

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers  
Minutes of Governing Committee Meeting  
Videoconference: February 14, 2007  
Sydney and Canberra, 16:00; Bangkok, 12:00; Beijing, 13:00; Tokyo, 14:00  
(February 14, 2007 00:00 EST)**

**Governing Committee members:**

Present: Maree Tait, Zhu Zhengxuan, Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit, Ryu Fukui, Colin Lonergan  
Apologies: None

**Others present:**

Ravi Corea, Senior Advisor, AP GDLN  
Ivia Martinez, Capacity Building Officer, EAP GDLN  
Mr. Philip Karp, China Country Program Coordinator, World Bank Institute, World Bank Office, Beijing  
Madam Sun Xuezheng, CDDLN and Deputy Division Director, Human Resources Development and Policy Department, Western Region Development Office of the State Council  
Achara Kuwinpant, Training Coordinator, Chulalongkorn University DLC  
Elizabeth Ingram, Training Coordinator, Australian National University DLC

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 16:00 AEDT by acting Chairperson: Colin Lonergan.  
December 19, 2006 minutes approved on January 10, 2007.

*Decision on which contractor to use for tax free status:*

- Consensus emerged towards contracting The Unified Counsel primarily due to their local experience and its fees.
- Main concerns: not enough information regarding their relationship with local authorities or on how much of the success in obtaining tax free status depends on that relationship.
- Ivia Martinez will request more information from The Unified Counsel, plus similar situations The Chulalongkorn University and/or The World Bank in Thailand may have been involved with in the past. Findings to be reported to the Committee.

*Updated Business Development Manager TOR and advertising decision:*

- Changes to TOR requested at December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were revisited and TOR approved.
- One new addition to the TOR was presented and approved: subject to outstanding performance, the Business Development Manager may be offered appointment as Executive Director in the future.

- Request to move “Attend Management Committee meetings (in a non voting capacity)” from the Business Development Manager responsibilities to the Interim Executive Director responsibilities to be carried out by the Business Development Manager.
- Advertising: International advertisement in reputable publications is preferred in order to attract a wider pool of candidates. Decision of where to advertise will also depend on the qualifications the Committee seeks but ultimately on the budget. Ivia Martinez will research advertising options and report back to the Committee.

*Update on regional meeting:*

- Political situation in Fiji has ruled it out as a potential location.
- Ho Chi Minh City is busy with the DLC opening.
- Tokyo is the most likely option and June 2007 the most convenient month. (Option already discussed internally at the TDLC.)
- Ryu Fukui to confirm dates and Colin Lonergan to circulate possible themes.

*Update on Singapore meeting:*

- The March 28 and 29 AP GDLN strategy development and messaging meeting and the AP GDLN Management Committee meeting in Singapore will be kindly hosted by Peter Stephens.
- Additional background information for the meeting will be circulated and Colin Lonergan will continue the discussions over email. Intentions of attendance are currently being collected.

*Other business:*

- The Committee supported a capacity building initiative that would address two key needs in the region: Business Development and Instructional Design and Event design/management. The idea is to nominate 3-4 staff from EAP DLCs to be trained over a period “on the job” by a team of consultants. Ravi Corea will develop the idea and circulate via email.
- The TDLC website will have to be discussed in a future meeting.

*Next meeting:*

Singapore, March 2007.

**Meeting adjourned at 17:30 AEDT**