Terms of Reference
Senior Advisor – Norway
Global Partnership for Education
Short-term Consultant (STC)

Description
Are you a passionate advocate with a strong track record in having successfully influenced the Norwegian government and Norwegian parliament in the field of development cooperation?
Do you want to make a difference in the lives of children in the world’s poorest countries and ensure education remains a priority on the political agenda of Norway?
Then, the Global Partnership for Education Secretariat (GPE) would like to hear from you.

Who we are
GPE is a shared commitment to end the world’s learning crisis. It is the only global partnership and fund dedicated entirely to helping children in lower-income countries get a quality education, so they can unlock their potential and contribute to building a better world.
We bring together governments, teachers, civil society, donors, United Nations agencies, development banks, businesses and private foundations to achieve our shared vision that every child deserves to learn.

What we do
GPE is the largest global fund solely dedicated to transforming education in lower-income countries, and a unique, multi-stakeholder partnership. We work to deliver quality education so that every girl and boy can have hope, opportunity and agency. Since 2002, 160 million more children in GPE partner countries have set foot in classrooms for the first time, more than half of them girls.
In 2020, GPE was also the largest provider of education grants in the global COVID-19 response, rapidly providing partner countries with vital resources to ensure that learning could safely continue.
A fully funded GPE would enable up to 175 million children to learn and help get 88 million more girls and boys in school by 2025. In the longer term, this investment could add $164 billion to economies in GPE partner countries, lift 18 million people out of poverty, and protect 2 million girls from early marriage.

About the role
We are seeking an experienced Senior Advisor – Norway to develop and implement a strategy for more political support and financing for GPE. You should be an experienced advocate having successfully influenced the Norwegian Parliament and government and are able to demonstrate in your application concrete successes.
The role is expected to be based in Oslo and to have strong experience in partnerships work with the Norwegian government, Parliament, Norwegian CSOs and other relevant Norwegian stakeholders.

The contract ideally starts on September 2023, with an average of 4 days a month until June 2024.

Application deadline: 27 August 2023.
Preferred starting date: 13 September 2023.

**Duties and Accountabilities**

The position sits within the Donor Relations Team, which takes a “whole of country” approach managing relationships with government, parliament, civil society, foundations, media and political influencers.

The position works under the Norway Relationship Coordinator. Initial tasks will include:

1) **Build and support GPE’s relations with the new Norwegian Parliament:** develop and implement an impactful parliamentary strategy to strengthen tangible political and financial support for GPE. Update the power mapping of the Norwegian Parliament, identifying potential champions of education, and lead meetings accordingly.

2) **Build and support GPE’s relations with CSOs in Norway.**

3) **Draft GPE leadership briefings (in English)** as well as develop and tailor advocacy and comms tools in Norwegian such as OPEDs, blogs and campaign tools.

4) Explore the potential of Norwegian private sector and philanthropic engagement with GPE.

5) Identify and liaise with possible new influencers, champions, journalists and media in Norway, who could help promote education and GPE in the national context.

6) Identify and help organize (virtual and in person) key events in Norway for GPE and position GPE’s leadership at these events.

**Selection Criteria**

- Masters’ degree (or equivalent combination of education and experience) and a minimum of 7 years’ experience working within the field of international Partnerships, Campaigns and/or Advocacy.

- Solid advocacy experience with the Norwegian Parliament and other relevant Norwegian stakeholders working on aid.

- Flexible and enthusiastic team player with a track record of delivering in a fast-moving environment and strong project-management skills.

- Ability to work effectively under pressure, prioritize and juggle multiple tasks within tight deadlines, and to deliver time-sensitive high-quality work.

- Demonstrated strength in written and oral communications in Norwegian and English and proven record in having developed or contributed to campaigns for social change, political change and fundraising purposes.
**How to apply**

Please, only apply if you can answer all **pre-screening questions** below with “yes”. Please also refer to these questions in your motivation letter.

1) Are you based in Norway (ideally Oslo)?
2) Are you fluent in Norwegian?
3) Do you have experience having worked with the Norwegian Parliament or having influenced the Norwegian Parliament?

In case of interest, please send your application (**motivation letter** and **CV**) by 27 August 2023 to gpedonorteamstcapplications@globalpartnership.org

Only complete applications with motivation letter (answering the above questions) and CV will be considered.

**Diversity and inclusion statement**

Poverty has no borders. Neither does excellence. This is why we continually search for qualified individuals with a diverse set of backgrounds from around the globe. Individuals from minority groups, indigenous groups and persons with disabilities, as well as nationals from under-represented regions are equally encouraged to apply.

We are proud to be an equal opportunity and inclusive employer with a dedicated and committed workforce, and do not discriminate based on gender, gender identity, religion, creed, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability.

GPE has a zero-tolerance policy against all forms of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment in line with its PSEAH policy.