
Phone: +45 3395 9500 <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=w>

Strand Hotel
Havnegade 37, DK-1058 Copenhagen
Phone: +45 3348 9900 <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=w>

71 Nyhavn Hotel
Nyhavn 71, DK-1051
Phone: +45 3343 6200 <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=w>

3. How do I get to the venue once in Copenhagen?

The Secretariat will provide transportation by ferry to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the reception and to Docken for the event *only* from each of the three suggested hotels. A ferry will take guests across the water to the event. Alternatively, participants in the Pledging Conference may hire a taxi to get to the venue if you would like to arrive separately. Transportation by bus from Docken to the hotels will be provided following the event. Any transport required during the day should be by taxi. Please note that Docken is at least 15 minutes from the center of Copenhagen.

4. Will there be refreshments at the venue?

Yes. Tea and coffee will be provided throughout the day and a full lunch will be available for all participants at Docken.

5. What will the security be like at the event?

Security will be minimal, so there is no need to expect delays. Please provide a photo-ID at the time of registration and keep your event badge with you at all times to be able to enter the venue.

Staying in Copenhagen

1. What will the weather be like?

In Copenhagen, early November temperatures average between 3-7°C (37-44°F). Please remember to bring warm clothing for the duration of your stay, including a coat.

Contact

For more information about the Pledging Conference please go to: <http://www.globalpartnership.org/about-us/replenishment/GPE-Pledging-Conference-November-2011/>

To register your attendance, reserve a meeting room, download meeting documents, find information on accommodation and other information on the Pledging Conference and GPE Board meeting please visit: <https://www.regonline.com/register/checkin.aspx?MethodId=0&eventsessionId=e34be1e02c944451885e03eddb654473&eventID=997074>

Any questions related to the private sector and private foundation sessions should be sent to: tsagorsky@globalpartnership.org

Any questions related to the CSO sessions should be sent to: taylorroyle@gmail.com

Any questions related to the Pledging Conference should be sent to: replenishment@globalpartnership.org