



PLEDGING COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

The Commission of the African Union is committed to promoting access to quality, inclusive and responsive education with learning at all levels. In the current continental programme, Member States collectively undertake to ensure that all children complete secondary level education successfully, so that our children remain in school until they are 16 -18 years old. The AUC is committed to education that includes not just literacy and numeracy, but also life skills, innovation, entrepreneurship and values for peaceful co-existence and responsible citizenship.

The Commission further promotes universal access to Early Childhood; at least 20% access to University Education, and increased availability of Technical and Vocational Education and Training, to absorb 1 million youth annually from 2016 for empowerment and gainful occupation. The Commission also commits to support Science Education, enhancing supply and quality of 1 million Teachers within the strategic plan year of 2014 – 2017, and reinforcement of Member States capacity in education management information systems to ensure planning based on sound knowledge.

The African Union Member States have therefore undertaken to continue committing at least 6% GDP to education, and at least 1% GDP to scientific research and development. The Post-2015 strategy for Education Development will consolidate this position and establish mechanisms for innovative resource mobilization and increased efficiency in education spending. To ensure monitoring and follow up, the AUC commits to strengthening its Education Observatory and Centre for the Education of Girls and Women, through recruitment of experts, provision of operational and programme budget, and mobilization of further resources from key partners.

To enhance effectiveness and coordination of efforts, the AUC will establish the Pan African Coalition for Education by 2015, bringing together all key agencies working in education development in Africa. The key partners will also make financial contributions the Coalition's interventions. The Coalition Progress reports will be published in the AU Education Outlook and reviewed by the AU Specialised Technical Committee for Education, Science and Technology every two years.