

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

Videoconference: November 30, 2009

**Sydney and Canberra, 3.30; Tokyo, 1.30; Manila and Beijing, 12.30; Bangkok, Jakarta and Hanoi,
11.30; Colombo, 10.00**

Governing Committee members:

Present: Maree Tait, Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit, Phil Karp, Nizam, Eiko Wataya and Lucy King on behalf of Ryu Fukui

Apologies: Ryu Fukui

Others present:

Arist Caruana, GDLN Asia Pacific Treasurer

Henry Grageda, Asian Institute of Management-WB Global DLC

Linh Nguyen, Manager, Vietnam Development Information Center

Shalika Subasinghe, Distance Learning Center Ltd, Sri Lanka

Nishantha Kamaladasa, Distance Learning Center Ltd, Sri Lanka

Elizabeth Ingram, GDLN Australia

Ivia Martinez, GDLN Asia Pacific Organization and Development Coordinator

Eiko Wataya, Program Officer, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Lucy King, Deputy Director, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 12.30 GMT+8 by acting Chairperson: Phil Karp.

Regional programs update:

“Health Human Resource Development”: Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Global DLC (Henry Grageda)

Background: This program was proposed within the context of a growing need in the SEA region for health human resources and exploring the idea presented in the ASEAN Charter to have mutual recognition of credentials across its member countries. AIM GDLC is collaborating with the World Bank office in Manila to identify health reform parameters in the region and also on the topic of exporting health expertise overseas, such as nurses and doctors. In addition, the AIM GDLC is working on documenting a program that ties specialists from a Manila hospital with rural health unit counterparts in a province North of Manila via internet and mobile telephony.

- The Sri Lanka, Hanoi and Japan DLCs and Indonesia GDLN expressed interest in collaborating with Henry in this program and Henry expressed that a South Asia and East Asia program might be possible.
- Three suggestions were offered: to consult with our ASEAN liaison officer regarding this program, to narrow down the focus of the program and to develop a concept note. Henry might consider focusing on the certification framework for nursing in different countries and also mentioned some online modules could be part of the program’s second stage.

- AIM GDLC will develop and circulate a concept note for further input.

‘GDLN Asia Pacific Professional Management Program’: GDLN Australia and the Vietnam Development Learning Center (Elizabeth Ingram and Linh Nguyen)

Background: In recognition of the expansion of GDLN Asia Pacific and the ever increasing number of affiliates, a suite of courses aimed at maximising the capacity of affiliates to deliver high quality products and professional services is under development. ‘Training needs’ survey results listed management as the number one training priority in the region. A proposal has been drafted, it considers two delivery options for Phase 1 of the program: as part of the Manila regional meeting in February or a separate event in March. GDLN Australia could host the event in March.

- Governing Committee members and participants expressed the need to clarify how the program will meet the training needs of affiliates in the SA and EAP regions, with various levels of experience and also the needs of in-country networks. Also, how it will meet specific training requests that have been identified and communicated by some affiliates.
- Some Governing Committee members supported the idea of conducting the program separately from the regional meeting.
- GDLN Indonesia indicated there might be potential funding support.
- The possibility of conducting the training event in Indonesia or China was mentioned.
- The possibility of consulting with WBI (GDLN Global Secretariat) regarding similar training programs that they have previously delivered was also mentioned.
- GDLN Australia will review the proposal in light of the discussion and circulate to the Governing Committee.

Regional Business Meeting: Manila, Philippines February 22 – 26, 2010:

- The Governing Committee thanked Henry Grageda and the Asian Institute of Management Global DLC for hosting the GDLN Asia Pacific Regional Business Meeting to be held on February 22- 26, 2010.
- Henry Grageda would like to explore the opportunity for AIM’s Board of Directors to take part in the event, since their annual meeting coincides with the dates in February. There are also students from AIM’s Development Management Program who could benefit from attending the meeting. There was a suggestion to allocate the morning of the first day of the meeting or the first day of the meeting to AIM.
- Some Governing Committee members mentioned that as there are several new partners, who have recently joined or intend to join GDLN-AP (including the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, APEC Secretariat, ASEAN Secretariat and the Indonesia Ministry of Finance Training Department), who are likely to attend the meeting, it might be advisable to have a parallel session for new partners
- Some participants expressed that the Regional Business Meeting was traditionally a closed meeting to discuss DLC internal matters and regional business through the entire duration of the meeting (rather than having a specific ‘DLC day’).
- There was a suggestion of having a training session on the last day of the meeting, and that WBI could be approached for a potential collaboration.
- South Asia GDLN AP members will meet on December 2nd and get back to the Committee regarding their potential participation in the meeting.

World Bank FY10 sectoral programs and regional program Lead DLC designations:

- The World Bank EAP Region undertook a call-for proposal process for FY10 Sector Programs in October and as a result, 12 proposals were put forth. 10 by sector units and 2 by country departments.
- Linh Nguyen met with Task Team Leaders in Washington DC in November for intake discussions to discuss program design and implementation plans. Since then, one of the programs has been removed from the list and therefore there are 11 programs in total.
- One of the programs is a continuation of a FY09 sector program and will be managed by the same Task Team Leader, therefore it will be pre-assigned to last year's Lead DLC: the TDLC.
- The remaining 10 programs will undergo an Expression of Interest process that will be open to EAP and SAR GDLN affiliates.
- The nature of some programs will require that Expressions of Interest are limited to affiliates working in a specific country or group of countries. This will be clarified as part of the Expressions of Interest package that will be sent out later this week.
- Participants emphasized the need to provide equal opportunity to all affiliates to submit Expressions of Interest and requested more information about how the Lead DLC designations would be assigned.
- Each affiliate will be able to submit up to three Expressions of Interest. The time frame for responses will be two-weeks. The World Bank will make a recommendation for Lead DLC designations based on selection criteria such as experience with programs related to the same topic –not just limited to experience with sector programs, access to relevant local contacts, amongst others. When making its recommendation, the World Bank will balance equal opportunity with the DLC's ability to service the client, as the primary selection criteria. The GDLN Asia Pacific Governing Committee will be consulted regarding the Bank's recommendation. Lead DLCs will then receive an implementation package which will include budget guidelines.
- There was a suggestion to perhaps offer the opportunity for each affiliate to submit up to five Expressions of Interest. The presenters clarified that perhaps it would be difficult for one affiliate to write five Expressions of Interest in a two-week period and also difficult to implement.
- The World Bank's budgeting of the programs includes provision for the 10% GDLN Asia Pacific charge. These funds will be retained for future use by GDLN Asia Pacific.

Next meeting:

In December, date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 14.30 GMT+8.