

## **MEPS MESSAGE GPE REPLENISHMENT CONFERENCE**

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I take part in this Global partnership for Education conference.

On behalf of the Government of Togo, I thank all development partners who contribute to education funding through the GPE. This Partnership has allowed us to pursue many initiatives, namely the adoption of the community approach as a strategy to build schools, improve primary school access completion rate by 22 points, from 57% in 2009 to 79% in 2013. However, efforts remain necessary to reinforce access equity.

An approved 45 Million US\$ initial funding is coming to an end in a few months. A new 27.8 Million US\$ request has been introduced for a program focused on learning quality.

Togo is committing to maintaining the current sector funding level (27.8% of current expenditures outside of the debt in 2013, with 49.7% devoted to the primary level) to improve quality, namely through an initial and on-going training program to ensure a sufficient number of qualified teachers; a curriculum reform with a pilot phase starting in September 2014, reinforced educative support for schools to ensure an optimal use of learning time and the promotion of a sustainable learning result assessment scheme. Efforts to reduce primary grade repetition rate, 18% in 2013, will continue to achieve a target rate of 13% in 2016.

Furthermore, an inclusive education model based on access for children with specific needs, inclusive education teacher training and nomadic teacher system implementation will be operational as soon as 2016.

Finally, the pursuit of social dialog with unions will allow an optimization of various efforts impacts.

I remain confident that all these efforts will ensure quality inclusive education for all children of Togo.

Thank you.