Memorandum of Understanding between
the International Organization of La Francophonie
and the Global Partnership for Education

The International Organization of La Francophonie, hereinafter referred to as ("OIF") with its headquarters located at 19-21, Avenue Bosquet, 75007 Paris (France), represented by its Secretary General, HE Adbou Diouf, on the one hand.

AND

The Global Partnership for Education, hereinafter referred to as ("GPE"), located at the headquarters of the World Bank in Washington, District of Columbia, (United States of America), having no legal personality and represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Alice Albright, on the other hand.

Whereas OIF has as its mission to embody the active solidarity between its 77 member states and governments (57 members and 20 observers), who share the French language, and to organize political activities and actions of multilateral cooperation that benefit French-speaking populations, respect cultural and linguistic diversity and serve to promote the French language, peace, democracy, human rights and sustainable development;

Whereas GPE is a multi-stakeholder partnership of developing and donor countries, multilateral agencies, civil society organizations and the private sector and private foundations supporting the education sector in developing countries, with a particular focus on accelerating progress toward the Education for All Goals;

Whereas the OIF works in close collaboration with the Conference of Education Ministers of Countries Using French (CONFEMEN), which gathers the Ministers of 41 States and French governments every two years, with the objective of integrating the education systems in the process of development and that the strategic guidelines set out by CONFEMEN are taken into account by the OIF in its actions in education and vocational and technical training;
Whereas OIF and GPE recognize the importance of collaboration and the promotion of the principle of inclusion as a fundamental element of the effectiveness of efforts to achieve common goals;

Whereas the GPE Secretariat and GPE's partners represent an added value for OIF's actions;

Whereas OIF commits to the Compact enshrined in the Charter of the Global Partnership for Education and agrees to comply with it, and with changes that may be made to it;

AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

Article 1. Purpose

The Parties agree to promote and strengthen their cooperation in areas of common interest, especially in education and training and to act in synergy and in a complementary way to ensure adequate use of existing resources and to avoid duplication of efforts.

Article 2. Scope of cooperation

OIF and GPE expect to cooperate with the following objectives:

a. **Enhancing knowledge/innovations development, sharing and dissemination to improve learning outcomes**: the parties are committed to cooperate to better determine opportunities for knowledge/innovations development, sharing and dissemination related to GPE's Strategic Objective 3 aimed at achieving a dramatic increase in the number of children learning and demonstrating mastery of basic literacy and numeracy skills by grade 3. GPE will continue to support the "Ecole et Langues Nationales en Afrique" ELAN Initiative, expected to produce a better understanding of challenges and lessons learned on how to increase early teaching-learning in national languages and in French in a multilingual context;

b. **Supporting global/regional networks**: GPE is committed to supporting OIF in its capacity as lead agency for the establishment of a Francophone community of good practice in reading and dialogue among the key European and African research institutions to involve the African education community in charge of reading in national languages and in French, both at the political and technical level. GPE will work to link
OIF with existing networks and established communities of interest promoting learning outcomes and especially early reading in all languages;

c. **Strengthening education systems in Francophone countries,** undertaking joint actions and through the exchange of information and experience, as appropriate and undertaking jointly or separately, advocacy to encourage OIF's member states and governments to place education at the center of national policies and commit to increased funding, more proactive policies and stronger results in terms of quality education for all; and

d. Such other initiatives as deemed appropriate and agreed upon in writing by OIF and GPE.

**Article 3. Reciprocal representation**

Either party may request the other to attend as an observer and in accordance with its procedures and practices, to conferences and meetings it organizes on issues of common interest.

**Article 4. Cooperation modalities**

As part of their activities, the parties may agree on the development and implementation of joint cooperation projects.

The design and implementation of such projects will be subject to specific protocols, agreed jointly by the relevant parties, and defining the practical, technical and financial participation of each party, where each party’s visibility will be adequately ensured.

**Article 5. Amendment**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended upon written request by either of the parties by mutual consent. The changes will take effect three (3) months after the date of notification of consent.
Article 6. Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party provided that notice has been sent to the other party within six (6) months. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding by either party shall not affect obligations previously entered into.

Article 7. Entry into force

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature by the duly authorized representatives of both parties and shall remain in force for an initial period of three (3) years. Three (3) months before the expiration date, OIF and GPE will begin discussions in good faith to decide on the renewal of this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate, in English and French, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed and Agreed on Paris 24 November 2014

For GPE

Alice Albright
Chief Executive Officer

For OIF

Abdou Diouf
Secretary General