

GDLN Asia Pacific Regional Programs

Regional Meeting
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
July 2, 2009

Regional Programs: Background

- The GDLN Asia Pacific Charter states that regional programs are proposed as part of the GDLN Asia Pacific Business Plan revision during its annual business meeting.
- A regional program is defined as:
 - A program that is included in the Association's work program, either through the periodic business planning process or by inclusion as a priority later on;
 - That involves the participation of at least 3 DLCs;
 - Where the budget is shared and developed on a transparent basis through negotiation within the Association.

Regional Programs: Roles

- **Lead DLC:** Manages a regional program including, but not limited to functions such as: business planning, fundraising, all aspects of coordination and implementation with participant DLCs, plus monitoring and evaluation.
- **Participant DLCs:** Implement the regional program in coordination with Lead DLC.

Regional Programs: Association Charge

- The GDLN Asia Pacific Charter states that the Association shall be sustained by:
 - Donor contributions.
 - Income generated through its regional programs which will include a charge designed to offset the average running costs of the Association. This will initially be fixed at 10% of program cost and will be reviewed and revised by the membership as appropriate.

Regional Programs: Update as of July 2, 2009

Title	Objective	Shortfall	Challenges
Lead DLC: Tokyo Development Learning Center			
Small and Medium Enterprise Course	To help SMEs grow in today's competitive, global environment, enabling them to thrive and serve their communities as the engine of economic growth.	Fee based, but cost recovery rate in avg. was around 10% against total cost (excluding DLC room rental and other coordination fees.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cost recovery (level of fee and costs of hiring resources) •Marketing
Disaster Management	<p>Learning and knowledge sharing seminar series as part of the EAP Sector Management Unit Initiatives, which is a program promoting outreach and knowledge-sharing. Highlights three areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Post-disaster recovery planning and lessons learned. •Risk financing and the World Bank's new financial products. •Local approaches to disaster risk management. 	No funding gaps (no deficit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Coordination with WB HQ staff

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Lead DLC: Tokyo Development Learning Center			
Designing and Delivering Blended Learning Programs	To provide knowledge of commonly adopted theories and processes of designing blended learning, and the ability to apply these theories and processes into professional practice.	This course has not started yet, If any funding gaps, these will be covered by TDLC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Marketing •Number of participants that can possibly be accommodated at one course. •Cost recovery with the collected course fee. •Low registration numbers.
Microfinance Trainer of Trainers	To strengthen the institutional capacity of microfinance by making high-quality microfinance training accessible to more decision-makers, professionals and practitioners in the field of microfinance as well as increasing the number and country coverage of accredited microfinance trainers in the Asia Pacific region and around the world.	Fee based, but not fully recovered the cost.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Management of the big group of participants and tutors. •Cost recovery.

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Lead DLC: Tokyo Development Learning Center			
Corporate Social Responsibility Sustainable Business and Development –Asia Course-	The course has been established jointly by the World Bank Institute, Asian management of Institute, and the TDLC to analyze the relevance and benefits of CSR activities as well as the connection between corporate strategy and development issues.	Fee based, but not fully recovered the cost (cost-sharing model between WBI, AIM, TDLC). Funding gaps; the Tokyo portion was covered by the TDLC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The economy crisis impacted participant recruitment. •Delivering in March was not the best time in Japan as it was the last month of Japanese FY, and in the region as it was at school break. •Cost recovery.
Lead DLC: Asian Institute of Management (AIM) – WB Distance Learning Center			
Sustaining the Real Economy during Financial Crisis: Resilience and Transformation of Asian Firms	<i>This program eventually became the 'GDLN-AP Distance Learning Seminar Series focusing on Financial Crisis' regional program that the Shanghai DLC is leading.</i>		

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Lead DLC: Asian Institute of Management (AIM) – WB Distance Learning Center			
Innovations in Social Service Delivery	<i>Program design stage.</i>		
ASEAN Health Human Resource Development	<i>Program design stage.</i> To define and compare different health human resource education and certification systems.		

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Lead DLC: Asian Institute of Management (AIM) – WB Distance Learning Center			
ASEAN Management Development Program for Young Educators	<i>Will not be expanded into a regional program for the time being. There is no plan at this time to expand this to a regional level unless it receives greater interest from regional partners.</i>		
Lead DLC: University of Indonesia Distance Learning Center			
Modernization of Nursing Training Series	Continue to update the knowledge and skills of nurses due to the emergence and reemergence of infectious diseases.	Funding is needed to help support in content development and the participants on this course, and in turn, help nursing activities especially in rural area and development countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize the program content (Faculty of Public Health) •Find sponsor.

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Video Conference based Course on HIV/AIDS Prevention Education	To disseminate information on HIV and AIDS among young generation to response against the epidemic.	This is a tuition-free based course and the funding is fully supported by UNESCO. In the future, it could be exercised as a fee-based course with other potential topics.	
Public Transportation	<i>No progress to report.</i>		
Studium Generale	<i>This is an INHERENT program has been completed in several topics within INHERENT such as topics in Health Sciences and Management.</i>		
ASEAN Dialogues	<i>No progress yet, just discussed with ANU and ASEAN representative.</i>		

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Lead DLC: Shanghai Distance Learning Center			
GDLN Asia Pacific Distance Learning Seminar Series focusing on Financial Crisis	To promote timely brainstorming and idea exchange on dealing with financial crisis and seeking possible solutions to improve Asian economies' capacity building and regional cooperation, among government officials, academicians and practitioners in the field of finance and economic, via the GDLN AP platform.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To coordinate to confirm suitable date for most of GDLN-AP centers; •To meet various needs of GDLN Asia Pacific centers. •To ensure high quality experts focusing on each seminar.

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Lead DLC: Hassanuddin University Distance Learning Center			
Malaria	The training course, <i>Malaria Update</i> , will result in expansion of an informed Community of Practice stretching throughout Asia-Pacific, made up of practitioners concerned with overcoming the hardships caused by malaria, as well as the update of malarial aspects.		
Asian Medical Doctors Association	<i>No progress to report.</i>		
Lead DLC: GDLN Australia			
Scourge of Dengue Fever		We had applied for Welcome Trust funding but unfortunately we were unsuccessful. Now targeting Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Hard for each DLC to reach the needed funding of \$10,000 per site. •We were able to only cover to costs of the program with partial grants and some participant fees but were not able to get the 10% to give to the GDLN AP.

Regional Programs: Issues

- There is room for improvement in turning regional program ideas proposed at GDLN Asia Pacific meetings into operational regional programs.
- Also, in the way that Lead DLCs and the Governing Committee share regional program information and progress.
- What other issues and questions come to mind regarding regional programs?