

GDLN South Asia Program of Activities

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Guiding Principles

- **No frills operation** to support SAR operations (50+ events)
- Focus on **reliable, high quality service**, and on integrating GDLN in the way business is done.
- Building of relationships inside and outside the Bank
- Creating (and educating) a strong demand side
- Supporting the Bank's strategic direction on the knowledge and learning agenda and South South agenda (SEETF). How does GDLN contribute to impact in our work?
- Growth of the network through strong support to key affiliate centers in each country and joining country systems (knowledge and research networks, sectoral networks, etc.)

Business lines

- **Consultation and Dissemination** of Bank Knowledge
 - AAA, ESW, Experts
- Provision of **“Just-in-time”** services
 - Financial Crisis Response, Impact of High Commodity Pricing
- **Support to regional strategy**
 - Least integrated region in the world. Regional Integration a strategic priority
- Client and Staff **training**
 - Blended Environmental Impact Assessment Course for Afghanistan
 - Healthcare Waste Management for staff
- **South South** exchange facilitation
 - India-Africa, India-Latin America, Nepal Peace Building, China-India, etc.
- **Community of Practice support**
 - **Legislative Oversight CoP (SAR Parliamentarians)**

Future Direction

- Programs by Affiliates - Less reliance on Bank business
- More joint programs with other regions: EAP and Africa
- More provision of “Just-in-time” services and program development based on country strategy and priorities (vs overall regional strategy). Case of Afghanistan ISN
- Use of GDLN network for Bank business in areas of conflict (HEC network, provincial network in Afghanistan, etc.)
- More Regional Programs with regional partners (ASEAN)
 - SARC or others on critical issues such as (Education, Water Basin management, Lagging regions, Terrorism, ICT, ITES, Cancer, HIV/AIDS, safety nets
- GDLN as the tool to “export” SAR comparative advantage in:
 - Large NGO management (BRAC), Microfinance, Rural Livelihoods. IT services, and Education Systems (Bangladesh, Pakistan)