

Vice President Emmerson Mnangwagwa says Government is committed to improving the conditions of service for those in civil service, inclusive of education by reinstating leave days for teachers.

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The Vice president said this during the Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) celebrations held at Chipindura High school in Bindura on the 20th of July 2017.

“Government remains committed to improving the conditions of service including the issue of leave days for teachers and I urge Minister Dokora to raise it in Parliament and I will support him “he said.

The Vice president also spoke on the importance of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) in ensuring inclusive and equitable education and also reminded stakeholders that democratic and participatory governance was the cornerstone for the successful implementation of the SDGs.

He further encouraged the education sector to embrace the Zimbabwe Agenda for Sustainable Socio-Economic Transformation (ZIMASSET) vision of empowering society through entrepreneurship citing that education was an important factor in achieving the ZIMASSET.

“To realise the espoused ZIMASSET vision of a growing economic and an empowered society, stakeholders must therefore make long term strategic investments in the education sector ”.

VP Munanganwa also castigated individual organisations who were building schools for profit and highlighted that education was a public good which was supposed to be accessible to all.

“While efforts by individual organisations to build schools are noble, they should not take advantage and try to commercialise education, education should never be seen as a commodity”he said.

The GAWE celebrations were held under the theme, ‘Accountability for SDG4 and citizen participation’ and were celebrated worldwide from the 23-29 April 2017.Zimbabwe only held its national celebrations on the 20th of July this year.