JANUARY 31, 2023

# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# FINAL DECISION

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| **BOD/2023/01-01** | **GPE's Institutional Arrangements**<br><br>The Board of Directors:<br><br>1. Recognizes that GPE is a strong organization with the capability to fully support delivery of the current strategic plan.<br><br>2. In the context of examining how to best meet GPE's future needs beyond 2025, takes note of the findings of the independent consultant reports to examine the implications of establishing GPE as a separate legal entity.<br><br>3. Expresses its appreciation to the World Bank for hosting the GPE Secretariat.<br><br>4. Recognizes there are significant risks to ending the hosting arrangements at this time considering current economic conditions, the potential impact on staff, and delivery of GPE2025 which may outweigh the benefits of such a change in the short term. Further recognizes that for partner countries, the same economic environment compels the need for an urgent and innovative response.<br><br>5. Acknowledges there are advantages to the current institutional arrangements, but also the need for changes that will ensure the GPE Board has greater autonomy over its strategic vision, direction, funding, partnerships, and programs consistent with its status as a FIF hosted by the World Bank.<br><br>6. In this context, mandates the CEO, under the guidance of the EXCO and building on the progress to date to engage with the World Bank to further explore options that could achieve potential cost savings, fundraising instruments and greater operational flexibility. |

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| | 7. Notes the call from partner countries in BOD/2023/01 DOC 02 Annex A for the Education Aid Architecture to strengthen its support for the role of partner countries to own and deliver education transformation, and that GPE has a unique role in helping convene partners and mobilize resources. Requests the SDG4 High-Level Steering Committee to consider this call in light of the global learning crisis, and the implications for GPE.<br><br>8. Requests the Secretariat to report back to the Board in June 2023 on progress and identify potential future changes that may be required for the next strategic plan period for Board consideration by December 2023. |