

Statement from Carol Bellamy to the GPE Board of Directors

Monday, July 15, 2013

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am writing to inform you that I will be stepping down from the position of Chair, Global Partnership for Education as of Friday, 19 July.

I am assured, as I am certain you are, with Alice Albright and her present senior leadership team in the Secretariat, that GPE is in good hands and that its future is brighter than ever. Moreover, with the active direction and engagement of the GPE Governance Working Group, ably headed by Peter Colenso, GPE will identify a new Chair very soon.

The next few months are extremely important for the Global Partnership and I am mindful that all of you are fully invested in the outcomes. GPE will be negotiating new hosting arrangements with the World Bank, choosing a new Chair, launching a critical replenishment campaign and further taking leadership within the education sector. Given the few months left in my tenure, I am reluctant to drive decisions we are about to make. Accordingly, after some serious reflection, I think that it is best that I make more room for these decisions and processes to be as productive as possible.

It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Chair over the past three and half years. You can be assured I will continue to advocate for quality education for all children and for the important role in achieving this which has been and will continue to be played by the Global Partnership.

I hope our paths will cross many times in the future.

Warm regards,

Carol