

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting
Videoconference: October 26, 2009**

Tasmania, 2.00; Tokyo, 12.00; Beijing, 11.00; Bangkok and Hanoi, 10.00; Colombo, 8.00

Governing Committee members:

Present: Ryu Fukui, Liz Ingram (on Maree Tait's behalf), Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit, Phil Karp
Apologies: Nizam

Others present:

Linh Nguyen, Manager, Vietnam Development Information Center
Shalika Subasinghe, Distance Learning Center Ltd, Sri Lanka
Nishantha Kamaladasa, Distance Learning Center Ltd, Sri Lanka
Ivia Martinez, GDLN Asia Pacific Organization and Development Coordinator

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 12.00 JST by acting Chairperson: Ryu Fukui.

Regional programs update:

GDLN Australia and the Vietnam Development Information Center are co-leading two regional programs: 'GDLN Asia Pacific Professional Management Program' and 'Blended Learning Courses for Small and Medium Enterprises'.

- 'GDLN Asia Pacific Professional Management Program': GDLN Asia Pacific DLCs have been sending back their completed training needs' surveys and we expect to receive more in the next few weeks. Results will be shared with the Governing Committee once a 50% or more response rate has been reached. The next step after receiving and analyzing the results is to draft the program proposal.
- 'Blended Learning Courses for Small and Medium Enterprises': We are working with Blended Learning International and currently discussion a few proposal options. They are interested in accreditation. Once a proposal is chosen the preliminary budget will be developed and shared with the region to determine DLC interest.
- The Sri Lanka DLC has an SME project funded by the German Foundation and suggests that it would be a good idea to share the information about this program with the Foundation.

ASEAN regional programs, World Bank sectoral programs and regional program Lead DLC designations:

- The regional programs identified during the Mongolia regional meeting that had ASEAN or the World Bank listed as clients or partners were:
 1. 'Capacity Building on Economic Surveillance ASEAN'
 2. 'Climate Change and Disaster Risk'
 3. 'Gender Aspects of Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction'
 4. 'Higher Education in Asia'
- The World Bank EAP Region has undertaken a call-for proposal process for FY10 Sectoral Programs, noting ASEAN collaboration as one of the priority areas. The list and content of

proposals received necessitates some modification of the regional program list arising from the Mongolia meeting, as follows:

- ‘Capacity Building on Economic Surveillance ASEAN’ was not included in the sectoral program proposals. This is unfortunate, however, there might be future interest from ASEAN to develop it.

- ‘Climate Change and Disaster Risk’ and ‘Gender Aspects of Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction’ were combined in one program proposal: ‘Disaster Risk Management/Partnership with ASEAN’.

- ‘Higher Education in Asia’ is covered by the proposal on: ‘Skills and Higher Education Studies in East Asia – Flagship AAA’.

- Governing Committee members will provide feedback regarding how to manage the Lead DLC nominations from Mongolia for the two programs associated with EAP Sector Program proposals – namely :
 - ‘Disaster Risk Management/Partnership with ASEAN’
 - ‘Higher Education in Asia’

The rest of the regional programs proposed in Mongolia and their Lead DLC designations remain unchanged.

- Phil will get back to the Committee with information regarding whether there is a separate sectoral programs’ initiative with the South Asia GDLN region.
- In response to feedback from a consultation with GDLN AP DLCs that were involved in EAP Sector Program implementation in previous years, the EAP GDLN team is revising the coordination arrangements for this years’ programs, with the objective of having more GDLN AP input into program design. Linh Nguyen will work together with the GDLN Secretariat to liaise between DLCs and World Bank Task Team Leaders (TTLs). This new sectoral program coordination model will help ensure a high quality service to TTLs, help build the capacity of the Lead DLCs, and add to the sustainability of the Lead DLCs.
- Linh is expected to meet with TTLs in Washington DC in November for intake discussions that will address program design issues and clarify implementation plans. Soon after that visit GDLN AP members will receive details about the expression of interest process and contractual arrangements for the World Bank’s FY10 sectoral programs. There is budget allocated for FY10 sectoral programs and it should be sufficient to cover all 12 programs.

GDLN Asia Pacific MIS working group:

- Governing Committee members provided feedback on the terms of reference for the GDLN Asia Pacific working group and also nominated GDLN Australia as the non-World Bank co-located DLC representative and VDIC as the second World Bank co-located representative (the first being the TDLC). Michael Foley was nominated as the representative from the South Asia region of the GDLN.
- The next steps are to share the terms of reference with the nominated working group members for their review and decision on whether the nominations are accepted. The terms of reference will also be shared with the World Bank Institute (WBI) so that they nominate their member. Once the membership is in place Ryu will handle over to Le who will be coordinating the working group and its activities and call the first virtual meeting in November.
- Ryu mentioned that he is in communication with Han Fraeters, Nicolas Meyer and Enrique Calcagno from WBI’s GDLN Secretariat regarding the development of a separate working group called the ‘GDLN Technology Working Group’. This working group will have a global and inter-regional focus on issues such as MIS, connectivity, technical tools by using internet, relationships

with ISG, and business models for bridging. Ryu will keep the Governing Committee updated of the progress of this working group (the group membership has not been confirmed yet).

Next regional meeting:

- Some areas of the Asian Management Institute will undergo renovations from November through to January. Henry will know the proposed dates for the renovation sometime in November. The renovations might require the use of the GDLN room for AIM activities during the proposed regional meeting dates: January 25 to the 29. Should the GDLN room be unavailable, the meeting will be held at the AIM Conference Center.
- Governing Committee members will defer to Henry and AIM about recommending the most appropriate venue depending on renovations, but it would be ideal that the Governing Committee knows by mid-November.
- The Governing Committee also proposed the last week of February as a more ideal time for the meeting. Ivia is checking these proposed dates with Henry.

GDLN Asia Pacific 10% charge:

- A draft 10% GDLN Asia Pacific was emailed to Governing Committee members and some questions and points for discussion were raised at the September 14 Governing Committee meeting. During that meeting the Governing Committee agreed that this topic needed further discussion and there was one proposal to include a session in the next regional meeting. The two major points regarding the 10% charge have been summarized as follows:
 - Human and financial resources' capacity at GDLN Asia Pacific
 - Basis of the calculation of the 10% charge: revenue versus costs
- The Governing Committee agrees that waiting until the next regional meeting would be too long, since some regional programs are already on the way. Ivia will propose some online discussion options to the Governing Committee.
- In the meantime, the regional program data sheets that were completed by the Lead DLCs will be uploaded in Dropbox for sharing amongst Lead DLCs and Governing Committee members, but the revenue and cost information per sheet will be omitted until the 10% charge is clarified.
- The 10% GDLN Asia Pacific regional program charge document will be expanded to include some examples from DLC budgets that have included the charge in the past. This document will then be reviewed by a few selected DLC staff members and then again by the Governing Committee.

South Asia GDLN meeting update:

- During the regional meeting in Mongolia, GDLN Asia Pacific and GDLN South Asia agreed to have a representative at each other's Governing Committee and monthly meetings, respectively. Phil was the first GDLN Asia Pacific representative to participate in last month's GDLN South Asia meeting.
- Different models to South Asia DLC participation in GDLN Asia Pacific regional meetings were discussed and perhaps one of the two meetings per year will be subsidized and the other will be at DLCs' expense.
- In regards to the proposed January 25-29, 2010 GDLN Asia Pacific regional meeting, most of the South Asia DLCs will be hosting participants from an Academic Research Network study tour in late January and that would make it difficult to attend the regional meeting if it was held during those dates.

Next meeting:

Date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 13.00 JST.