

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting
Videoconference: May 13, 2009
Canberra, 14.00; Tokyo, 11:30; Beijing, 12.00, Bangkok and Jakarta, 11.00.**

Governing Committee members:

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

Others present:

Elizabeth Ingram, Training Coordinator, Australian National University DLC (audio)
Peter Yates, Communications Coordinator, Australian National University DLC
Sunjidmaa Jamba (Sunji), Partnership Coordinator, The World Bank Ulaanbaatar Office
Daniel MacDonald (Dan), Communications Analyst, The World Bank Ulaanbaatar Office

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 14.00 AEDT by acting Chairperson: Maree Tait.

GDLN Regional Meeting, Mongolia

- Sunji gave an update on logistics for the next regional meeting. Sunji reported that the preparations are going well. The registration date has been extended to the 20th May. So far 17 participants have confirmed and there is likely to be about 12 participants from South Asia. Sunji is currently confirming the various venues for the sessions. It was suggested that during the TDLC session on the regional hub it would be great to link by VC to TDLC so perhaps the GDLN centre at the WB office could be used for this.

Actions:

- Sunji will confirm all venues at the next Gov committee based on the needs of the sessions and the facilities available at the venues.
- Liz will check with Ivia if the EAP list includes the South Asia region
- Liz and Sunji will draft a reminder email to be sent out to the EAP and South Asia Region distribution lists.

GDLN Regional Meeting Draft Agenda

- The draft agenda was discussed and it was agreed that the majority of the first two days of the meeting would include all the official proceedings and would be open to program partners.
- It was discussed that part of the first or second day should include formal presentation by DLCs showcasing some of the successful current programs to current and potential program partners. This should include South Asia as well.
- Suggested programs may include: PLVF, Mongolian Nursing program, VDIC Cardiac program, AFDC Financial Crisis series, and TDLC MFTOT...

- There was discussion on the importance of ensuring that these presentations are properly prepared before the regional meeting. One suggestion was to form a working group to coordinate including the DLC's that will present. Perhaps the various DLC's could be invited to discuss at the next Governing Committee meeting.
- It was also discussed what type of program partners are likely to attend. At this stage the invitees would include ASEAN, APEC, AusAID, JICA, Le Kuan Yew School and local Mongolian partners, there should also be representation of South Asia partners.
- Ryu confirmed that the session that TDLC will present on the regional hub will focus on the next steps, including possible platforms for knowledge sharing and future tools and also software that could be introduced to manage finance and administration transactions.

Actions:

- Maree and Peter will revise the draft agenda based on the discussions and it will be distributed to the Governing Committee members for review before the next meeting.
- The programs for the formal presentations by the DLC's will be nominated before the next Governing Committee meeting and then confirmed at the next meeting.

Governance discussion GDLN regional meeting:

- It was suggested that the document provided for the governance discussion for the regional meeting continue to be discussed virtually. It is already a very comprehensive and excellent document.

GDLN ASEAN:

- Phil reported on the recent GDLN sessions that was organized by the EAP Region of the World Bank and TDLC in relation to the Influenza A(H1N1). These sessions were requested by ASEAN at the last minute and they wanted to connect to an emergency meeting of ASEAN+3 health officials that was being held at a Hotel in Bangkok that was not set up for video conferencing. The VC's were part of a two-day meeting and linked Bangkok with Washington, Geneva and Atlanta, through technical support provided by TDLC.
- Dr. Surin thought the sessions were excellent and thanked GDLN several times for their support.
- The next stage for GDLN ASEAN will be an identification mission in June that will include identification of possible programs that GDLN Asia Pacific and ASEAN will work together to development and implement over the next 2-3 years.

GDLN formal draft invitation: Not discussed due to time limits.

Next meeting:

Date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 15:30 AEDT