

Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF) Bulletin *August 2011*

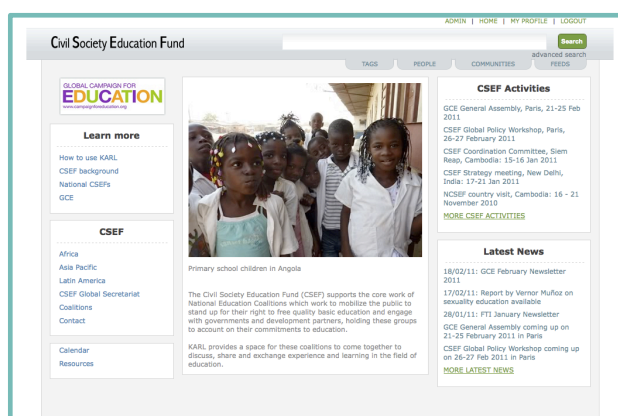
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Introducing CSEF monthly bulletin

This is the first monthly bulletin from the CSEF secretariat in GCE. We will continue to share information from across the CSEF program in the months to come, giving you important updates from national, regional and global level. If you want to share information about an exciting campaign you are running, upcoming events, new reports or particular achievements please send an email to kjersti@campaignforeducation.org



KARL – online tool for National Education Coalitions



In February 2011, GCE launched an online communication and learning tool for CSEF – **KARL** (Knowledge and Resource Locator). KARL facilitates National Education Coalitions to share information from their work with the rest of the world and to discuss interesting subjects and campaign themes. As a learning tool, KARL provides a space where coalitions can distribute materials, communicate their work, join discussion communities with education campaigners, share experiences and learn from what others are doing, as well as generally enjoy the advantage of being part of the Global Campaign For Education, with outreach in over 120 countries worldwide. To be part of KARL, please write to karl.csef@campaignforeducation.org and get your own account today.

New CSEF report available!

The third CSEF Progress report submitted to the donors in March 2011 is now available. The report demonstrates that CSEF has built capacity of 44 National Education Coalitions across Africa, Latin America and Asia and the Pacific, enabling civil society to engage with governments and donors and monitor their activities. This, in turn, has contributed to key policy gains including increased budget commitments in several countries over the last two years. For further details on CSEF contributions access the Progress report [here](#). A CSEF highlights document has also been developed, summarizing the key achievements and learning so far, click [here](#) to read.



FTI Board of Directors meeting in Kigali, Rwanda, 16-19 May 2011

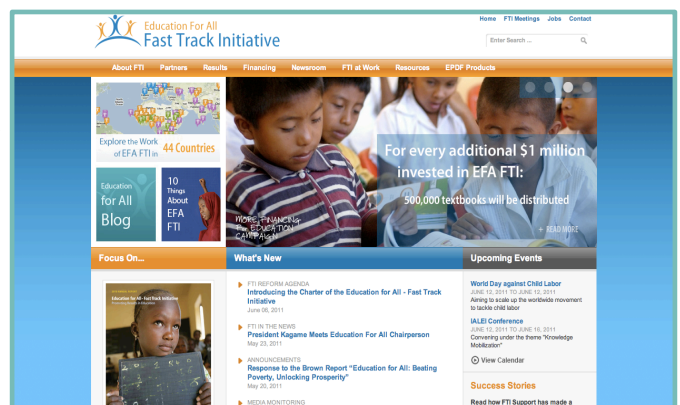
The FTI Board of Directors met in Kigali, Rwanda, from 16-19 May this year. A great outcome from the meeting was the approval by the Board of expanding the scope of the EFA FTI from accelerating universal primary completion to encompassing **all** of the Education for All goals. Among the meeting delegates was Mirriam Chonya from the Zambia National Education Coalition (ZANEC), who holds one of the civil society seats at the FTI Board. Lucia Fry and Kjersti Mowe from the GCE secretariat also attended the event to share progress on CSEF as well as to promote the concept of a CSEF successor program.

A proposal for a successor program that builds on the legacy of CSEF will be developed through a consultative process over the coming months, and the initial concept note, which was shared at the FTI Board of Directors meeting, has been circulated for comments. More details on the proposal development process will be communicated shortly. For further information, please contact Geoffrey Odaga (CSEF global coordinator) at geoffrey@campaignforeducation.org

The role of National Education Coalitions in the EFA FTI Partnership

The Education for All Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) is a global partnership between donors and developing country partners, operating to ensure accelerated progress towards Education For All. At national level, Local Education Groups (LEGs) form the foundation of the FTI governance. The LEGs should consist of national governments, local donors and civil society.

The CSEF supports National Education Coalitions so that civil society can be able to play a meaningful role as members of the EFA FTI partnership and the Local Education Groups through shaping national education sector plans and policy. More information can be found in the **Charter of the Education for All Fast Track Initiative**, approved at the recent FTI Board meeting in Rwanda. The Charter sets out the goals and principles of the EFA FTI Partnership, and describes the roles and responsibilities of each of the partners, both at country and global level.



Click here for full document: <http://www.educationfasttrack.org/news/233/177/Introducing-the-Charter-of-the-Education-for-All---Fast-Track-Initiative/d,Whats%20New/>

Further details about the FTI partnership at country level are shared at the *Country Level Process* section of the EFA FTI website: <http://www.educationfasttrack.org/FTI-at-Work/country-level-processes/>.

Here you can find:

- The Country Level Process Guide (Draft)
- Note on to develop an Interim Education Plan
- Milestones for when countries are expected to join EFA FTI 2010-2012.