

Notes: GDLN AP- Governing Committee Meeting, April 30, 2014

Face to Face: Wednesday April 30, 2014, Canberra 12.30 hrs

Chair: Mr. Phil Karp

Governing Committee members: Ms. Linh Nguyen, Prof. Hai-young Yun, Mr. Tomoyuki Naito

Others: Ms. Maree Tait, Ms. Sangeeta Gupta, Mr. Chanuka Wattagama

Not attended: Mr. Robbie D Macalde, Mr. Khan Ahmed Murshid

Proceedings: Meeting called to order at 12.30 hrs AST by Chair: Mr. Phil Karp

Agenda

- **Governing Committee Membership Rotation**

Governing Committee observed the expiration of the two year term of Bangladesh as the South Asia Region (SAR) representative, by June 30, 2014. Traditionally SAR affiliates select their representative by mutual agreement. Accordingly, Mr. Chanuka Wattagama was instructed to discuss with the rest of SAR affiliates and make a collective recommendation. It was agreed Ms. Sangeeta Gupta would attend the Governing Committee as an invitee for the interim period.

- **Creation of a permanent position for the affiliate offering Global Secretariat**

The Governing Committee unanimously agreed that the GDLN-AP charter should be amended to include a permanent position in the Committee for the affiliate offering Global Secretariat. Thus KDI Scholl will be an ex-officio member and the current position held by Prof. Hai-young Yun in the Governing Committee as one of the three East Asia Pacific (EAP) representatives becomes vacant.

- **New Governing Committee member**

The Governing Committee took following decisions regarding the vacant position:

1. Timor Leste (next in line) will not be invited at this stage, as its only affiliate still requires more time to show its active participation in GDLN activities.
2. Instead the cycle will restart with an Australian affiliate in. The invitation is for the country and not any particular affiliate. The member will be decided by the Australian affiliates. Ms. Maree Tait will report the name of the representative after discussing with other Australian affiliates.

- **Venue for the next Regional Meeting**

Ms. Linh Nguyen offered to co-host the next Regional Meeting at Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam with HCMC DLC. This was the only offer. The Governing Committee was concerned about the need to consult SAR affiliates as they already missed a turn.

No final decision was taken. Mr. Chanuka Wattagama will report after consulting the SAR affiliates whether there are any offers from SAR.

- **Continuation of the arrangement for secretarial functions**

Since July 2012 GDLN-AP secretariat functions were being jointly carried out by TDLC, KDI School and Sri Lanka DLC. The Governing Committee reviewed this arrangement and was happy

about the past performance. It also agreed to renew the contracts for another year. Governing Committee also endorsed the payment to be done to Sri Lanka DLC for the secretariat services.

- **Appreciation of the role played by Mr. Phil Karp**

The Governing Committee appreciated the active role played by Mr. Phil Karp, as the representative from World Bank (WB) in making GDNL-AP what it is now. It also noted the current transformation GDLN-AP towards a more independent organization. The Governing Committee prefers further active engagement by WB and will explore the possibilities of achieving that.

Meeting adjourned at 13.30 hrs AST.

Next meeting: To be announced