

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting
Videoconference: February 20, 2008
Sydney and Canberra, 12:00; Bangkok, 8:00; Beijing, 9:00; Tokyo, 10:00**

Governing Committee members:

Present: Maree Tait, Madam Xuezhen Sun, Ryu Fukui, Colin Lonergan, Phillip Karp
Apologies: Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit

Others present:

Montira Narkvichien, GDLN AP Business Development Manager
Ivia Martinez, GDLN AP Coordinator
Achara Kuwinpant, Training Coordinator, Chulalongkorn University DLC
Elizabeth Ingram, Training Coordinator, Australian National University DLC
Peter Yates, Communications Coordinator, Australian National University DLC

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 12:00 AEDT by acting Chairperson: Colin Lonergan.

World Bank contracts:

- Now that the sectoral programs have been assigned to DLCs in the region, Montira Narkvichien will report the Governing Committee's decision to the DLCs. The Governing Committee is supportive of the selection process carried out and will be available to answer follow up inquiries from DLCs.
- The Governing Committee will continue discussions of who should be the focal point for the sectoral programs. A suggestion was made to put the Task Team Leaders (TTLs) in direct communication with a contact point in each DLC. It was noted that this has been done in the past with mixed results and thus it should be carefully considered. While a decision is made, Mr. Fukui will be meeting with TTLs as part of an upcoming mission to Washington, D.C.
- A suggestion was made to develop a mechanism to assess the performance of DLCs this year in implementing the sectoral programs. Mr. Lonergan will speak with Jiping Zhang and enquire about this.
- Mrs. Tait offered for the ANU DLC to work together with the Hasanuddin DLC in its assigned sectoral program. The Governing Committee is very appreciative of this offer and collaboration within the network.

World Bank Institute meeting in Washington, D.C.:

- In October 2007, Sarah Cliff, Director, Office of the Regional East Asia and Pacific (Jeff Guttman's replacement in the World Bank) discussed with Colin and Ravi the challenges GDLN computer-based systems present to Bank Task Team Leaders. As a result, Han Fraeters has called a high level WBI meeting and requested two members of the GDLN AP to participate.
- The Governing Committee agrees that a representative from the TDLC with substantial experience with the various systems involved should attend. As a

second attendee, Mrs. Tait proposed Achara Kuwinpant, Liz Ingram and Nuong Dieu Nguyen. It was noted that the second representative should also be experienced with GDLN systems and that it could be important that a non-collocated DCL attends as their experience with systems is somewhat different than a collocated DLC.

- Discussions to choose a second representative will continue via email.

GDLN AP website:

- Montira Narkvichien sent four GDLN AP website templates to the Governing Committee for their comments. The templates were kindly created by Shunsuke Ishida and Bob McDonald.
- The Governing Committee appreciates the progress made and all the work involved so far. Comments provided can be summarized as follows:
 - Logos are quite different on each template
 - Vision language is different from what was agreed to in March 2007 at the Singapore Governing Committee meeting.
 - It seems that the Governing Committee needs to take one step back and agree on key messages, image and functionality.
- Montira Narkvichien suggested follow up comments to be made via the GDLN AP's Discussion Forum available at the GDLN AP website hosted by www.jointokyo.org. All comments made via the Discussion Forum will be archived and thus it provides an easier way to track discussions than via emails. In the meantime, she will report the Governing Committee's comments to Bob McDonald.

Other topics:

GDLN AP Regional meeting in Fiji:

- Costs to hold the entire meeting in Nadi are prohibitive. However, since all participants will have to arrive in Nadi in order to get to Suva, there could potentially be a one day meeting of DLCs in Nadi prior to flying to Suva. Otherwise, the first day of meetings in Suva could be for DLCs to have discussions amongst themselves.
- Mr. Lonergan will circulate a draft meeting agenda to the Governing Committee.

GDLN Indonesia launch:

- There will be a world-wide GDLN Indonesia launch on the first week of May. This is a high level event and amongst those expected to attend are: the President of the World Bank, the Deputy Prime Ministers of Australia and Vietnam, and the Secretary General of ASEAN.

Next meeting:

Date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 13:00 AEDT