

Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting
Videoconference: October 21, 2008
Canberra and Sydney, 17:00; Tokyo, 15:00; Beijing, 14:00; Bangkok, 13:00;
Jakarta, 13:00

Governing Committee members:

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

Apologies: None

Others present:

Ivia Martinez, GDLN Asia Pacific Coordinator

Pak Nizam, President, GDLN Asia Pacific

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 14:15 Beijing time (CTS) by acting Chairperson: Phil Karp.

GDLN Asia Pacific meeting:

- The meeting dates were approved by the Ho Chi Minh City DLC, but due to a delay in the current project ownership transition, and therefore formal written acceptance to host the event, the Vietnam Development Information Center in Hanoi proposed to host the meeting instead (so that a second GDLN Asia Pacific meeting could be held this year).
- The Governing Committee members endorsed the new proposed location, thus the GDLN Asia Pacific Business Meeting will be held in Hanoi from December 1-5. Phil Karp will send the announcement to the region, followed by logistical arrangements announced by Linh Nguyen and her team in Hanoi.
- The South Asia DLCs will be invited to the meeting. Phil Karp will follow up with Juan Blazquez.

World Bank sectoral programs:

- The World Bank has approved four sectoral programs to be implemented by the GDLN Asia Pacific in 2009:
 - “Climate Change: Strategic Framework and Operational Opportunities”
 - “Strengthening Disaster Risk Management in East Asia and the Pacific”
 - “World Bank – ASEAN Regional Infrastructure Finance Network”
 - “China-Africa Exchange Dialogues”
- The Governing Committee discussed the topics and target audience of each program in order to determine how to distribute the programs amongst DLCs in the region.

- “China Africa Exchange Dialogues” and “Strengthening Disaster Risk Management in East Asia and the Pacific” have either a thematic or country focus that logically directs their assignment to GDLN Asia Pacific members in China and Japan.
- The “World Bank – ASEAN Regional Infrastructure Finance Network” could have an ASEAN country DLC as the lead, and the “Climate Change: Strategic Framework and Operational Opportunities” could have a World Bank office co-located DLC as the lead, since the program’s audience is limited to World Bank office staff. However, non co-located DLCs will also be invited to express interest in leading this program.
- An email on behalf of the Governing Committee will be sent to the region explaining the programs available and process to submit an expression of interest.

Gavin Anderson & Company contract:

- The EAP Director of Strategy and Operations met with a representative from Gavin Anderson & Company to discuss the “GDLN Partnership with the Private Sector” contract given that its TTL has changed. The contract’s Phase 1 has been completed, Phase 2 is ongoing and Phase 3 will commence in a couple of months from now.
- The contract’s Steering Committee’s composition and its working modality is being re-assessed.
- Gavin Anderson & Company has submitted a proposal for a training session during the GDLN Asia Pacific meeting in Hanoi. The proposal is being reviewed.

GDLN Global Governing Committee:

- Maree Tait is representing the GDLN Asia Pacific in the GDLN Global Governing Committee. She reported that in WB meetings in Washington, D.C., Han Fraeters had received feedback on the GDLN Global Governance Reform proposal.
- The feedback focused on removing timelines and deadlines and to continue working towards determining the GDLN Board composition. Discussions about functions will continue once the GDLN Board is formed.
- The proposal for GDLN Global Governance Reform will be reviewed to include these changes.

GDLN Asia Pacific legal establishment:

- The documentation to submit the application to establish the GDLN Asia Pacific as a legal entity is almost complete. The application should be submitted in the next two weeks.
- The solicitors have advised that the political situation in Thailand will affect the timing of the application’s review and approval by Thai Government agencies. They indicated that if the application is submitted in early November 2008, the GDLN Asia Pacific should receive approval by April 2009.

Next meeting:
To be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 16:00 Beijing time (CTS)