

Notes: GDLN AP- Governing Committee Meeting, April 2013

Video & Audio Conference: April 17 (Wednesday), 2013

Colombo, 7:30; Dhaka, 8.00; Seoul, 11:00; Tokyo, 11:00; Washington D.C., 22:00 (April 16, Tuesday)

Chair: Mr. Phil Karp

Governing Committee members: Prof. Hai-young Yun, Mr. Tomoyuki Naito, Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury

Apologies : Ms. Linh Nguyen

Others: Mr. Juan Blázquez (Audio), Mr. Nishantha Kamaladasa, Mr. Chanuka Wategama, Ms. Catherine Shin, Ms. Fahima Khanam, Mr. Bob McDonald

Proceedings: Meeting called to order at 22.00 hrs EST April 16 by Chair: Mr. Phil Karp

Agenda:

○ **GDLN AP web presence**

While newly launched versions of GDLN Global (GDLN.org) and GDLN-Asia Pacific (GDLNAP.org) websites incorporate a number of updates and improve the overall GDLN web presence, they also point to the need for a review and update of GDLN Asia Pacific related information on both sites. A section of outdated information had been carried over to the new sites. Lack of participation from DLCs in the region for adding new program and news-related information too was noted.

Key decisions taken to remedy this:

- To start a discussion on how to present updated information, preferably avoiding duplication and in a user friendly manner, such that updates of the same information are not required on the multiple sites on which GDLN AP has a presence. This discussion will also focus on the role of GDLNAP.org site. Its contribution to marketing GDLN programs is noted but some outdated information like an outdated business plan can be counterproductive. TDLC to act once the decisions are reached.
- One time cleanup of all outdated information in all sites. (Note: TDLC now has admin rights only for GDLNAP.org site. Admin rights to other sites will be given to TDLC, by GDLN Global secretariat, for this purpose)
- The Governing Committee and DLC management to encourage more participation in the Global Ning site. It was suggested that the internal communication like meetings minutes to be published in the Ning site, instead of GDLNAP.org, but no decision was taken.

- TDLC to continue its current role in maintaining the DLC member contact information up to date (perhaps with quarterly reviews), which is being exclusively available in the GDLN.org at present.
- TDLC to prepare a note and recommendations to the Governing Committee on options for consolidation and update of the various sites.

- **Update on membership strategy implementation**

The application and evaluation process is discussed and finalised. Sri Lanka DLC to play the secretariat role for the membership subcommittee. This involves distributing the applications among members and report back to the Governing committee once the evaluation is being done. Need to provide more detailed instructions and guidelines on membership application to prospective members was emphasized to avoid confusions.

Governing Committee recommended the membership committee to follow due diligence. This is particularly because there is no fees for GDLN AP membership, as compared to other regional associations which impose a membership fee, which itself may be a screen in those cases. If necessary, more information should be sought from the applicants as a part of due diligence process by the secretariat. It was suggested that the regional meetings might function like admission committee meetings. No specific time was decided for entertaining applications. As of now they will be evaluated as and when they are received.

- **Update on Regional meeting planning process**

There is no change in the date. KDI School wishes to have an internal discussion before presenting a draft agenda. Governing Committee members were requested to join the planning group while DLCs that are not represented in the Governing Committee too can join. Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Mr. Tomoyuki Naito, Mr. Phil Karp and Mr. Juan Blázquez volunteered to be included in the planning group.

- **Update on Regional programs calendar**

Mr. Chanuka Wategama presented the update. March and early April was noted as a period of activity. There are few changes on the timing and topics of some programs. The updated calendar will be shared with TDLC asap for publication on the GDLN-AP site. Governing Committee also requested periodic updates on the programs delivered, particularly the information about participation, including which sites joined the programs and number of participants..

Meeting adjourned at 23.45 hrs EST, April 16, 2013.

Next meeting: To be announced.