

**Pledging Conference**  
**Copenhagen, Denmark, 8 November 2011**



## **Pledging Conference Procedures**

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The Global Partnership for Education invites its partners to participate in the Pledging Conference on 8 November 2011 in Docken, Copenhagen, Denmark. The Conference will highlight pledges by donor governments, developing country governments, multilateral organizations, civil society and the private sector to improve progress towards universal quality basic education in low income countries. In order to assist our partners, this note provides an overview of the Global Partnership for Education pledging procedures and logistics, and the process by which commitments will be reviewed and presented in Copenhagen.

### **FORMAT FOR PLEDGING CONFERENCE:**

The Pledging Conference will take place on Tuesday, 8 November 2011 from 09.00 to 16.00. There will be a separate secure 'Pledging Zone' at Docken which will host the Pledging Meeting. Only those with a pledge to make will be seated at the main roundtable in this zone. The Head of Delegation will be invited to make a 3-minute intervention, which should outline how his/her organization or government will support the aims of the replenishment (see attached questionnaire). Speakers will be given slots in strict 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. This will ensure there is a strong audience in the room for every speaker. 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.

### **PLEDGE SUBMISSION:**

Please complete the Pledge Questionnaire and return it to Sarah Beardmore at [sbeardmore@globalpartnership.org](mailto:sbeardmore@globalpartnership.org) by or before **Friday 28 October 2011**. The commitments will be reported in a Replenishment Outcomes Report, to be released after the Pledging Conference. It will outline the collective contributions of all partners including: contributions to the Global Partnership for Education Fund, bilateral aid, domestic financing, and programs and activities to support the policy objectives of the Partnership (aid effectiveness, girls' education, quality and learning outcomes, education in fragile states and reducing the number of children out of school). This information will be kept strictly confidential until the 8 November 2011.

**SPEECH SUBMISSION:**

In order to plan the sequence of pledge speeches made at the Pledging Conference, and allow for translators to prepare themselves adequately, the Global Partnership Secretariat requests that all partners preparing remarks submit them in advance. Please send a transcript of the speech (no more than 300 words) which you plan to deliver at the Replenishment Meeting to Sarah Beeching at [sbeeching@globalpartnership.org](mailto:sbeeching@globalpartnership.org) by **Thursday 3 November 2011**.

**MEDIA:**

We are expecting media interest in this event and will be preparing a press release. There will be opportunities for delegations to talk to media at the event itself. Please contact Taylor Royle at [taylorroyle@gmail.com](mailto:taylorroyle@gmail.com) for all media related inquiries.

**PARALLEL ZONES:**

Concurrent to the Pledging Meeting will be two other zones which will host panel discussions, seminars and other activities organized by Civil Society and Private Sector partners from 09.45 to 12.00 and from 13.30 to 15.30. In addition, there will be small rooms for bilateral meetings which can be requested for use on the day through a sign up process which is available on the registration site. Participants in the Pledging Meeting may leave and enter the Pledging Zone throughout the day to participate in parallel activities, with the exception of the hour within which they will speak, when we ask that they are present to listen to other speeches.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

- 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 Pledging Conference should be sent to:  
[replenishment@globalpartnership.org](mailto:replenishment@globalpartnership.org).
- Any questions related to the logistics of the Board Meetings taking place on 9-10 November 2011 should be sent to Gisele Goudiaby at [ggoudiaby@globalpartnership.org](mailto:ggoudiaby@globalpartnership.org) and for all other Board related questions please contact Michelle Mesen at [mmesen@globalpartnership.org](mailto:mmesen@globalpartnership.org).