

# Expectations from the EAP Group - South Asian View

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# South Asia

- It has many things in common with rest of the Asia and hence with EAP
- It has specific issues that are not found in the rest of Asia

# South Asia

- Least integrated region in the whole world in terms of trade
- Centre periphery polarization is still emerging
- Hence leaderless

# South Asia – Specific Issues

- Civil wars and ethnic conflicts
- Terrorism
- Mistrust between states – history full of disputes

# South Asia – Short term

- It is unlikely that an independent strong SA region could emerge immediately

# South Asia – Long term

- As issues are specific it is necessary for it to emerge as a special block
- Though it might not happen for sometime

# Current Option

- External leadership is required to bridge the gap
- GDLN as a body or EAP as a regional association can fill the gap

# What we expect

- Assistance until SA emerges as a block
- Consider it as a distinct group within a large EAP
- Help it to overcome the challenges now it faces
  - Integration
  - Civil strife



# What we could do

- Be a recipient of the programs
- Be an initiator for others to develop programs
- Share our experiences in certain areas where we might have comparative advantage

# Need Analysis

- Macro Needs
- Structural Changes in the Public Sector/ Education Sector / Governance
- Policy level
- Impact is high
- Probability of success is low
- Long programs
- Our expectation
- Micro Needs
- Capacity building in micro-finance, productivity, etc
- Technical level
- Impact is less
- Probability of success is high
- Short programs
- What is currently provided

# Need Analysis for Policy Level Initiatives

- Knowledge orientation
- Invitees
- Short term
- Issue based
- Fruits
- Effects
- Knowledge as the motivator
- Action orientation
- Specific stakeholders
- Long term
- System based
- Roots
- Cause
- Firm Motivator – leading to a certificate

# Demand driven training solutions for sustainability- Mechanism

- Client – specifying requirements
- Advocacy – sponsors ready for funding
- Designers – capable of producing
- Delivery Partners- capable of facilitating
- Certification – strong enough to attract
- Technological providers – capable to break the technology limitations
- Administrators – able to coordinate