

PLEDGE FROM NIGERIA
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HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION OF NIGERIA, CHIEF (BARR.) EZENWO NYESOM WIKE'S INTERVENTION AT THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION, BRUSSELS BELGIUM. 25TH-26TH JUNE 2014.

NIGERIA'S PLEDGE

*Nigeria wishes to thank the international community for their support in these trying times, especially with the abduction of more than two hundred school girls in Chibok. Nigeria continues to need your collaboration and support, as we continue to tackle the issue of insecurity and provision of safe school zones.

*Nigeria is vigorously and diligently carrying out a transformation agenda in the education sector, focusing mainly on **(1) ACCESS and EQUITY (2) STANDARD and QUALITY ASSURANCE.**

*With more than 10 million school age children out of school, we identified 3 main target groups. They are the "almajiris" (street boys), the girl-child, both predominantly in Northern Nigeria and the boy-child in the Southern part of the country.

*Nigeria has consistently increased the budgetary allocation to education every year since 2011. Currently, it stands at more than 100% increase from what it was in 2011. From 2011 to now, the allocation to education has been between 9-10% of the annual budget.

Nigeria pledges to continue to annually increase the investment in the education sector.

*Nigeria is currently working diligently to improve data collection strategies through the National Education Management Information system (NEMIS) for a more realistic, concrete and measurable educational outcomes. Nigeria is also addressing the issue of capacity and quality of teachers through:

- Teacher Training;
- Teacher Professional learning;
- Teacher placement and deployment;
- Student teacher ratio; and
- A much more effective teacher performance evaluation strategy.

*While Nigeria is not where it needs to be, I believe we are on the right path to transforming our education sector to not only change the life circumstances of our citizens, but shape the future of our country.
THANK YOU.