Somalia defines its priorities for new international and EU support to the education sector

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Today, an Education sector conference was held in Mogadishu and was attended by representatives of both Ministries of Education and Higher education, regional authorities, the EU, other donors, implementing partners, civil society, private education providers and academia. The Federal Government of Somalia and the donors held a joint meeting to discuss Somalia's new priorities for the new EU funded education programmes.

The technical consultative meeting on education in Mogadishu was a great success. Moreover, it allowed the Federal Government of Somalia to review the education priorities in order to better determine future EU support to the sector.

"If we want to support Somalia's future, we need to invest primarily in Somalia's children and youth, said the EU Special Envoy to Somalia, Michele Cervone d'Urso. With this new support, that is part and parcel of our New Deal engagement, the EU will indeed continue to deliver support for better access to education and training, quality of learning and the capacities of education administrations."

In line with the New Deal Compact, the EU is providing under the 11th EDF ((European Development Fund) a new envelope of 45 million EUR to education development in Somalia, an amount that will be disbursed over the Compact period 2014-2016. This in addition to the 85 million EUR that were provided for the Somali education sector under the 10th EDF (2008-2013).

The new EU support will remain aligned with the Education Sector Strategic Plans and the government´s Go-to-School Initiative. (END)

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