

**Closing Remarks Mr. Arjun Bahhadur Bhandari, Joint Secretary
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Madam Penina Mlama, UNGEI GAC co-chair and Executive Director CAMFED,
Ms. Cheryl Gregory Faye, Head of UNGEI Global Secretariat,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

- It has been a remarkable event for all of us who are committed to promoting equity, gender and quality in education.
- This meeting has proved to be a milestone for the attainment of our EFA goals.
- For Nepal it has been a great opportunity to learn from your experiences and share what we have been doing and what challenges we are facing.
- I believe that this forum has proved significant to develop our ties both at personal and professional level.
- Our countries and agencies have benefited from our deliberations and reflections on various dimensions of girls education.
- Considering the cross-cutting nature of the meeting, our engaged discussions have opened ways for continuing this discourse and setting up more effective networking at regional and global levels.
- From our deliberations, I assume that we have succeeded in identifying appropriate policy responses and strategic interventions relevant to our local needs and situation.
- Our main challenge now appears to be how we seek local solutions from the global and regional perspectives we have developed from these deliberations.
- The insights given by Reshmi Chaudhary have been source of inspiration to all of us towards seeking local solution to address the problems of multiple exclusions that our children are facing.
- The enlightening presentation of Prof Govinda has provided a kaleidoscopic view of the issues, challenges and options for addressing our local, national and regional challenges.