

Investing Strategically in Global Education A Corporate and Foundation Roundtable on Learning Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Today, leaders from 40 companies and foundations came together in New York to discuss actions and strategies to address the global learning crisis in developing countries. The crisis affects hundreds of millions of children around the world each year leaving them with little prospect of gaining the literacy, numeracy and life-skills that they need to realize their potential.

Everyone agreed that quality education is a powerful force for economic growth and opportunity, greater employment and prosperity, improved child survival and maternal health and survival, and gender equity. The leaders resolved on the need to overcome the twin deficits of access and quality through practical strategies backed by bold leadership. Organizations agreed to examine how they can work together leverage their unique assets to support a *Global Compact on Learning* aimed at improving learning outcomes and transforming the lives of the world's most marginalized children. As a concrete step forward, we commit to reconvene next year to measure progress towards meeting the goals set out in the *Global Compact on Learning*.