

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

**Video & Audio Conference: November 19, 2012**  
**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., 23:00 (Sunday, November 18)**

**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), Ms. Asako Sato

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

**Others:** Mr. Nishantha Kamaladasa, Mr. Chanuka Wategama, Ms. Catherine Shin

**Apologies:** None

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 23.00 EST November 18, by acting Chairperson: Phil Karp.

**Agenda:**

**GDLN Affiliation Strategy Implementation**

- It was agreed that Governing Committee should establish a formal process for admitting new affiliates.
- Creation of a membership sub-committee is proposed and endorsed by the Governing Committee. Its responsibilities will be to evaluate applications for membership received by or referred to GDLN AP and recommend approval/rejection. . Preparation of a TOR is proposed.
- The Governing Committee was informed of the GDLN board's discussion on the need to maintain a balance between the quantitative and qualitative improvements of the GDLN network. While addition of new members is desirable, it should not compromise the quality of the network.
- The need to get right kind of members is emphasized. Several Governing Committee members noted that this requires proactive marketing.
- The affiliation management strategy adopted by the Global Board includes a provision for performance assessment. Details are left up to the Regional Associations. A performance classification should be agreed upon for GDLN AP. It was decided to allocate adequate time to discuss the quality and performance aspects at Dhaka GDLN Regional Meeting. Ms. Maree Tait and Mr. Vinod Bhargava agreed to take the lead in the discussion.
- The possibility of allowing affiliates from Middle East countries (where there is no Regional Association) to join GDLN AP will be explored. This issue will be further discussed at the Dhaka meeting.
- January 2013 is proposed as the deadline to agree on the process for implementation of the affiliation strategy in GDLN AP.
- It was agreed to have a discussion paper before the Dhaka meeting. This necessitates another Governing Committee meeting before Dhaka event. It was decided to have this on mid-December. DLC-Sri Lanka to coordinate and arrange.

## **GDLN Asia Pacific Regional Meeting**

- Governing Committee was informed about the arrangements. Conference dates are confirmed (January 8-10), January 11 is reserved for an excursion of educational value. Hotel has been selected (Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Dhaka). The welcome dinner is on January 7 and a cultural program is arranged on day 2 evening. The day 3 will include a training workshop, to be held at the World Bank Country Office.
- A detailed meeting agenda is shared and discussed.
- The meeting, as usual, begins with showcasing local experience. It was suggested to focus more on e-learning. It was also agreed to explore the possibility of other centers presenting their own experience in e-learning, complementing BRAC's presentation.
- Importance of the regional program market place session was raised. Time allocation for the session will be decided upon the reception of the information on new programs in the pipeline.
- Time to be allocated for taking a group photo.
- BRAC, with the consultation of Mr. Juan Blázquez is expected to come up with an updated version of the agenda that incorporated the suggestions, at the next Planning Committee meeting.
- Logistics: 40 nos. rooms have been tentatively reserved. Hotel transport will be available at the airport. BRAC PR Department and student volunteers are ready to provide any additional support required. Other logistics arrangements are being made. More information will be shared offline.

Meeting adjourned at 00:50 EST, November 19.

Next meeting: To be announced.