

## **Chair of Education for All – Fast Track Initiative**

### **Board of Directors**

The Education for All – Fast Track Initiative (FTI) is an evolving global partnership of more than 30 major donors, agencies and civil society organizations working in the field of education. Established in 2002 following the development consensus reached at Monterrey, FTI Partners come together to support global EFA goals by focusing on accelerating progress toward the core EFA goal of universal primary education for girls and boys alike by 2015. Under the FTI, increased donor support for primary education is explicitly linked to recipient countries' policy performance and accountability for results. Partner countries commit to developing and implementing a sound and sustainable Education Sector Plan and to increasing domestic finance for primary education. Donors, multilateral organizations and civil society organizations commit themselves to supporting this Education Sector Plan with increased and harmonized support, including financial support.

FTI country level process is supported by global level FTI processes, directed by a representative Board of Directors. The Chair of the Board of Directors is independent of the FTI Partners, does not vote on the Board of Directors' decision but represents the Board and the Partnership as a whole.

### **Duties and Accountabilities**

The Chair will have the following roles and responsibilities:

- Provide political and intellectual leadership for the Fast Track Initiative: represent the FTI Partnership and the FTI Board of Directors in political and public fora;
- Lead FTI Resource Mobilization efforts;
- Facilitate FTI decision making – including on strategy and policies – and follow-through to ensure implementation;
- Convene and chair the FTI Partnership Meeting, FTI Board of Directors, the Trust Fund Committees and other FTI meetings, as appropriate;
- Guide operations and processes of the FTI Board of Directors and other FTI meetings including preparing meeting agendas, issuing notices and updates to the FTI Board of Directors and facilitating agreement on decisions.

### **Profile**

The successful candidate will be a recognized authority on public policies and development, in particular those related to EFA and FTI topics of education, external aid and humanitarian- and economic- development; have an outstanding reputation for intellectual leadership, strategic vision and a keen sense of priorities; proven ability to lead complex donor/aid harmonization

challenges; demonstrated experience in carrying out dialogue with global political and technical leaders in donor and partner countries, philanthropic organizations and others; ability to create partnerships and resolve conflicts constructively; possess excellent written and verbal communication and analytical skills; and demonstrate influence through publications, presentations, dialogue, and/or through the design of strategies and core policies related to the sector. The candidate should also have the ability to lead a turnaround and renewal process, translate ideas into actions and deliver results; demonstrated interpersonal skills for leading decision-making bodies and teams, including the ability to work in a collegial, partnership style and to create an open and creative environment that fosters collaboration and innovation. At least 15 years of professional and management experience is desired, as well as an advanced university degree (Ph.D preferred) in a field relevant to EFA-FTI. Fluency in spoken and written English is essential; knowledge of French or Spanish is advantageous.

### **General Information**

The duty station will be Washington DC. UNESCO will offer the successful candidate a comprehensive salary package that will be commensurate with his/her experience. The Chair is being recruited by UNESCO on behalf of the FTI Board of Directors and will be selected through an open competitive process. The post is initially for 12 months, renewable for an additional two years based on performance and funding availability. Interviews will be conducted during the month of May. Only short listed candidates will be contacted. Women are encouraged to apply.

For more information on the EFA-FTI please consult the website: <http://www.education-fast-track.org>. To apply please send your application directly to [ftichair@unesco.org](mailto:ftichair@unesco.org) before the closing date of Thursday, 23 April 2009.

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