

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting
Videoconference: April 2, 2008
Sydney and Canberra, 13:30; Bangkok, 9:30; Tokyo, 11:30**

Governing Committee members:

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

Others present:

Montira Narkvichien, GDLN AP Business Development Manager
Ivia Martinez, GDLN AP Coordinator
Elizabeth Ingram, Training Coordinator, Australian National University DLC (audio)
Peter Yates, Communications Coordinator, Australian National University DLC
Ravi Corea, EAP GDLN Senior Advisor (audio)

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 13:30 AEDT by acting Chairperson: Maree Tait.

GDLN Global Governing Committee:

- Maree Tait is representing the GDLN AP in the GDLN Global Governing Committee. During their last meeting, Han Fraeters proposed a methodology for the production of a document outlining the functions of the global level representative group, ways of organizing that group in order to perform such functions in an efficient way, how the group relates to the World Bank Group, and how it will be financed.
- For the next GDLN Global Governing Committee, all regions have been asked to present which functions they would like to see represented within the list of functions of the global representative group. Maree facilitated a discussion around the following proposed functions: Governance, Coordination and Logistics, Communications and Branding, Quality Control, and Fundraising.
- The results of the discussion will be circulated amongst GDLN AP Governing Committee members for review early next week.

GDLN AP Business Report:

- Montira Narkvichien reported that the proposal to the Thai Government Savings Bank (GSB) is being submitted this week for a USD \$100,000 sponsorship of the MFTtoT5 course. A presentation to the GSB's Board of Directors has also been requested sometime later this month. Montira will forward the proposal to GDLN AP's Governing Committee members in a confidential basis.
- The GSB has also expressed interest in observing a session of VDIC's and ANU's Leadership Skill Development course. There are plans for them to observe a session at the CU-GDLN.

- Montira has discussed the possibility of exploring business development opportunities with Ms. Mariana del Hierro from GDLN's LAC region. Montira will keep the Governing Committee members informed of these discussions.

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

- Ravi Corea and Le Vu have been working on a simple booking system that interfaces with GEM as a potential solution to the issues raised in regards to the end-user complexity of the current system. This system could initially be trialed in the region.
- One important point is the question of who will handle future scheduling for this region. There has been some discussion about this topic between the TDLC and scheduling staff in Washington DC.
- Representatives to attend this meeting have yet to be chosen.

Other topics:

GDLN AP business development work plan:

- Montira will circulate the GDLN AP's business development work plan to the Governing Committee members.

Next meeting:

Date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 15:30 AEDT