

Statement from the Government of Ethiopia

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Madam chair!

Distinguished guests!

Honorable Ministers!

Ladies & gentlemen!

It gives me a pleasure & honor to deliver the progress report of Ethiopia for the participants of this meeting. Ethiopia is one of the most populous country in Africa with the population of more than 80 millions. To make education accessible for such a huge number, the 1994 education & training policy of the country has contributed a lot. Currently, there are more than 20 million students at school. The growth enrollment rate has reached to 96 % and the net enrollment rate is 87. This result is observed because of the commitments of the government. Education is the top prior issue of the country & is freely provided to all citizens up to secondary level. Every year, the government allocates nearly 22% of its budget to this ministry. Parallel to this, the contribution of development partner has played a paramount role for the mentioned success.

Though the country is on the right track to achieve EFA & MDG goal, still there are a lot of bottlenecks like;

- Addressing pastoralists
- Reaching the underserved regions
- Treating & enabling students with special needs &
- @ The issue of Quality assurance.

I believe that my country will overcome all these challenges. In this regard, the five years growth & transformation plan clearly stated the means of tackling these bottlenecks & sustaining the progress.

Therefore, I urge you all to maintain your usual support (even more) by considering your significant role if we are going to achieve this global agenda!

I thank you all!!!!