

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers  
Governing Committee Meeting Agenda  
Videoconference: April 26, 2007  
Sydney and Canberra, 11:00; Bangkok, 8:00; Beijing, 9:00; Tokyo, 10:00;  
Washington, DC, 21:00 (April 25, 2007)**

**Governing Committee members:**

Present: Maree Tait, Zhu Zhengxuan, Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit, Ryu Fukui, Colin Lonergan

Apologies: None

**Others present:**

Ravi Corea, Senior Advisor, AP GDLN

Ivia Martinez, Capacity Building Officer, EAP GDLN

Monika Weber-Farr, Manager, GDLN, The World Bank

Michael Foley, GDLN, Regional Coordinator South Asia

Sherry Kennedy, Communications Officer, GDLN, The World Bank

Naomi Koike, Team Assistant, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Eiko Wataya, Program Coordinator, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Tianxiu Kang, WBI Program Assistant, World Bank Institute, World Bank Office, Beijing

Achara Kuwinpant, Training Coordinator, Chulalongkorn University DLC

Elizabeth Ingram, Training Coordinator, Australian National University DLC

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AEDT by acting Chairperson: Colin Lonergan.

February 14, 2007 minutes approved on March 13, 2007.

*Comments to current meeting agenda:*

- It was noted that the Governing Committee had agreed in advance (at the Singapore meeting) to the use of Open Space facilitation at the regional meeting.
- Add discussion on networks within network, specifically the China network, perhaps on Day 1.
- Endorsement of strategic plan does not need to happen on Day 1.
- There should be enough consensus on the messages from Day 1 before going to partners on Day 2. A more formal endorsement for the strategic plan could be obtained on Day 2.
- Discussion with partners could have a sectoral focus and the main goals of the strategic plan could be presented from a sectoral perspective. Innovation should be a theme for discussions with partners.
- It would benefit the region to review a draft of the strategic plan in advance to the meeting.
- Open Space may not be the most appropriate facilitation style for the afternoon of Day 2 if there are some senior officials still present at that stage. It is highly likely that Chinese officials will be present for the entire Day 2. Perhaps it would

- be important to find out who will attend before deciding which type of facilitation will be most appropriate.
- Regardless of the format, Day 2 must be organized so that we obtain results with new and existing partners.
  - The GDLN global governance discussion could happen on Day 1 instead of Day 3.

*Comments on the regional meeting's logistics:*

- Chinese invitees at the Vice Minister level and above will need an invitation letter earlier. Naomi Koike will follow up.
- Consensus emerged towards using posters and booths to present the achievements of the region's DLCs, rather than having presentations by each DLC.
- The venue for the meeting will be the 28<sup>th</sup> floor of Fukoku Seimei Building and the TDLC. Accommodation options are still being considered although a tentative booking has been made for 100 rooms (70 rooms at USD\$200/night and 30 rooms at USD \$170/day, all inclusive of breakfast).
- There are three public relations firms being considered to assist in the use of meeting rooms, disseminating the message, plus designing and developing the posters and booths.
- Interpretation needs will be assessed.
- Naomi Koike will be the contact point for the event logistics such as invitations, accommodation, etc.
- The contact point for the booths and posters will be decided in the next couple of days.
- The GDLN team in Washington DC is available for consultations on meeting logistics and content.

*Comments on GDLN global governance:*

- GDLN/World Bank's role remains essential in GDLN governance. However it should focus on global and inter-regional issues, and leave the regional issues to the respective regions. While having GDLN consultations, the regional GDLN Coordinator plus at least one representative DLC from each region should be involved.
- Each region should have a representative in the consultative group. The consultative group or a governing committee would be the major decision making body.
- Headquarters should still have a quality assurance role for the global organization.
- The global governance discussion could be brought up to the region face to face at the June meeting (rather than discussing it prior to the meeting via a VC or e-discussions) and then be followed up after the meeting.

**Next steps:**

Colin Lonergan will incorporate comments to the agenda and circulate to the Governing Committee and others present by the end of the day for review and comments. Final agenda will be distributed to the entire region on Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. The GDLN global governance discussion will be introduced to the region at the June meeting.

**Next meeting:**

Date to be announced.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:45 AEDT**