January 14, 2015

Hon. Mr. Abul Maal A Muhith
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Bangladesh Secretariat
Dhaka
BANGLADESH

Hon. Mr. Mustafizur Rahman Fizar
Minister of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME)
Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME)
Dhaka
BANGLADESH

Hon. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid
Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
Dhaka
BANGLADESH

Welcome to the Global Partnership for Education

Dear Honorable Ministers,

On behalf of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), we are pleased to welcome the People’s Republic of Bangladesh as a member of the Partnership. Bangladesh’s entry into the Partnership, founded in 2002, has helped GPE achieve a major milestone as it will be GPE’s 60th developing country partner.

We look forward to working with your ministries over the months ahead to support your engagement with the Secretariat, our developing partner and other constituencies. In addition, the Global Partnership stands ready to lend technical support and guidance to the development of your education sector plan and any subsequent applications for financing.

With south-south learning in mind, we also look forward to learning more about how Bangladesh, one of Asia’s education success stories, has achieved substantial progress in increasing access to basic education despite significant geographical and resource challenges.
For your information, we provide below some guidance that you may find useful over the first few months of your engagement with the Global Partnership.

The Global Partnership for Education is governed by a constituency-based Board of Directors, representing Developing Country Partners, donors, multilateral agencies, civil society and the private sector. You will hear from us shortly regarding joining a Developing Country Partner constituency.

The attached GPE Charter sets out the commitments and accountabilities of GPE Members. Beyond the development and endorsement of an education sector plan, joining the Global Partnership implies commitment to strong domestic financial support to education and the pursuit of results on key performance indicators are commitments. On their part, donors and other partners commit to supporting Developing Country Partners in achieving progress towards quality education for all children. We invite your ministries to visit our website for more information about the Global Partnership for Education.

For your ministries’ information, the GPE Secretariat’s Country Lead for Bangladesh is Ms. Aya Kibesaki. Ms. Kibesaki can be contacted by phone at: +1 202 458 5541; by fax at: (202) 522-3923; and via e-mail at: akibesaki@globalpartnership.org. We recommend that the ministries consider assigning a GPE Focal Point within your team who could be in ongoing contact with Ms. Kibesaki.

We are delighted to have the People’s Republic of Bangladesh as our newest GPE partner.

Sincerely Yours,

Julia Gillard
Board Chair
Global Partnership for Education

Alice P. Albright
Chief Executive Officer
Global Partnership for Education Secretariat

cc: Members of the Education Local Consultative Group
Sarah Cooke, Head of Country office, DFiD
Ms. Carolyn Sunners, Coordinating Agency Representative, DFiD
Ms. Margarita Focas Licht, Acting Country Support Team Lead, GPE Secretariat
Ms. Aya Kibesaki, Country Lead for Bangladesh, GPE Secretariat