DECEMBER 4-5, 2025

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

FINAL DECISIONS

Reference	Decision
BOD/2025/12-01	**GPE 2030 Strategic Plan:** The Board of Directors: 1. Requests the CEO to finalize the GPE 2030 Strategic Plan under the leadership of the Vice-Chair and Chair of the GPE Board of Directors, for publication early 2026.
BOD/2025/12-02	**GPE2030 Operating Expense Parameters:** The Board of Directors: 1. Affirms the necessity of a highly efficient and effective Secretariat to support the successful delivery of GPE2030, while maximizing resources for programmatic activities. 2. Confirms that the parameters for Operating Expenses (OPEX) shall remain set at seven percent (7%) of total disbursements from the GPE Fund, recognizing this as an appropriate methodology for determining OPEX levels at the current stage of GPE2030 implementation remaining aligned with other multilateral global funds. 3. Resolves that the Operating Expenses budget (inclusive of World Bank hosting charges) for July 2026 to June 2030 (FY27–FY30) shall not increase in real terms from FY26 levels, and shall be capped at 7% of the total disbursements from the GPE Fund. 4. Directs the CEO to take all necessary and orderly actions—should the 7% ceiling require a reduction in the Operating Expenses budget—to minimize risks to the delivery of GPE2030, while giving due consideration to the wellbeing of staff. 5. Requests the Secretariat and the Finance and Risk Committee (FRC) to review the OPEX framework in light of the GPE replenishment in 2026, if necessary, with a view to recommending updated operational parameters, that strengthen alignment with GPE2030 priorities. 6. Further requests the Secretariat and the FRC to explore and propose options to focus operational resources more directly on effective grant management and delivery in partner countries, ensuring that

	administrative efficiency supports greater impact on education outcomes.
BOD/2025/12-03	**<u>Education Out Loud (EOL) 2.0 - Design Framework:</u>** The Board of Directors: 1. Noting the proposed design adaptations, and their alignment with the Education Out Loud (EOL) evaluation, approves the design framework in Annex A of BOD/2025/12 DOC 07. 2. Acknowledges the proposed criteria and procedure for selecting grant agents for the upcoming phase of the initiative, as detailed in Annex C of BOD/2025/12 DOC 07.
BOD/2025/12-04	**<u>Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) – Adapted Design Framework:</u>** The Board of Directors: 1. Noting the proposed design adaptations, and their alignment with the Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) evaluation, approves the adapted design framework in Annex A of BOD/2025/12 DOC 08. 2. Acknowledges the proposed criteria and procedure for selecting grant agents for the upcoming phase of the initiative, as detailed in Annex E of BOD/2025/12 DOC 08.