

**GPE Replenishment Conference 2018
for the GPE Fund**

Germany's pledge

Education is key for sustainable development, for reaching practically all of the Sustainable Development Goals. Hence, education is a key sector in German development policy. We believe in a holistic approach to education. That is why we support all sub-sectors of education in line with the 2030 Agenda. Germany is engaged in all stages of education. The main focus is on technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education as well as basic education – with a special focus on refugee children. Basic education is at the heart of German development policy. As a founding member of the Global Partnership for Education, we share a common goal with GPE and all partners: ensuring inclusive quality education for all.

Germany very much welcomes the positive developments in line with the GPE 2020 strategy and the new global momentum for closing the education gaps. Now it is up to all the partners and friends of GPE – developing country partners, donors and all the other important GPE partners and stakeholders – to deliver on, and implement, the strategy of our partnership.

Germany therefore would like to underpin its commitment to the promotion of education at multilateral level through the Global Partnership for Education by pledging an additional amount of 38 million euros for the years 2018 to 2022. As usual, the German contribution to the GPE is unearmarked.

Furthermore, Germany is providing a total of 7 million euros for the successful German *BACKUP Initiative – Education in Africa* for the period 2017 to 2020. The initiative supports African governments and civil society stakeholders in their efforts to access and effectively use GPE funding for education.

Finally, Germany, being the largest bilateral donor in education, will continue to strongly support developing partner countries through its comprehensive bilateral development programs, which are, as a matter of principle, closely aligned to countries' education sector implementation plans. Over the past parliamentary term (2014-17), Germany has committed more than 2 billion euros for bilateral programs aimed at the promotion of the various education segments, from early childhood development to adult education, as outlined in Germany's strategy for the promotion of education.