Board of Directors:

An Overview

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Composition

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- CSOs (3)
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Constituencies

Developing Country Partners
- Africa 1
- Africa 2
- Africa 3
- Eastern Europe, Middle East & Central Asia
- Asia & the Pacific
- Latin America & the Caribbean

Donor Partners
- Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland
- Australia, Spain
- Canada, UK
- Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Sweden
- EC, France, Germany, Italy
- Japan, USA, Russia

CSOs
- International/Northern
- Developing Country/Southern
- Teaching Profession

Private Sector & Foundations
- Private Sector/Foundations

Multilateral Agencies
- UNESCO
- UNICEF
- Multilateral & Regional Banks
Developing Country Partners

**Africa 1:** Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Zambia

**Africa 2:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo

**Africa 3:** Djibouti, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea–Bissau, Ethiopia, Liberia, Sao Tome, Sierra Leone

**E. Europe, Middle East & Central Asia:** Afghanistan, Albania, Georgia, Kyrgyz Rep., Moldova, Tajikistan, Yemen

**Asia & the Pacific:** Bhutan, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, PNG, Timor Leste, Vietnam

**Latin America & the Caribbean:** Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua
Donor Partners

Donor 1: Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland

Donor 2: Australia, Spain

Donor 3: Canada, UK

Donor 4: Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Sweden

Donor 5: European Commission, France, Germany, Italy

Donor 6: Japan, United States, Russia
Civil Society Organizations

CSOs

- International / Northern: Action Aid, Save the Children
- Developing Country: ZANEC Zambia, SNEFA Sudan
- Teaching Profession: Education International
Private Sector & Foundations

Private Sector/Foundations: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Microsoft/Intel
Multilateral Agencies

Multilateral Agency 1: UNESCO
Multilateral Agency 2: UNICEF
Multilateral Agency 3: World Bank
What does a constituency-based governance model entail?

- All constituencies are represented by 2 persons: Board Member and Alternate Board Member.

- Each represents a larger group of countries, agencies or organizations (other than UNESCO and UNICEF).

- Each Board member consults with the full constituency to represent the views of the entire group.
Board Member Selection and Terms

- Each constituency:
  - Is self-governing
  - Manages its own selection process and notifies EFA FTI Secretariat/Chair of result
  - Serves for 2 years (free to re-elect if so choose)
Board Roles and Responsibilities

- Supreme **governing body** of the EFA FTI

- **Sets policies and strategies**, and reviews and approves objectives for the EFA FTI Partnership

- **Makes funding decisions** for the Education for All Fund and monitors its utilization, upon recommendations from the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)

- **Gives direction to the EFA FTI Secretariat and Chair**, and reviews and approves their annual budget and work plan

- **Advocates for the EFA FTI Partnership and mobilizes resources** to achieve quality basic education for all children
Commissions and provides oversight to EFA FTI working groups and task teams

Enhances links among the various partners of the EFA FTI Partnership by strengthening channels of communication and collaboration

Oversees the preparation of the EFA FTI Partnership Meeting

Exercises other powers as required to carry out the purposes of the EFA FTI
What is the specific role of a Board Member?

- **Represent the interests** of the EFA FTI Partnership
- **Primary spokesperson** for the constituency
- **Lead consultations** among the constituency to determine common position and build consensus
- Be prepared to **represent differences** that may exist within the constituency
- **Vote on Board decisions** on behalf of constituency
- **Note:** significant time commitment
What is the specific role of an Alternate Board Member?

- Additional representative of constituency
- Facilitates constituency consultations
- Acts on behalf of Board Member when s/he is unavailable (e.g., for voting)
- Coordinate with Board Member to ensure effective representation from constituency
- Attend all Board meetings along with Board Member
Decisions made by consensus or majority of seats (i.e., 10)

- Must include at least one donor, developing country, CSO/private sector and multilateral agency

Quorum is majority of Board members

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Each constituency has one vote only

Voting may occur by email (usually no-objection)
Board Meeting Participation

- Only Board Member and Alternate Board Member (or delegate) may attend Board meetings on behalf of their constituency.

- Only one constituency member may speak on any agenda item.

- Head of Secretariat or his/her designee attends to represent the Secretariat.

- Costs of participation for developing country partners, including southern CSO Board and Alternate Board members, funded through EFA FTI Secretariat budget.
Support from the EFA FTI Secretariat

- EFA FTI **Board Operations Team** serves as a liaison between the EFA FTI Secretariat and the EFA FTI Board of Directors and FAC and their respective Chair.

- EFA FTI **Secretariat** acts as *facilitator* for constituency communications to ensure separation of roles between the EFA FTI Board and the EFA FTI Secretariat.

- **Board Manual** will be circulated shortly.
Thank you