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Subject: **National EFA 2015 Reviews**

Sir/Madam,

As we approach 2015, the target year for meeting the Education for All (EFA) goals agreed upon in the Dakar Framework for EFA (2000), UNESCO wishes to invite all its Member States to conduct a National EFA 2015 Review, and to prepare a national report summarizing its outcomes.

The overall aim of the National EFA 2015 Reviews is to assess progress made towards achieving EFA since 2000, and the extent to which countries have kept their commitments. It also should spell out the major challenges faced by each country in developing education in the post-2015 era. It is hoped, therefore, that the review process will help Member States accelerate EFA actions in the last "Big Push" to 2015, and inform policy debates for the definition of a post-2015 education agenda at the national, regional and global levels.

At the 36th session of UNESCO's General Conference (2011), the Director-General was requested by Member States to "mobilize the international community and EFA partners for the achievement of EFA goals" and, in particular, to "continue to undertake benchmarking for monitoring progress towards EFA". More recently, the Global Education for All Meeting (GEM), held in November 2012, urged all UNESCO Member States to "actively participate in a process of national and regional EFA reviews leading up to the global conference in 2015 to establish the post-2015 global education agenda".

The modalities of review may vary for each Member State. The decision on how to conduct the review belongs to you. However, please find enclosed UNESCO guidelines to assist in the carrying out of the National EFA 2015 Review. The guidelines are intended to provide some methodological and operational references, and should in no way determine or limit the manner in which your country undertakes its own EFA review.

While the country-led review process may differ in each country depending on its situation and resources, **UNESCO would like to receive, by 30 June 2014, national reports according to the format and outline specified in the guidelines.** This will allow for a systematic analysis of the EFA process and progress at the regional and global levels, in order to prepare for the abovementioned 2015 global conference in Seoul (Republic of Korea).

As you may be aware, the Review process has been discussed already, at a general level, with Member States in several regional EFA meetings. UNESCO also has mobilized all EFA partners, including the EFA convening agencies and civil society organizations. Please rest assured that we stand ready to provide support to your country throughout this process, through our Headquarters, Regional Bureaux, Institutes and field offices.

I do hope that the information provided through this communication will facilitate your country's initiation of the process of conducting a national review as soon as possible, and I look forward to receiving your contribution.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Encl: - National EFA 2015 Reviews - Guidelines