

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting**

Videoconference: December 18, 2009

**Sydney and Canberra, 13.00; Tokyo, 11.00; Manila and Beijing, 10.00; Bangkok and Hanoi, 9.00;
Colombo, 7.30, California, 18.00 (Thursday, December 17)**

Governing Committee members:

Present: Maree Tait, Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit, Phil Karp, Ryu Fukui
Apologies: Nizam

Others present:

Henry Grageda, Asian Institute of Management-WB Global DLC
Linh Nguyen, Manager, Vietnam Development Information Center
Shalika Subasinghe, Distance Learning Center Ltd, Sri Lanka
Elizabeth Ingram, GDLN Australia
Ivia Martinez, GDLN Asia Pacific Organization and Development Coordinator

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 13.00 AEDT by acting Chairperson: Maree Tait.

Manila GDLN Asia Pacific Regional Meeting agenda

After reviewing the first draft agenda for the GDLN Asia Pacific Regional Meeting in Manila, Governing Committee members offered the following suggestions:

- To have a session for GDLN Asia Pacific's new DLC partners or prospective partners. This session would be early in the week and its aim will be to provide a better understanding of how GDLN Asia Pacific works, so that new and prospective partners can be better integrated into discussions in the latter part of the week.
- New or potential partners that will be invited are: ASEAN Secretariat, APEC Secretariat, Indonesia Ministry of Finance, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and some prospective partners from Malaysia.
- Invite a World Bank Manila Country Office representative to speak on the first day.
- The WBI will get back to the Committee regarding the possibility of conducting a training session during the meeting (towards the end of the meeting). Regardless, there was a suggestion that DLCs could prepare to present their experience in the area of fundraising. A suggestion was made by a meeting participant to offer training in GEM during the meeting.
- There was a suggestion to have Linh Nguyen lead the discussion of World Bank FY10 sector programs (as part of the regional programs' discussion).
- A South Asia session could be considered.

- There should be a session for a GDLN Global Update. This session would include any updates regarding the use of GEM.
- There could also be a session on the use of ICT and multimedia to enhance GDLN products.
- Henry is working on the invitations to panelists for the meeting's first day.
- Henry has also forwarded information on two hotel options and feedback will be provided so that the administrative note can be completed.

GDLN Asia Pacific Governing Committee member rotation

- According to the Governing Committee member rotation as described in the Charter, there are two Governing Committee members up for rotation, one in 2009 and one in 2010.
- Both Governing Committee members offered to step down but the exact timing has not been decided. There was general consensus that this topic should be discussed and agreed on by the Governing Committee in Manila prior to the regional meeting's start.
- There is a suggestion to increase the number of DLCs represented in the Governing Committee from three to four. This fourth DLC would be from South Asia. This suggestion will be presented at the Manila Regional Meeting. Should it be approved, GDLN Asia Pacific Charter would have to be amended.
- Ryu expressed that he could continue in the Committee as the Japan DLC representative.
- There was a proposal to rotate the donor representative. Maree will explore the possibility of having an AusAID representative in the Committee.
- There is a suggestion to modify the wording of the Charter regarding Governing Committee member DLC rotation, so that it addresses the degree of activity and involvement in GDLN AP programs which would justify a nomination to the Governing Committee.

Changes to GDLN Asia Pacific Articles of Association

- The Thai Government has requested some changes to the GDLN Asia Pacific Articles of Association before continuing the process of legally establishing a Foundation.
- The members agreed to the changes except one which requires nominating a charity in Thailand which would receive the Foundation's assets should the Foundation be dissolved.
- Dr. Pim will make a recommendation of charities to the Committee.

World Bank sector programs Lead DLC designations

- GDLN Asia Pacific members from the East Asia and Pacific and South Asia regions submitted 19 Expressions of Interest for the 10 World Bank's FY10 sector programs.

- The review committee consisted of Phil Karp, Linh Nguyen, Kevin Tomlinson and Ivia Martinez. Linh Nguyen abstained from commenting on the programs that had received and expression of interest from the VDIC.
- The assessment criteria were threefold: assurance of high quality service to WB sector units, desire to provide an opportunity to as many interested DLCs as possible , and the aspect of capacity building. Relative priority was placed on quality of service.
- Five programs received only one expression of interest and those DLCs were assessed and their suitability to conduct the program reviewed.
- For three out of the remaining five programs, the review panel decided to assign two DLCs as co-Lead DLCs. This supports the capacity building aspect of the WB's FY10 sector programs, as well as a wider distribution of opportunities.
- A formal announcement will be sent to DLC directors and managers informing them of the review process and the Lead DLC designations. Then Linh Nguyen will send a detailed implementation package to each site.
- One South Asia DLC commented the original expression of interest announcement had not been received and will verify this with the DLC's manager.

Additional topics:

MIS working group

Le Vu cannot continue leading this project and replacement options will be presented to the Committee.

Next meeting:

In January, date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 15.00 AEDT.