



# Fast Track Initiative

A global partnership to achieve Education For All

October 28, 2008

The Hon. Prof. Geoffrey Lungwangwa MP  
Minister of Education  
Ministry of Education  
Office of the Permanent Secretary  
Civic Center Area Plot 89 Corner of Mogadishu and Chimanga Road,  
P.O. Box 50093  
Lusaka  
Zambia 10101

## Education For All – Fast Track Initiative

Dear Dr. Prof. Lungwangwa,

On behalf of the FTI donor partners, I am pleased to inform you that the Education for All – Fast Track Initiative welcomes the Republic of Zambia into the FTI Partnership following the successful appraisal and endorsement of your country's National Implementation Framework by the local donor group. The Republic of Zambia joins an expanding group of countries able to access support for their efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goal of completion of a quality basic education for all children, girls and boys alike.

The documents received from the Co-Lead Coordinating Agency representatives (The Netherlands and Ireland) on behalf of your country's development partners were circulated to the FTI donor partners. The endorsement of the local donor group was seconded by that of the FTI Partnership. This signals to the donor community at large that your country is making serious efforts to achieve quality basic education for all children.

We recommend that your team visit our website ([www.education-fast-track.org](http://www.education-fast-track.org)) for updated information about the FTI Partnership. Furthermore, the FTI Secretariat is available to facilitate and answer any factual or technical questions that you or the local donor group may have. The contact person in the FTI Secretariat for your country is Kouassi Soman who can be joined by phone at: (202) 473-4713; by fax at: (202) 522-3233; and via e-mail at: [ksoman@education-fast-track.org](mailto:ksoman@education-fast-track.org).

We wish you success in the implementation of the Education Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

Desmond Bermingham  
Head  
FTI Secretariat

Copy to:

Hon. Ng'andu P. Magande, Minister of Finance and National Planning  
Ms. Mulu Ketsela, Executive Director for Zambia, World Bank Group

Distribution:

Mr. Vincent Snijders, The Netherlands, Co-Lead Coordinating Agency Representative  
Ms. Miyanda Kwambwa, Irish Aid, Co-Lead Coordinating Agency Representative  
Mr. Michael Baxter, Country Director for Zambia, The World Bank  
Mr. Christopher J. Thomas, Sector Manager, Human Development, Africa Region, the World Bank  
Kapil Kapoor, Country Manager  
Mr. Julio E. Revilla, Country Economist for Zambia, The World Bank  
Mr. Carlos Rojas, Education Task Team Leader, The World Bank  
In-country education development partners in Zambia  
FTI Steering Committee  
FTI Secretariat