Ms Nadi Albino, Chief of Education, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) South Africa

Ms Nadi Albino, has over 15 years of work experience in international development; specifically in gender, HIV/AIDS, education, early childhood development, child protection and social policy and planning. Her work at UNICEF includes advocacy, policy & implementation support in education. Over the years the DBE has enjoyed substantial support and collaboration from UNICEF under her leadership in support of the realisation of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), sectoral planning, capacity building, curriculum support, and strengthening management and accountability systems amongst other areas. Prior to her current position Ms Albino worked as a Chief of Section-IOC from 2005 to 2006 and an Education Officer at UNICEF from 2000-2005. She completed her education at the University of Sussex.

Ms Shirley Wakefield, CEO, Panda Keeper at Pondering Panda

Pondering Panda is a consumer insights company specialising in smart, innovative, real-time research, using mobile phones to engage with the youth. Connecting with thousands of young people daily, Pondering Panda has completed over 4.8 million interviews within their first 2 years of operating

Prior to joining Pondering Panda, Shirley was a Business Director at Instant Grass, an ethnographic research agency where she led the expansion of the agency across the Middle East & North Africa amidst the Arab Spring. A self proclaimed research geek, Shirley is a keen follower of cultural trends and an interested observer of the irrationality of human behavior. She’s passionate about the advancement of social impact initiatives through the utilisation of game changing research methodologies.

Martin Gustafsson, Researcher with the Department of Economics at Stellenbosch University and Advisor for the Department of Basic Education

Martin is a researcher with the Department of Economics at Stellenbosch University, from which he obtained his Masters degree in 2006. Currently he is completing a PhD on assessing the role of education in economic development. Martin is a part of the ReSEP team, but is based in Pretoria, where he works as an advisor for the Department of Basic Education. His areas of specialisation include the use of economics in education planning, the design of school funding policies, the economics of teacher pay, the demographics of schooling systems and cross-country comparisons of educational policy and performance.

Dr Faith Kumalo, Chief Director, Care and Support in Schools, DBE

Dr Kumalo, joined the DBE in 2008 as Chief Director for Care and Support in Schools. She oversees programmes including school nutrition, HIV, drug and substance use, school health and more recently, TB and psychosocial support.

Dr Thabo Mabogoane, Deputy Director: General, Outcomes Facilitation, Basic Education and Skills (DPME)

Thabo Mabogoane has a PhD in the Economics of Education from Syracuse University. He has been a teacher of Maths and Science and spent four years as a Policy Analyst in South Africa’s national Department of Education, before joining JET Education Services as a Senior Research Specialist in 2007. He was recruited to the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Unit in the Office of the President in August 2010.
### Programme

#### Welcome & Opening Address
08h00 - 08h30

**Reflections on the basic education sector provisioning, system performance and issues of access, equity and inclusivity**

- **08h30 SG Padayachee**
  - Acting Director-General, DBE

#### Post 2015 agenda on education in the regional development context
08h50 - 09h10

**System performance and progress: access, equity, quality and efficiency based on evidence: GEQAF, Macro Indicators and other information in the sector**

- **09h20 Dr O Chulu**
  - United Nations Development Programme

#### Discussion on items 2 and 3
09h50 - 10h20

**Learner Happiness Index**

- **10h05 Ms Nadi Albino**
  - United Nations Children’s Fund

#### Provincial perspectives on system performance and progress and issues of access, equity and inclusivity in terms of learner performance (school level)
10h20 - 10h50

**Discussion on items 4 and 5**

- **10h50 Ms Stella Mosimege**
  - North West Provincial Education Department

#### Progress in curriculum delivery and learner performance based on the analysis of national and international trends
11h10 - 11h40

**How the sector is responding (interventions) to issues around disability, mental health, HIV/AIDS and TB, nutrition, pregnancy, school safety, substance abuse and language, amongst others**

- **11h45 Mr Martin Gustafsson**
  - Office of the DG, DBE

#### Reflections on 20 years of education in South Africa and the way forward-in support of the Action Plan to 2014: Towards the Realisation of Schooling 2025 & the National Development Plan
12h10 - 12h30

**Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency (DPME)**

- **12h30 Dr T Mabogoane**

#### Discussion on items 8, 9 and 10
13h00 - 13h30

**Closing Remarks**

- **13h30 Chairperson**
  - Acting Director-General, DBE

### Date: 17 October 2013

**CH Airperson:** Chief Director of Strategic Planning, Research Coordination: Carol Nuga Deliwe