

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting
Videoconference: June 30, 2010**

**Canberra, 12.00; Tokyo, 11.00; Ulaanbaatar, 10.00; Hanoi and Jakarta, 9.00; Colombo, 7.30,
Washington DC, 22:00 (June 29, 2010)**

Governing Committee members:

Present: Maree Tait, Sunjidmaa Jamba, Phil Karp, Ryu Fukui, Nizam, Sri Lanka Distance Learning Center Ltd. represented by Shalika Subasinghe

Others present:

Ivia Martinez, GDLN Asia Pacific

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 12.00 AEST by acting Chairperson: Maree Tait.

Sri Lanka Regional Meeting date confirmation and preliminary arrangements

- The deadline for GDLN Asia Pacific members to comment on the proposed Sri Lanka regional meeting dates was May 31st. The proposed dates were viewed favorably by the members and therefore the Sri Lanka regional meeting will be conducted during the week of November 15, 2010.
- Governing Committee members suggested that the meeting could follow a similar format to previous meetings by allocating one day to a meeting exclusive to Distance Learning Centers and at least half a day dedicated to a training session. In addition, they mentioned that the meeting should, at least in part, focus on programmatic collaboration opportunities with SA affiliates including global knowledge assistance, and on the future of the GDLN Asia Pacific Association.
- The World Bank's 2011 World Development Report on Conflict, Security and Development will be released a few weeks ahead of the regional meeting and could be the basis of one of the meeting's discussions.
- The Sri Lanka meeting will simply be categorized as a regional meeting, rather than as a general meeting or business meeting, as Governing Committee members agreed that, in practice, there is no longer a distinction between the two types of meetings, which are specified in the GDLN AP Charter.
- A list of tasks will be submitted to the host affiliate, the Sri Lanka DLC. Soon afterwards the organizing committee will develop the first agenda draft. The organizing committee should include the SA GDLN Coordinator and perhaps another SA GDLN affiliate in addition to Sri Lanka.

Plans for the GDLN Asia Pacific Association

- The Governing Committee requested a document that described the roles and expenditure of the GDLN Asia Pacific Association. This document was circulated to Governing Committee members on June 28 and discussed during the June 30th meeting.
- Governing Committee members commented that the document describes the current operations of the GDLN Asia Pacific Association and how those operations compare to the original plans.
- The Governing Committee requested that actual revenue figures are included in the document and that support to the GDLN Asia Pacific Association from specific affiliates in the region is explained in more detail. The Committee also suggested that some examples of association

models from other GDLN regions could be added to the document in order to compare their governance and financial arrangements.

- Members discussed whether the use of the term revenue is appropriate to refer to the flow of funding into the Association, at least from February 2010 onwards, because during the Manila regional meeting the membership decided the Association would be financially supported by sponsorship and/or in-kind assistance. Therefore, should future funding flows be added to the document, they will be referred to as sponsorship projections and should cover at least a three-year period.
- Another point raised was the apparent shift from the original plan for GDLN Asia Pacific Association to operate as a formal organization to the current systematized virtual network or distributed decentralized model of operations.
- The document could be the basis of a future strategy document. Some Governing Committee members referred to such future document as a strategic plan others referred to it as a business plan.

Financial transferability risk assessment of the GDLN Asia Pacific Foundation

- During the May 6 Governing Committee Meeting, members agreed to obtain additional information regarding the ease of transferring funds to and from the future GDLN Asia Pacific bank account.
- Thailand solicitors reiterated that all financial transactions are ruled by the Exchange Control Act of Thailand and have provided the Governing Committee an electronic copy of the document. They are also preparing a memo for the Committee which summarizes the Act's main points as applicable to GDLN Asia Pacific.
- The memo will be distributed to Governing Committee members prior to their next meeting.

GDLN Global Communications Group update

- The GDLN Global Communications Group is testing a social network via the 'Ning' platform. It is similar to social sites such as Facebook and My Space.
- Currently it has 44 members from all GDLN regions and has several working groups, including Communications, Business Development and Technology. It has a calendar of events, allows uploads of photos and videos and also allows discussion forums.
- Membership is open but a global announcement has not been made yet.
- The website link is: <http://gdln-global.ning.com>

GDLN AP Professional Management Training Program, Bali, Indonesia update

- The training program was conducted from June 23-25, 2010 with 58 participants from GDLN Indonesia (including the four original DLCs + INHERENT), Indonesia Ministry of Finance, ASEAN Secretariat, the Ho Chi Minh City DLC, the International Poverty Reduction Center in Beijing, and the Bangladesh DLC.
- Due to the large number of participants the organizers delivered the training to two groups, managerial and technical. The evaluations of the training were very positive and the organizers learned more about INHERENT operations.
- Nizam, as the leader of the INHERENT delegation, closed the training program by indicating that six of the INHERENT nodes would be equipped with the required resources to become active members of GDLN Asia Pacific and to work more closely with GDLN Indonesia.
- He also mentioned that representatives from five MCU INHERENT nodes will be joining the GDLN Asia Pacific Technical group.
- While in Bali, Phil Karp attended a meeting of the Asia Network for Capacity Building in Health Systems Strengthening (ANHSS). Four members of this network are also members of GDLN

Asia Pacific, from the EAP and SA regions. Phil reported that the ANHSS has agreed to work with and use GDLN for its internal meetings and also for training of trainers' activities.

Next meeting: Date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 14.30 AEST.