

## **Education International GPE Pledge**

Education International speaks for 401 education unions in 171 countries, which are all strongly committed to helping achieve the GPE objectives.

At this conference we pledge to mobilise our entire membership to exert maximum pressure on our national governments to deliver on the promises they made here today to increase access and improve the quality of education.

From 2015 to 2018 we will allocate 2 million euros annually to assist education unions worldwide, but with a special emphasis on those in the GPE countries in order to:

- Establish social and professional dialogues with their public authorities;
- Raise professional standards and put a stop to de-professionalization trends;
- Target the barriers to access, such as child labour, child marriage, school fees, and the professional teacher shortage;
- Establish partnerships with civil society, international organisations, and the private sector to support the EFA targets, but expose those creating new barriers or feeding de-professionalization.

In addition, Education International will also pledge to:

- Improve gender equality in education, including the achievement of gender parity in primary and lower secondary school;
- Improve learning outcomes, including increasing grade 3 literacy rates;
- Strengthen support for education development in fragile states, and in jurisdictions lagging behind in reaching the EFA targets;
- And as a member of the Emergency Coalition for Global Education Action, we will provide additional support to teachers and their organisations in Haiti, Lebanon, Pakistan and Nigeria.

Finally, we will extend our award winning Quality Educators for All programmes, providing training for teachers in GPE countries to become fully qualified. We will also promote and embrace the use of new technologies in education in cooperation with technology corporations that have subscribed to our technology protocol.

And, last but certainly not least, we pledge to strongly advocate safe schools in remote areas where threats to teachers and students are high, and to carry on providing help to our members in Nigeria and the surrounding region where the search for 200 missing schoolgirls will continue until they are found.