

# GPE Southern Partners Update

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## GLOBAL POLICY DIALOGUE AND EDUCATION ADVOCACY

From June to August, GPE participated in and engaged with many international forums:

**European Development Days:** GPE CEO Alice Albright participated in a panel discussion on *Advancing Gender Equality Through Education* along with Agence française de développement, UNICEF and Plan International. GPE Youth Advocate Mohamed Sidibay also participated in a panel on *Education Under Attack*.



**G7 Meetings:** The G7 countries announced a global commitment of US\$2.9 billion for girls' education in crises and endorsed a [Declaration on the importance of quality education for girls](#), adolescent girls and women in developing countries.

**High-Level Political Forum (HLPF):** Governments of Ireland, Norway and Ghana, alongside GPE and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, held an event on the sidelines of the HLPF on [Keeping Girls in School. The event](#) addressed girl's health and education as fundamental to achieving the SDGs. GPE CEO, Alice Albright, and GPE Youth Advocate Mohamed Sidibay, spoke alongside other eminent figures.



**Global Disability Summit:** GPE CEO, Alice Albright, participated in a panel discussion on the importance of inclusive education at the [Global Disability Summit](#) organized by the Governments of UK and Kenya and the International Disability Alliance (IDA) on July 24, 2018.

## GPE AND SDG4- EDUCATION 2030 IMPLEMENTATION

### Global Level

The SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee provided inputs into the High-level Political Forum. GPE, as a member of the Committee advised that financing education to achieve SDG4 requires strengthened domestic and external financing through a collective, harmonized combination of domestic financing, official development assistance, and innovative financing. Emphasizing the three must interact, complement each other and be consistent with the principles of the Education 2030 Framework for Action.

The Committee's recommendations included grounding financing initiatives in the principle of education as a fundamental human right, equity, quality, inclusion and 12 years of free education; inclusive dialogue between providers and receivers of financing; innovative financing opportunities to be identified with whole-sector approach; creating partnerships with the private sector and mobilizing its resources; evaluation of innovative financing projects under implementation.

### Africa:

On May 16, GPE participated remotely to the 8th WCA-RCG4 plenary group meeting, hosted by Save the Children, Dakar. Discussed were the outcomes of the Pan-African Conference on Education, updates from the seven task teams, launch of a new country profiles page on the group's Education 2030 in Africa platform as well as governance reforms to the group. New publications from groups members include: The Inclusion Champions' Handbook; Gender Equality Strategy for the Continental Education Strategy for Africa; and PACE Youth Memorandum "Young People as Catalysts of Inclusive Education in Africa". The next meeting will September 20.

## KNOWLEDGE AND GOOD PRACTICE EXCHANGE | ADVOCACY AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Knowledge exchange, advocacy and social accountability

- **Development of design blueprints:** The design blueprints for both KIX and ASA were developed over the past few months.
- **Grant Agent recruitment:** An expression of interest was launched to recruit Grant Agents for the implementation of both mechanisms by the external design partners.
- **Civil society consultations:** A consultation webinar was organized on June 12th to solicit civil society inputs on the design of the ASA mechanism. A summary of the consultation inputs can be found in [this blog](#).
- **DCP consultations:** Consultations with DCP experts on KIX were carried out at the pre-Board meeting in Brussels in June and will be continued over the next few months.
- **Consultations with the GPE Board and Private Foundations:** Consultation webinars and calls were organized in early July to solicit feedback on the ASA and KIX design blueprint from across the partnership.
- **Strategy and Impact Committee meeting:** GPE's Strategy and Impact Committee met on July 18-19th in Washington D.C. and deliberated on the recommended Grant Agents and the design blueprints for both mechanisms.
- **Next steps:** Based on constituency and SIC feedback, the ASA and KIX design blueprints will be finalized and adopted for operationalization.

### GPE Webinar Series

On August 9, the GPE Secretariat held a webinar on its recently published [GPE Results Report](#), which assess how GPE's strategy, GPE2020, and its 37 indicators in its results framework, are working. The report is an important mechanism for mutual accountability and to understand areas for improvement.

The previous webinar was the second of a three-part series on health and education based on the recent report on [Optimizing Education Outcomes: High-Return Investments in School Health for Increased Participation and Learning](#), developed by GPE and Disease Control Priorities and published by the World Bank. The webinar was held on May 31 in partnership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Milieu Law and Policy Consulting and

Imperial College London. In case you missed it - read the [summary note](#) and [watch the recording](#). ([Summary note](#) in French and [recording in French](#) also available).

## GPE COUNTRY WORK UPDATES

### Country Highlights

**Moldova:** Recent Secretariat work in Moldova focused on strengthening the country's local education group. In 2017, the Board approved Moldova's eligibility for the GPE Multiplier and an education sector plan development grant (ESPIG). In January 2018, the Secretariat conducted a mission to Moldova to help prepare the government for a new ESPIG, including engaging and strengthening the local education group to meet GPE grant requirements. The Board approved Moldova's education sector plan development grant in May and Moldova formalized clear guidance on the local education group's function and broadened participation by including the European Union, World Bank, and a coalition of CSOs. The Secretariat will continue to engage Moldova as it further strengthens its local education group.

**Lesotho:** In June, a delegation from the Secretariat attended Lesotho's joint sector review (JSR), which was timed to align with the finalization of Lesotho's new education sector plan. At the request of the government, the Secretariat helped plan the JSR, which was widely attended by stakeholders across the partnership. The JSR review provided an opportunity to review progress over the last several years in Lesotho and set goals for the future. The Secretariat will work closely with the government and local education group as they implement the JSR recommendations and plan for the next sector monitoring and evaluation cycle.

## GOVERNANCE

**Board Meeting:** The GPE Board met on June 12-14 2018 in Brussels, Belgium. The Board:

- Welcomed the new Board Vice Chair [Serigne Mbaye Thiam](#), Minister of National Education in Senegal
- Reflected on the success of the GPE Financing Conference in Dakar on Feb 1-2, 2018
- Approved the allocation of new grants and the scale up of the [GPE Multiplier](#).

- Considered the effectiveness and efficiency of the partnership in delivering on GPE2020
- Approved the workplan for fiscal year 2019
- Considered GPE's institutional arrangements, strengthening risk management and streamlining the grant process

## GPE GOVERNANCE CALENDAR

### Meetings from May - June 2018



**September 11, 2018** – Coordinating Committee Meeting



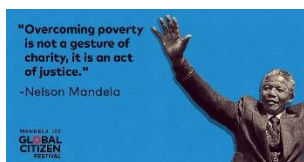
**October 10-12, 2018** – Grants and Performance Committee Meeting



**October 16-17, 2018** – Governance and Ethics Committee Meeting

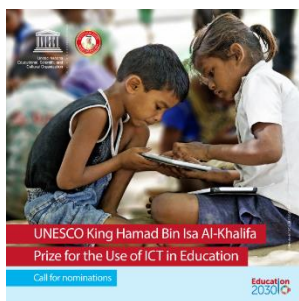
## GLOBAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIONS AND ACTIONS

*Support policy and actions on education around the world.*



**Global Citizen** launches campaign to end extreme poverty with the [Global Citizen Festival Mandela 100](#)

on Dec 2, 2018, in Johannesburg, South Africa. Star performers include Beyoncé, Jay-z, Ed Sheeran, Eddie Vedder, and Pharrell Williams, etc.



**UNESCO** invites applications and nominations for the [2018-King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa ICT in Education Prize](#) under the theme, *The use of innovative Information and Communication*

*Technologies to ensure education for vulnerable groups.* The deadline for submissions is Oct 31, 2018.

**Human Rights Watch** launched a report - [Leave No Girl Behind in Africa: Discrimination in Education against Pregnant Girls and Adolescent Mothers.](#)



[Online consultation for the 2020 GEM Report: Inclusion and education](#) is now open and will run for 8 weeks. GEM invites suggestions around relevant literature, data analysis and

case studies to help inform the report.

## UPDATES FROM CSO COALITIONS

### Asia and the Pacific:



**ASPBAE** organized a Capacity Support and Advocacy Workshop in New Delhi for the Afghanistan National Education Coalition (ANEC).



Representatives of the **Papua New Guinea (PNG)** national education coalition, PEAN, spent a week with representatives of the Solomon Island coalition and their members, sharing on budget analysis, SDG4 analysis, and inclusion policy and practice in PNG and Solomon Islands. ASPBAE's Peter King joined the coalitions for this interaction.



The newly established education campaign coalition, CSO Education Partnership in **Timor Leste** (CEPTIL), held a meeting with key officials of their Ministry of Education (MoE) in Dili to discuss how the government will ensure implementation of its



commitment to increase the country's education budget.

#### Africa:



The **Burkina Faso** coalition calls for removal of children from gold mining sites as many children are employed in gold panning, often with

the consent of their parents, and missing school because of it.



Civil society, led by the **Cameroon Education For All Network (CEFAN)** participated in the review of the

implementation of Cameroon's Education Sector Plan. They noted the absence of civil society through the process and not taking account of education in emergencies in the implementation of the plan.



In June 2018, **Ghana National Education Campaign Coalition (GNECC)** organized the Civil Society Education

Sector Annual Review Meeting, an annual event which brings together civil society organizations from all the regions in Ghana to reflect on progress within the sector and take decisions on issues to present to government at the National Education Sector Review meeting (Joint Sector Review) in August 2018.



On June 22, 2018, **Rwanda Education for All Coalition (REFAC)** organized a capacity

building workshop on the 2018-2019 proposed national education budget to help understand budget

planning and implementation and also analyze different parts of the budget.

The Education Coalition of Zimbabwe (ECOZI) is implementing a project aimed at designing and disseminating for adoption, innovative financing rights-based models to jumpstart SDG4 and education 2030 processes in Southern African Development Community and Zimbabwe.

#### Latin America:

On May 28-30, the **Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE)** held a meeting on Gender Equality, Violence, and Education: Transformation Strategies in Central America and the Caribbean in San Salvador. Also with the support of UNICEF and the Salvadoran Network for the Right to Education (RESALDE) as the local host. Read the final declaration [here!](#)



**Socio-educational Forum (FSE)** held a series of events across the country to share the findings and recommendations

of their report "[The gender approach in education in the Dominican Republic, legal framework, and reality in schools. Budget execution of MINERD in 2017](#) " to raising awareness on the strengthening of the cross-cutting gender approach in education policies, practices, and legal frameworks of the Dominican Republic.

Check out all the stories from the [coalitions here!](#)

## NEWS and MULTIMEDIA

### Featured News:



### Featured Blogs:

- [Op-ed by Alice Albright: The promise of inclusive education](#)
- [Q&A: Julia Gillard on the future of the Global Partnership for Education](#)
- [Education can save lives](#)

### Featured Multimedia and Infographics:

**Video:** [Promoting girls' right to learn in West and Central Africa](#)

**Infographic:** [How to improve health and learning in school-age children](#)

Find more news and multimedia [here](#).

## PUBLICATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

### Featured Knowledge Products:



**Results Report:** [The GPE Results Report 2018](#)

**Girls Education:** [Missed opportunities: the high cost of not educating girls](#)

**Inclusive Education:** [Factsheet - GPE's work on inclusive education for children with disabilities](#)

**Girls Education:** [Factsheet - Breaking down barriers to gender equality and girls' education](#)



[Meet 7 young people standing up for education](#)

[Six strategies to improve teacher training workshops](#)

[Meet the SDG 4 data: Preparing children for education](#)

[A happiness that has no match!](#)

Read GPE's [Education for All Blog!](#)

### Tell us your story!

The GPE [Education for All blog](#) is a platform for all partners to present and discuss their activities, challenges and progress. Write to us with your stories and work. You can find our blog guidelines [here](#). For questions and submissions, please contact **Chantal Rigaud** ([crigaud@globalpartnership.org](mailto:crigaud@globalpartnership.org)) and **Victoria Egbetayo** ([vegbetayo@globalpartnership.org](mailto:vegbetayo@globalpartnership.org)).

## UPCOMING EDUCATION EVENTS



[High level meeting on action for refugee education](#), Sept 26, 2018 | New York, USA



[International Literacy Day 2018](#), Sept 8, 2018



[13th international conference on ICT for development, education & skills](#), Sept 26 to 28, 2018 | Kigali, Rwanda



[Innovating Education in Africa EXPO](#), Oct 4-6, 2018 | Dakar, Senegal

## DCP FOCAL POINTS UPDATE

A warm welcome to the following new GPE DCP Focal Points: Rwanda (Africa 1)