

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting
Videoconference: May 29, 2008
Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne 16:00; Beijing, 14:00; Bangkok, 13:00**

Governing Committee members:

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

Others present:

Arist Caruana, Senior Resource Management Analyst, World Bank, Sydney
Achara Kuwinpant, Training Coordinator, Chulalongkorn University-GDLN
Ravi Corea, Senior Business Advisor, EAP GDLN
Ivia Martinez, GDLN AP Coordinator

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 16:00 AEDT by acting Chairperson: Maree Tait.

GDLN Asia Pacific Directors:

- The Governing Committee further discussed the Thai Government requirement of designating three Directors as the legal representatives of a Foundation in Thailand.
- Based on information from GDLN AP's solicitors in Thailand, it was clarified that the duties of the President, Vice President and Treasurer described by the Thai Government in the Articles of Association template cannot be changed. However, the solicitors also clarified that additional information could be added to the template, including further specification of duties.
- Therefore, the Governing Committee agreed to continue being the main decision making body of the GDLN AP and to nominate three Directors, who will perform statutory duties as laid out in the Articles of Association, follow all provisions of the GDLN AP Charter, and follow all directives from the Governing Committee.
- As per a suggestion from the GDLN AP solicitors, the Governing Committee will consider having the three Directors sign a trust agreement to further clarify their duties and relationship with the Governing Committee.
- The Government Committee agreed that the current Charter will need to be amended in order to reflect the new Directors' role and nomination process.
- The process by which the GDLN AP consults with its members about nomination of the three Directors was also discussed. It was agreed that an email would be sent via the EAPDLC discussion list to explain the process so far, including the names of three nominees for the members' consideration. The Governing Committee will seek approval of the nominations at the July GDLN AP meeting.

GDLN Steering Committee report:

- As GDLN AP's representative in the Global Steering Committee, Maree Tait briefed the Governing Committee on the proposal document and presentation: "Professionalizing GDLN global governance and services".
- The documents have been distributed to DLC Managers in the region and will be presented at the GDLN AP regional meeting in July.

GDLN Asia Pacific regional meeting, Day 1:

- Governing Committee members discussed a potential agenda for day 1 of the GDLN AP regional meeting, which has been called the DLC Managers' meeting.
- A combination of a session where DLCs set an agenda plus a more structured session with a pre determined agenda was favored. Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit and Maree Tait will work together to finalize the details for this day.

Next meeting:

To be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 17:30 AEDT