

## MEDIA ADVISORY

Regional Workshop on National Learning Assessment Systems in sub-Saharan  
Africa: Knowledge sharing and needs assessment  
(6-8 December 2017)

The TALENT, Teaching and Learning - Educators' Network for Transformation, is organizing in collaboration with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), a *regional workshop to initiate knowledge sharing and assess gaps in capacities and knowledge pertaining to national learning assessment systems*, from 6 to 8 December 2017, in Dakar, Senegal.

In research field, several global initiatives are encouraging reflection and collaboration on the use of learning assessment to improve learning. This measurement work is particularly relevant in sub-Saharan Africa, where many countries have reformed their curriculum and are now using the Competency-Based Approach. However, most of them face difficulties in adapting tools, approaches and instruments for measuring learners' performance.

The workshop, which will bring together 18 countries from the different sub-regions of sub-Saharan Africa, representatives of the major international, regional and multi-country learning assessment programs operating in sub-Saharan Africa (PISA-D, PASEC, SACMEQ, ADEA-NALA, PAL-Network, IEA, etc.), as well as development partners active in this field. The objectives of the workshop will be to share knowledge on the state of national learning assessment systems and major learning assessment programs and initiatives and to identify capacity-building and knowledge gaps and needs.

Since its creation in June 2016, by the Regional Coordination Group on SDG4-Education 2030 for West and Central Africa (RCG4-WCA), TALENT has focused on teacher training, curricula for extended basic education, the measurement of learning outcomes and more generally on standards and norms for ensuring quality education.

In its activities, TALENT promotes cooperation and exchange of experience with other regions of Africa and other continents.

**Media are invited to cover the opening ceremony on Wednesday 6 December at 8.45 a. m., which will be attended by representatives of the participating countries and the Director pi. of UNESCO, and to interview participants during the following press briefing at the Ndiambour Hotel in Dakar.**

**Venue:** Ndiambour Hotel, Dakar

**Date:** 6 December 2017

**For more information about the workshop:**

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