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Minister of National Education, Culture, Science, Youth, and Sports  
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Guinea-Bissau

*Education for All - Fast Track Initiative*  
*Welcome Letter: Guinea-Bissau*

Dear Honorable HE Artur Silva:

On behalf of the FTI donor partners, I am pleased to inform you that the Education for All – Fast Track Initiative welcomes Guinea-Bissau to the FTI Partnership following the appraisal and endorsement of your country’s Interim Three-Year Plan for the Development of Education (2011-2013) by the Local Education Group.

For countries such as Guinea-Bissau that have signaled an intent to seek funding through the Fast Track Initiative’s Catalytic Fund, endorsement of an interim education sector plan is an important step in the process. With the caveat that this step does not itself guarantee funding through the Catalytic Fund, the FTI Secretariat is happy to confirm our commitment to work with the Local Education Group and the Government of Guinea-Bissau for the purpose of helping to accelerate your country’s progress toward the goal of Education for All.

Please accept our warmest congratulations for the achievement of this important milestone. We encourage your team to visit our website (www.educationfasttrack.org) for updated information about the FTI Partnership. The FTI Secretariat is available to answer any further questions. The contact person in the FTI Secretariat for your country is Mr. Kouassi Soman who can be joined by phone at: (202) 473-4713; by fax at: (202) 522-3233; and via e-mail at: ksoman@educationfasttrack.org. In his absence, you may also contact Ms. Sandra Barton, who can be joined by phone at: (202) 458-2050 and at: sbarton@educationfasttrack.org.

We wish you success in the implementation of the Interim Three-Year Plan for the Development of Education.

Sincerely,

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