CONSENT AGENDA

For Decision

1. STRATEGIC PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to clarify the meaning and purpose of a 'consent agenda' and provide a brief summary of the consent agenda items at the December 9-10, 2015 Board meeting.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 A consent agenda is a meeting practice whereby all routine and non-controversial decision items that do not require deliberation and which are generally deemed to have consensus are packaged as one agenda item without discussion. All the decisions packaged in the consent agenda are passed with a single vote. This allows the Board more time to focus on strategic matters that do require deliberation.

2.2 Should any one Board member feel that a specific item on the consent agenda warrants discussion before decision, they can indicate so prior to the meeting or at the moment when the Consent Agenda is being presented for consideration by the Chair. That specific item is then removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and decision at a later stage in the meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 At this meeting, the following items are part of the consent agenda:

- **May 22-23, 2015 Board Meeting Report (BOD/2015/12 DOC 03)**. This routine summary of the Board meeting was sent to the Board in June and no comments were received.
- **October 16, 2015 Board Meeting Report (BOD/2015/12 DOC 04)**. This routine summary of the Board meeting was sent to the Board in November.
- **Board Response to Independent Interim Evaluation (BOD/2015/12 DOC 05)**. This document proposes the formal response of the Board to the evaluation. It welcomes the evaluation, thanks the evaluators and Independent Evaluation Committee, considers the

recommendations fair, and notes that the Board will consider the recommendations in light of the new strategic plan.

- **Policy on Education Sector Program Implementation Grants (BOD/2015/12 DOC 06)**. In this paper, the CGPC requests the Board to correct an unintended change to the policy and categorize grant extensions of 12 months or less as a non-material revision that the Secretariat can approve. At present, extensions of 12 months and more are material revisions, which require CGPC approval. The correction will reduce the workload of the CGPC and accelerate the process for considering revisions. Extensions over 12 months will continue to be material revisions, which require CGPC approval.

4. PLEASE CONTACT: Padraig Power (ppower@globalpartnership.org) for further information.