

LETTER OF INTENT FOR PARTNERSHIP

BETWEEN

ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

AND

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

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This Letter of Intent (“LOI”) is made on 4 / 12 /2019, between the **Islamic Development Bank** (hereinafter referred to as “IsDB”) and the **Global Partnership for Education Secretariat** (hereinafter referred to as the “GPE Secretariat”).

- A. The purpose of IsDB is to foster socioeconomic development in its Member Countries and Muslim communities in non-Member Countries. The ultimate goal of the IsDB is to promote human development through investing in priority areas such as education, poverty reduction, health and governance.
- B. The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is a partnership of developing countries, donor countries, civil society organizations, multilateral organizations and the private sector and private foundations supporting education in developing countries towards inclusive, quality and equitable education for all, as set out in its Charter. The GPE Secretariat supports the work of GPE and is administratively hosted by the World Bank.

IsDB and the GPE Secretariat confirm their understanding of the following:

I PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this LOI is to serve as a framework to facilitate further cooperation and collaboration in areas of common interest. Initially, this collaboration aims at i) leveraging additional resources for education through the GPE Multiplier; ii) expanding role of IsDB in country level coordination, including as Grant Agent for GPE funding; iii) deepening participation of IsDB in GPE governance; and iv) jointly promoting greater political commitment to education.
- 1.2 IsDB and the GPE Secretariat expect to work in synergy and complementarity with current and potential partners and donors involved in education and coordinate on issues related to the four priorities outlined in 1.1 above, and other areas of mutual interest to ensure adequate use of existing resources and to avoid duplication of efforts.
- 1.3 The purpose of this LOI is strictly limited to expressing the desire of IsDB and the GPE Secretariat for mutual cooperation, and does not, and is not intended to, impose any legal obligation of any nature on either party.

II SCOPE OF COOPERATION

- 2.1 Within the context of their respective mandates, objectives and procedures, IsDB and the GPE Secretariat expect to cooperate in the following:
- 2.2 **Leveraging external resources:** The GPE Multiplier is a mechanism designed to leverage additional external financing to education in low and lower-middle-income countries, on a 3:1 matching basis. IsDB and the GPE Secretariat will explore opportunities in agreed target countries to leverage IsDB grant and concessional financing to support education

systems strengthening through the Multiplier alongside GPE grant funding, according to GPE's Multiplier funding policy and guidelines.

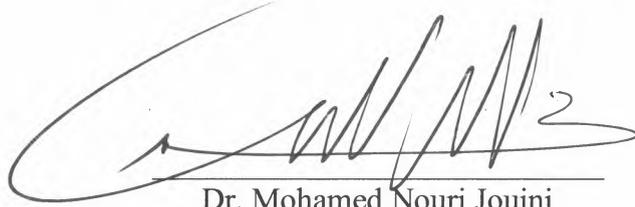
- 2.3 **Country level coordination:** IsDB and the GPE Secretariat will endeavour to strengthen collaboration, coordination and policy dialogue at country level through existing coordination mechanisms including the local education group (LEG), where IsDB has or seeks to implement education support. IsDB has been selected by the LEG in Tajikistan to operate as the grant agent for the next GPE education sector program implementation grant (ESPIG) and has undergone as a part of this process accreditation to become a grant agent for GPE funding, in accordance with GPE policy. Together, the GPE Secretariat and IsDB will identify additional opportunities in joint GPE & IsDB countries where IsDB can increase their engagement at a country level and seek selection of the role of grant agent for future GPE grants.
- 2.4 **Governance:** The GPE Secretariat will support IsDB efforts to deepen engagement in GPE governance processes, with the opportunity to participate in decision-making and policy dialogue on the GPE Board of Directors and its committees. Initially, this will include formal IsDB representation on the GPE Board of Directors as an alternate member for the Multilateral Development Bank Constituency (World Bank as the Member) and as a representative on the Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC).
- 2.5 **Advocacy and Communications:** The GPE Secretariat and IsDB will involve one another in global, regional and country-level advocacy and communications efforts to raise the political profile of education. This could include but not be limited to: jointly organized events on key education issues; invitations to appear on global and regional platforms, panels and events; joint media announcements or op-eds; guest blogs; support for social media campaigns.

III IMPLEMENTATION

IsDB and the GPE Secretariat resolve to collaborate according to the scope outlined above. To this end, the parties expect to:

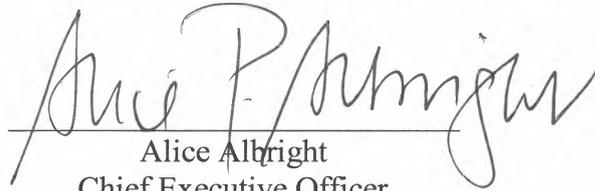
- (a) Organize joint meetings, calls and other correspondence to deepen knowledge and understanding of each other, and to assess and monitor implementation of the areas agreed in Section II;
- (b) Identify future opportunities for deepening collaboration under the areas agreed in Section II.

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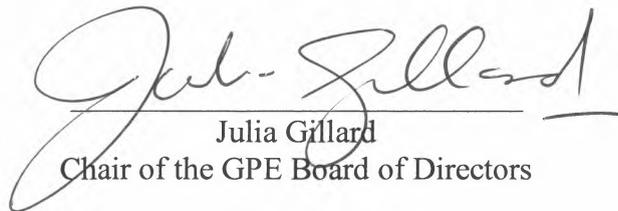


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