

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting
Videoconference: September 29, 2008
Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne, 10:00; Tokyo, 9:00; Beijing, 8:00; Bangkok,
7:00; Hanoi, 7:00**

Governing Committee members:

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

Others present:

Ravi Corea, Senior Business Advisor, EAP GDLN
Ivia Martinez, GDLN Asia Pacific Coordinator
Linh Nguyen, Manager, Vietnam Development Information Center

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:00 China by acting Chairperson: Phil Karp.

Report back from ASEAN mission:

Phil Karp, Ravi Corea, Rimta Silangit, Le Vu and Peter Stephens met with the Secretary General of ASEAN, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan in mid September. The meeting was to follow up on Secretary General Pitsuwan's expression of interest in the GDLN and how it might complement ASEAN's activities.

Dr. Pitsuwan indicated that ASEAN would be interested in exploring how the GDLN could be leveraged to expand ASEAN's reach and inclusion of community groups. As a first step, the Secretary General has proposed utilizing the services of the GDLN in pre and post meetings with civil society groups that will be organized as part of the ASEAN Summit in Bangkok on December 2008. These activities would function as proof of concept. Meanwhile, the World Bank and GDLN Asia Pacific have agreed to work as key partners on a 'GDLN ASEAN' proposal for the Secretary General which should be submitted once the Summit finishes. Dr. Pitsuwan has indicated that his Public Affairs Officer will be working closely with the proposal development team. This proposal should present a framework of options that ASEAN can choose from.

Phil Karp, Ravi Corea and Peter Stephens will draft the proposal and circulate it to the Governing Committee. Peter Stephens has offered the assistance of external affairs staff in the region for this initiative.

GDLN Asia Pacific meeting:

The dates approved by Ho Chi Minh City DLC to host the next GDLN Asia Pacific meeting are: December 1-5, 2008 and February 2-6, 2009. Hanoi has also expressed the meeting could be held with their DLC as the host in December 15-19, 2008.

All Governing Committee members agreed to hold the meeting in Ho Chi Minh City from December 1-5, however dates need to be approved by Pak Nizam on behalf of the GDLN Indonesia membership and as President of the GDLN Asia Pacific.

There has been a proposal to provide training for the GDLN Asia Pacific membership while in Ho Chi Minh City. Training would last from 2 to 2.5 days maximum. The types of training proposed so far by Governing Committee members are: a learning design training by the WBI, training by ANU on marketing and business English skills, and marketing training by Gavin Anderson staff. A GDLN Asia Pacific Director proposed training on best practices in the region.

The Governing Committee supported the idea incorporating a training component to this meeting and will continue discussions before determining what type of training is offered. The type of training offered could be influenced by which staff from each DLC is targeted to attend versus which staff can attend in person or via VC, whether training is conducted before or after the meeting, whether DLC staff have been trained in this topic before, and whether training will be offered in the future as part of regional meetings (or as part of a regional training program schedule).

Topics for next meeting:

Gavin Anderson contract

Next round of sectoral programs

Next meeting:

To be held on the week of October 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 (China)