

Governing & Planning Committee Meeting
New Affiliation Strategy & GDLN Asia Pacific Regional Meeting: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Video & Audio Conference: December 18, 2012 (Tuesday)
Canberra, 14:00; Colombo, 8:30; Dhaka, 9:00; Hanoi, 10:00; New Delhi, 8:30; Seoul, 12:00;
Tokyo, 12:00; Washington D.C., 22:00 (Monday, December 17)

Governing & Planning Committee members: Mr. Phil Karp, Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Dr. Hye-Kyung Chung, Ms. Linh Nguyen, Mr. Tomoyuki Naito, Mr. Juan Blázquez (Audio)

Representatives of Global Board members: Ms. Maree Tait, Mr. Vinod Bhargava

Apologies: None

Others: Mr. Nishantha Kamaladasa, Mr. Chanuka Wattedgama, Ms. Catherine Shin, Ms. Asako Sato

Proceedings: Meeting called to order at 10.00 am Hanoi time December 18, by acting Chairperson: Ms. Linh Nguyen.

Agenda:

GDLN Affiliation Strategy Implementation

- Salient points of the GDLN-AP Membership Implementation Plan drafted by Ms. Maree Tait and Mr. Vinod Bhargava with input from Mr. Phil Karp (and pre-circulated) were summarized to the Governing Committee.
 - i. Current affiliates will automatically retain their membership
 - ii. Regional association representatives are to report the progress of membership status and performance to Global Board annually. A traffic light system will be used: Green (engaging in 3 or more events), Yellow (1-2 events) or Red (none)
 - iii. Clarification of membership treatment of in-country networks. No restrictions on the number of in-country networks or members from a given country or city
 - iv. Membership sub-committee to receive and assess applications before they make recommendations to Governing Committee. Constitution: 2 from East Asia/Pacific; 1 from South Asia. Membership rotates each 2 year period.
- The GDLN-AP Membership Implementation Plan document will be circulated in advance among the affiliates. This will give them an opportunity to internally discuss it within their organisations and come prepared to Regional Meeting in Dhaka with suggestions
- As some affiliates may be new to the Affiliation Strategy and Implementation Plan, to prevent a possible confusion, the Implementation Plan document should go with a covering note that explains the background. Ms. Maree Tait and Mr. Vinod Bhargava agreed to prepare the covering note.
- Section 9 of the document is to be revised to include the agreed consultation process.
- The plan will be discussed in detail at the Dhaka Regional Meeting on the backdrop of the GDLN board decisions. It was agreed the discussions will be done by multiple groups focusing on

specific sections of the document. The group formation process will be worked out by Maree Tait and Vinod Bhargava, who will organize the discussion.

- It was agreed to fine tune the Dhaka regional meeting Agenda to allow more time for the discussion (if necessary) on the Implementation plan and arrive at conclusions.

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- Governing and Planning Committee was briefed about the progress of organizing the event. An updated version of the Agenda is shared. 33 participants have confirmed. The reservations were held till December 20, 2012 for anyone who wants to join at the last minute.
- Program Marketplace session format is decided: No one to one meetings between presenters and receivers as happened in Shanghai. Rather, the format will include presentations at plenary followed by opportunity for small group discussion, as in the Delhi and Tanzania meetings. Mr. Chanuka Wattagama will organize the session and collect presentation slides.
- Governing Committee will meet briefly during the lunch, Day 2. Inter alia, it will discuss possible venues for the next regional meeting.
- Suggested: Program Quality Assurance session at 10.45 am, Day 2 to come after the GDLN Affiliation Strategy Discussion, as quality Assurance is related to the affiliation strategy. But the consensus was to maintain the schedule as per the draft agenda that was circulated.
- Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury and Dr. Hye-Kyung Chung to discuss and agree on the details on the session on BRAC showcase.
- Suggested: Not to move to the World Bank office for the workshop on Day 3 due to time constrains. Mr. Juan Blázquez said it would be better if the group visit the Bank office, but agreed to explore other possibilities.
- Requested: The workshop ‘The Art of Knowledge Exchange’ to be shared among interested DLCs via Video conferencing. Mr. Juan Blázquez will explore the possibility with the presenter, but not too sure as traditionally the workshop is for 20-25 participants.

Meeting adjourned at 15:55 am Hanoi time, December 18, 2012

Next meeting: (Face to face) 12:15 am, January 9, 2013 in Dhaka