



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**PLEDGE BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AT THE SECOND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP
FOR EDUCATION (GPE) REPLENISHMENT CONFERENCE HELD AT THE EU
HEADQUARTERS, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM ON 25TH TO 26TH JUNE, 2014.**

The Chairperson,

Global Partnership for Education,

The CEO, Global partnership for Education

EU Commissioners Present

Ministers of Education from around the World present,

Representatives of Donor Partners, Multilateral Organizations, Civil Society

Organizations and Private Sector

Distinguished Guest

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I feel honored and privileged to be invited here during the second replenishment pledging conference of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) hosted by the European Union (EU). I note with appreciation that the Global Partnership for Education is the only multilateral partnership dedicated solely to achieving universal quality basic education in the world. Kenya, just like many developing countries, has benefited from GPE support since we joined the partnership in 2005.

Mr. Chairman, **the Government of Kenya continues to invest heavily in the education sector, committing 6.5% of GDP to the sector.** In 2013/2014 financial year the education sector was allocated 25.9% of the total government budget.

This high level of expenditure reflects the priorities and commitment of the government to the education of its citizens. Kenya has introduced the free primary education and the free Day Secondary Education in 2003 and 2008 respectively. This has led to enrolments to increase from 5.9 million in 2002 to 9.5 million in 2014 in the primary subsector. This commitment to investment in education will continue to ensure the efficient provision of fourteen years of basic education (two years pre-primary, eight years of primary, and four years of secondary education) with guaranteed transition and progression of all children from one grade and level of basic education to another. The government of Kenya would like to pledge through the National Education Sector Plan to:

- **Increase Education funding from the current 25.9% by 1% each year so that by 2018 it reaches 29% of the government spending.**
- **Raise the transition rate from primary education to secondary education from 77% to 100% by 2018.**
- **Provide 80% of primary schools with electricity by 2018 by connecting them to the National Grid.**

On data and Accountability, Kenya would like to pledge to:

- **Develop comprehensive integrated data base for the education sector to achieve and enhance better policy and expenditure decisions. The cost is estimated at ksh 1.892 billion.**
- **Entrench Monitoring of learner achievement in the education system through the National Assessment for Monitoring learner achievement (NASMLA) and Southern and Eastern Africa Consortium for monitoring Educational quality (SACMEQ). Quality learning assessments will be carried out to the tune of Ksh 468 Million in the next 5 years.**

Kenya will also continue to:

- **Address the challenges vulnerable, Nomadic communities and special needs children are facing to access education services through targeted grants for infrastructural development and Bursaries.**
- **Attend to all education Emergencies issues as per the National Education Sector Plan (NESP).**

Mr. Chairman, We would like to assure the Global partnership and the international community that Kenya is committed to Education for all and is on the path to achieving universal primary education goal.