

PLEDGE FROM RWANDA
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Hon. Minister of Education- Rwanda

Over the past decade, Rwanda has made tremendous progress in improving access to quality education for all Rwandans. Our plans are ambitious. They focus on addressing challenges and achieving results to provide our children with the skills and knowledge they need to become productive members of our society. Rwanda's national priority is to make twelve-year basic education available for all our children and to ensure that education at all levels is relevant to our national needs.

This year, Rwanda completes its GPE grant with many successful results and momentum we hope to take with us into the future, through continued support from GPE.

At this 2014 Global Replenishment Conference, we pledge:

1. **To continue prioritizing education in terms of domestic financing.** Rwanda is committed to 12-year basic and vocational education and training and has consistently increased expenditure on basic education over the past 3 years. Today, Rwanda pledges to ensure that the proportion of domestic financing for basic education is going to continue increasing. We shall also continue to implement home grown solutions which have proved very successful in bridging financing gaps, with examples in school infrastructure and school feeding programs.
2. **Secondly,** we pledge to continue focusing on improving the quality of education by strengthening our capacities in the areas of: measuring learning outcomes, planning, monitoring and evaluation, and to ensure timely remedial action where necessary. This will be achieved through establishing systems and laying strategies that are aimed at reaching all children of school going age with due consideration of their learning needs, ensuring that they are effectively learning, that they remain in school and that they successfully transition from one level to another.
3. **Finally,** we shall leverage on existing national ICT infrastructure to implement ICT enabled teaching, learning and results monitoring and evaluation.

I thank you.