



**Statement from the Government of Burkina Faso**

**Delivered by Koumba Boly Barry, Minister of Education**

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Thank you Madam Chair,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to commend the organizers of this conference aimed at mobilizing resources for the education sector. The support of the Global Partnership and of other development partners has allowed Burkina Faso to make tremendous strides in the education sector. It must be stressed that, as a result of this partnership, Burkina Faso has eliminated its 12 percent funding shortfall in education for the 2009-2011 two-year period. The partnership has also made it possible to consolidate the holistic vision of the education sector, build the capacities of education system actors and, above all, to improve the quality of and access to this education system.

Despite this progress, challenges remain: training teachers, both male and female, educating girls, and ensuring youth, adolescent, and adult literacy. To face these challenges, the Government of Burkina Faso is pledging to ramp up resources over the next three years. Indeed, financing will be increased from CFAF 128 billion in 2011 to CFAF 168 billion in 2014, a figure that corresponds to a substantial annual increase of 10 percent. Burkina Faso's efforts will, of course, enable it to achieve a preschool enrollment rate of 7.8 percent, a 93 percent primary school enrolment rate, a 60 percent overall literacy rate and thus a 60 percent female literacy rate. The country will not be able to tackle these challenges by itself. We are therefore counting on the support of the Global Partnership and other donors in the sector. It is our hope that in the years to come, supervision of partnership funds will be more inclusive of other

donors and, above all, that the consultation frameworks already in place will participate in the management of these funds.

I would therefore like to wish you every success in your work and to reiterate how delighted I am to be in your midst.