

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting
Videoconference: September 14, 2009**

Canberra and Sydney, 11.30; Tokyo, 10.30; Bangkok and Makassar, 8.30; Colombo, 7.00

Governing Committee members:

Present: Ryu Fukui, Maree Tait, Dr. Pimrumpai Premsmit

Apologies: Phillip Karp, Nizam

Others present:

Arist Caruana, GDLN Asia Pacific Treasurer

Muhammad Iqbal Djawad, Hasanuddin University (Makassar) DLC

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 8.30 GMT+7 by acting Chairperson: Dr. Pimrumpai Premsmit.

Malaria regional program update:

- Mr Muhammad Iqbal Djawad, Manager Hasanuddin University (Makassar) DLC reported that Hasanuddin University's Faculty of Medicine has successfully obtained a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (NITD - Eijkman Institute - Hasanuddin University Clinical Research Initiative (NEHCRI)) and that the Faculty has agreed to partially fund the malaria program with this grant.
- The program will be implemented in February 2010. Pak Iqbal and Pak Nizam have met to begin planning discussions and also to explore other sources of funding from the corporate sector.
- Pak Iqbal requested assistance planning the event and the Governing Committee agreed to assign a sub-committee to help. The following GDLN Asia Pacific members were nominated for the sub-committee: Liz Ingram (GDLN Australia), Linh Nguyen (VDIC, Hanoi) and one TDLC representative.
- The Committee inquired if there was flexibility on the program scope, since there is synergy between the malaria topic and other initiatives in the region. Pak Iqbal also requested assistance in contacting a Japan-based speaker.

World Bank sectoral programs update (this item will be further discussed in the next Governing Committee meeting):

- The World Bank's East Asia and Pacific Regional Management Team has endorsed the continuation of Sector Programs for this fiscal year and has allocated budget for it. Task Team Leaders will submit event proposals by October 15th.

- The GDLN Secretariat has offered to assist with the design and coordination of sectoral programs between Task team Leaders and DLCs in the region. It is envisioned that DLCs will participate in program design.

GDLN Asia Pacific MIS working group:

- The TDLC has confirmed Le Vu, as Sr. Technical Advisor to TDLC, will chair the GDLN Asia Pacific MIS working group and other TDLC colleagues can support the group with secretariat functions. Le Vu will also be the technical resource person. The TDLC agrees with the proposed working group member composition discussed in the August 4th Governing Committee meeting, namely one from Bank co-located DLC in EAP, one non-Bank co-located DLC in EAP, one DLC in SAR, one ISG, and one WBI.
- The TDLC foresees that the MIS working group would come up with recommendations to GDLN AP on doable actions in coming 6 to 12 months, so that the results would be visible, based on discussions from the mid- to long-term perspective about regional MIS. Given the current ICT architecture in GDLN AP characterized by ‘two hub’ operations by TDLC and Washington NOC, the working group would focus on measures how the regional MIS is enhanced or upgraded to the next level in order to serve to the demand more effectively.
- The next step is a review of the original concept paper and development of draft Terms of Reference to be distributed amongst Committee members. Once the draft Terms of Reference are prepared by the leadership of Le Vu, the TDLC will circulate among Committee members and request appointment of the working group members.

Regional programs data sheets update:

- The Governing Committee proposed to continue having a regional program data sheet summary at each meeting and also to continue inviting a Lead DLC to attend each meeting.
- The data sheets are intended to be shared between the Governing Committee members and each Lead DLC. Lead DLCs will not have access to other Lead DLCs data sheets but may have access to the summary of all sheets. Data sheets will be shared via Dropbox.
- GDLN Australia and the Sri Lanka DLC gave a brief update of their regional programs:
 - GDLN Australia:**
 - Blended Learning Courses for Small and Medium Enterprises: A budget has been developed and shared with their co-Lead DLC VDIC, Hanoi. Content providers have been secured.
 - GDLN Asia Pacific Professional Management Program: A training needs assessment is being conducted in the EAP and SA regions. Funding proposal will follow.
 - Sri Lanka DLC:**
 - Best practices of Human Resource Management in the Public Sector: Contacting the proposed partner in Singapore. Sri Lanka’s

Commonwealth Secretariat has agreed to fund the program locally.
GDLN Australia offered to partner with the Sri Lanka DLC.

- Asia Regional Integration Series: Awaiting feedback from client (World Bank).

GDLN Asia Pacific 10% charge:

- A draft GDLN Asia Pacific 10% charge document was emailed to Governing Committee members for comment.
- Committee members raised three main issues for further discussion: GDLN Asia Pacific's long term strategy, current capacity (human and financial resources) and the basis of calculating the charge as described in the GDLN Asia Pacific charter.
- While the discussion will continue amongst Governing Committee members, this topic will also have to be raised at the next regional meeting.

Next meeting:

Regional program Lead DLC designations.

Date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 10.00 GMT+7.