Welcome Letter

Excellencies,

On behalf of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), I am pleased to welcome South Sudan as a member of the GPE following the appraisal and endorsement by the members of the National Education Forum (NEF) of South Sudan’s “General Education Strategic Plan” (GESP) for the period 2012 to 2017.

For countries such as South Sudan that have signaled intent to seek funding through the Global Partnership, endorsement of an education sector plan is an important step in the process. With the caveat that this step does not itself guarantee funding, the Secretariat is happy to confirm the Global Partnership’s commitment to working with the National Education Forum (NEF) and the Government of South Sudan to accelerate the 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.globalpartnership.org](http://www.globalpartnership.org) for updated information about the Global Partnership for Education. The Secretariat is available to answer any further questions. The contact person in the Secretariat for your country is Mr. Douglas Lehman who can be contacted by phone at: (202) 458-8789; by fax at: (202) 522-3923; and via e-mail at: dlehman@globalpartnership.org. In his absence, you may also contact Mrs. Margarita Focas Licht, by phone at: (202) 458-7144 or by email at: mlicht@globalpartnership.org.

We wish you success in the implementation of the General Education Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

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