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Dear Colleagues,

On June 26, the European Union will host the Global Partnership for Education's Second Replenishment Pledging Conference, which will launch the Global Partnership's 2015 to 2018 replenishment cycle. The Brussels Conference will convene global leaders representing governments, multilateral and international organizations, civil society, teachers and the private sector. Importantly, through their contributions to the GPE Fund and pledges to increase domestic education budgets, global leaders will demonstrate their strong commitment to our enduring vision of quality education for all children. I am very excited about what we can achieve together.

For the Global Partnership for Education, the Pledging Conference is a litmus test for the new global development agenda beyond 2015. The Conference will provide a crucial platform to mobilize political will and resources to ensure that children and youth have access to the safe spaces, quality teachers and relevant content needed to make sustainable development a reality.

The gathering of key leaders and decision-makers in the field of education is the single most important opportunity before 2015 to instill action, energy and resources to achieve the Global Partnership's strategic goals of access, equity, quality and systems strengthening. The Replenishment Pledging Conference will include events focused on areas that require additional political and financial commitments to ensure that all children and youth benefit from their right to education.

Notably, in the spirit of a global partnership, partners have been working together to ensure that the international community commits to strong actions focused on the most marginalized children and youth, including the youngest children. New actions, plans and commitments announced in Brussels will aim to:

- Drive a critical agenda to guarantee inclusive quality education for children and youth with disabilities;
- Increase investments in and focus on early childhood learning;
- Accelerate progress for girls and young women; and
- Guarantee continuity in education for children affected by humanitarian emergencies and crises, including by achieving Education Cannot Wait commitments.

With a view to informing ongoing dialogue about the post-2015 education agenda, the Replenishment Pledging Conference will focus on achieving education priorities more efficiently, delivering stronger outcomes and ensuring the Global Partnership collectively reaches the most marginalized children. Parallel sessions will feature panels on issues relevant to partner countries, such as:

- Improving the quality of education and learning outcomes;
- Putting development effectiveness principles into practice;
- Increasing domestic resource mobilization;
- Strengthening accountability and improving the use of data; and
- Building strong education systems to achieve education results in fragile states.

We hope that all partners will join us in Brussels on June 26, 2014 to mobilize the collective reach and power of the partnership and set an important milestone for the world's children and youth. The Global Partnership for Education Replenishment Pledging Conference is an opportunity for the world to demonstrate that the next generation will not be forgotten. Together, we can give all children a brighter future.

Thank you for registering for our conference and I look forward to seeing you on June 25 and 26 in Brussels.

Sincerely yours,



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