

Zbigniew Marciniak Former Undersecretary of State Ministry of National Education Poland

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Dear Zbigniew,

On Tuesday, February 25, we invite you to join us for a discussion on equity and domestic financing for education. The discussion will be from 1:30pm-3:30pm at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. (1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW).

Domestic public finances are by far the most important sources of financing for education (and often include significant donor resources channeled through the government budget). The way these resources are allocated and spent has a significant impact on education provision and outcomes. Many children remain excluded from a quality education in part due to financing systems that reinforce their disadvantage. This private workshop aims to present recent research on equity and financing and to discuss policy recommendations that could be supported and promoted by the global education community in the public and private sector.

We look forward to your response and hope you will join us for a dynamic conversation that will advance the state of knowledge on the importance of the financial component of global education efforts. Please confirm your participation by Wednesday, February 19, by contacting Khaled Fayyad at kfayyad@brookings.edu or 202-238-3598.

Warm Regards,

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