

The Association for the Development of Education (ADEA) GPE Pledge

Recognizing the importance of quality data for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of universal basic education, among other levels, ADEA pledges to support GPE's data revolution by ensuring that member states in key African regional economic communities are supported in building their capacities in this regard over the next three years.

ADEA is a pan-African network driven by an alliance of African Ministers of Education and development partners seeking solutions to the education challenges of Africa through education policy research, dialogue, and networking, as well as the provision of advisory services, capacity-building and advocacy across a set of African educational issues.

ADEA, a key partner of the African Union's Human Resource Science and Technology Commission, is driving its education management information strategy to build EMIS capacity among African countries, to reverse the phenomenon of 'data blanks' and to facilitate planning based on sound information and rigorous monitoring and evaluation of the performance of education systems. .

Through regional EMIS committees of country EMIS experts, ADEA has facilitated EMIS codes of practice that have been adopted by Ministers of Education in SADC, ECOWAS and EAC regions. Using national and peer reviews by country experts, countries are being benchmarked on their regional codes of EMIS practice and their findings reported to their Ministers' meetings. This African-driven solution of entrenching good practices by improving system efficiency and accountability, is leading to the production of comprehensive and accessible quality education statistics in Africa which will ultimately inform decision-making with regard to improving access, equity and quality education delivery.

ADEA commits to support the EMIS national peer reviews in SADC and ECOWAS regions and to provide technical assistance to extend the practice to ECCAS and EAC member states for the period 2015 - 2018. ADEA also pledges to advocate for the integration of the GPE data needs into the roll out of the AU EMIS initiative.

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