

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting**

Videoconference: November 11, 2008

Canberra 12:00; Tokyo, 10:00; Bangkok, 8:00, Washington, D.C. 20:00 (November 10)

Governing Committee members:

Present: Maree Tait, Phillip Karp, Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit, Ryu Fukui

Apologies: Madam Xuezhun Sun

Others present:

Ivia Martinez, GDLN Asia Pacific Coordinator

Le Vu, Senior Technical Advisor, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Bob McDonald, Web Developer/Designer, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:00 in Thailand by acting Chairperson: Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit.

Briefing on TDLC's scope and proposal to act as GDLN Asia Pacific VC bridging hub:

- After a period of testing, TDLC has announced that it will be ready to be the GDLN Asia Pacific videoconference bridging and scheduling hub as of January 2009.
- TDLC staff will schedule all videoconferences using GEM. A new videoconference scheduling system for GDLN Asia Pacific is expected to be launched in June 2009.
- The sustainability of TDLC staff providing all videoconference scheduling and technical services for GDLN Asia Pacific will be assessed during the January – June 2009 period.

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- The Committee discussed the current draft agenda, selected session leaders and suggested scheduling and content changes for each session. A new draft reflecting the proposed changes will be circulated amongst the Committee members.
- Governing Committee member rotation needs further clarification. It is expected that membership changes will be announced during the Hanoi meeting.
- Other topics to be discussed during the meeting will be GDLN Asia Pacific staffing, TDLC as GDLN Asia Pacific's VC bridging and scheduling hub, Governing Committee member transition, amongst others. These topics will be discussed during plenary sessions and/or during side meetings.
- Case studies for the World Bank Institute training will be distributed amongst Governing Committee members prior to the meeting.

GDLN Asia Pacific website:

- A brief demo of the proposed GDLN Asia Pacific website as well as the content management interface was presented by the TDLC.
- The Governing Committee will review the website and provide feedback to the TDLC prior to the Hanoi meeting.

Other topics:

- The World Bank FY09 sectoral programs email on behalf of the Governing Committee will be sent to the region the week of November 17.
- Thailand will host the 4th ASEAN Civil Society Conference from 12 to 14 December, 2008 back to back with the 14th ASEAN Summit. As follow up to Dr. Surin Pitsuwan's interest in exploring how the GDLN could be leveraged to expand ASEAN's reach and inclusion of community groups, the use of the CU-GDLN has been requested for a meeting on the 10th of December. This activity would function as proof of concept for ASEAN.

Next meeting:

To be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 Thailand time