



9th East Asia and Pacific Association Regional Meeting

**Australia National University
Canberra, Australia**

December 14-16, 2004

The meeting included about 30 participants from DLCs, donors and the World Bank from Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste. EAPA welcomed Barbara Lewis representing the Victoria University of Wellington (VUW - New Zealand) and agreed to provide support and advice to facilitate VUW's membership into the GDLN. EAPA also welcomed Dr. Jihong Kim, KDI, Craig Keating, AusAID and Elisabeth Mealy, World Bank Sydney, who were first time participants to the meeting.

The strong partnership between the ANU and the GDLN was recognized and appreciated, particularly the generosity and efforts of Maree Tait and Liz Ingram for their ongoing commitment to supporting knowledge, education and leadership in hosting the EAPA meeting.

The meeting concluded with a report back through the GDLN, to those DLC teams who could not attend the meeting, including Cambodia, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam, to ensure that they were kept abreast of the decisions that were arrived at and consulted on key issues raised at the meeting. Their comments and inputs are also included in this summary.

Key Decisions

- A series of potential new regional GDLN programs and initiatives (Annex 1) were further discussed and refined in working groups. It was agreed that Colin and Sonya would table the list of programs for further consideration and prioritization from the Business Development and Quality Committee (BDQC). DLCs unable to attend the meeting were invited to send their program suggestions to both Colin and Sonya so that they could also be considered.
- Under its capacity building program, TDLC would provide seed funding to new initiatives committed to in Canberra, including financial assistance to the DLC task managing the program and GDLN communication costs.
- The draft TOR for the Technology Committee, co-chaired by the TDLC and ANU, was endorsed and membership confirmed. DLCs would forward a list

of their respective technical issues to the committee, which in turn, would report back to GDLN Services for action. DLCs also suggested two additional issues that the committee should consider: (i) given recent developments with Internet2 and opportunities for enhanced linkages to secondary networks operating within countries, the committee would organize a videoconference with ISG to discuss technical linkages; and (ii) identify creative solutions to reduce connectivity costs.

- The draft TOR for the BDQC was endorsed with the following clarifications:
 - that the committee would provide peer support to DLCs as requested; and
 - that the committee would, recruit a consultant to develop a marketing strategy that includes identification of donor priorities in each country in close consultation with DLC managers. The consultant would be jointly funded by the Bank's EAP Region and TDLC and would report to the BDQC. The draft strategy would be presented at the next regional meeting.
- In addition, in order to maximize opportunities for collaboration and sustainability, it was clear that a more rigorous business planning process would be required. This would allow for better preparation for the implementation of GDLN programs and enhance the potential for collaboration and cooperation among DLCs in the region.
 - The BDQC should take stock of the management tools and mechanisms currently in place; and include consideration of designing a flexible template that would identify and describe prospective DLC work plans over a 12 month period. A recommendation to provide more effective coordination using the regional template would be made to EAPA for further consideration and support.
- The DLCs agreed that the presentation of the GDLN Management Toolkit and Cost Calculator to be very useful. DLCs agreed to provide feedback via email to GDLN Services on both these items, including pricing data.
- To coincide with the launch of the Ho Chi Minh City Center, it was agreed that the next regional meeting could be held in Vietnam. Sonya would follow up with the Vietnam team, DLCs and donors on identifying suitable dates.

Key Issues

- The regional programs agreed to in Shanghai, including the “Good Governance” and “Kids Initiative” were reviewed. While highly successful programs, it was observed that these initiatives had not taken sufficient account of the need to identify future funding partners. Insufficient funding of regional programs could jeopardize their success and impact. In addition to TDLC's support for instructional design and technical matters, the TDLC should also provide marketing support, as required.
- Monitoring and evaluation is an important part of program design and delivery process. EAPA needs to define a way to evaluate non-structured programs (e.g., “communities of practice”). DLCs agreed to provide feedback on the evaluation tools provided by GDLN Services.
- DLCs sought clarification on the role of the TDLC in supporting the region. It was agreed that in going forward, TDLC (through Colin) would organize a series of VC sessions to share ideas and identify opportunities in this regard.

- DLCs welcomed the presentation by GDLN Services on the development of sub-national networks worldwide, which also highlighted the experiences and lessons learned in the LAC region. This is clearly an emerging issue for EAP, particularly for Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Thailand and Vietnam. Selenge noted that a number of new DLCs had recently been launched in Mongolia and agreed to circulate further information on this. The meeting concluded that some level of coordination mechanism would need to be developed in order to maximize the developmental effectiveness of the GDLN within each country, however, this would be best decided country-by-country in consultation with each of the GDLN stakeholders and the World Bank regional coordination, GDLN Services and ISG teams. Sonya agreed to circulate a draft paper developed by LAC on developments currently being discussed with each of their DLCs.
- GDLN Services facilitated a useful discussion on the GDLN Business Policies. DLCs made a number of constructive suggestions with regard to the implementation process. DLCs emphasized the need to maintain flexibility in proceeding with a further refinement and clarification of the reporting and implementation process. Monika and Rainer would follow up on an individual basis with each of the DLCs as needed to ensure that their views were considered. Following this, Monika agreed to circulate further information on next steps.
- DLCs welcomed the emerging cooperation and partnership between the TDLC and JICA-Net and expressed a keen interest in progressing relationships particularly in Cambodia, Indonesia and Mongolia.
- DLCs sought feedback from Timor Leste and Indonesia on the development of their business plans. Ravi agreed to arrange a VC some time in January '05 on this topic.
- Indonesia announced that it was expecting to launch their 4 centers in February '05. Dates would be confirmed early in the New Year.
- Some interest was expressed by DLCs to have a regional meeting of the GDLN in Washington. The Bank team agreed to report back to its senior GDLN management team with this request.

DLCs and meeting participants are requested to send their presentation materials and/or any information that would be relevant to the topics discussed at the meeting to Yuka Yabashi at Email: yyabashi@worldbank.org It was agreed that this information would be posted on the TDLC website <http://www.jointokyo.org>

ANNEX 1

GDLN Regional Collaborative Program Suggestions for 2005 and Key Issues by DLCs and World Bank Organizational Units

Chulalongkorn

- Community of practice for intellectual property management
- TDLC plans to promote activities at other DLCs through sponsoring content development
- Internet2 connectivity to World Bank
- *Role of WBI in the future*

China

- *Study tours for Chinese delegations*
- *GDLN programs that could be supported by Beijing DLC*
- *Support for Chinese firms trying to invest overseas*

Timor Leste

- *Kids initiative*
- *Youth program/community radio centers*
- *Follow up of the anti-corruption initiative*
- *Better coordination with WB EXT*

Australia

- *Health community of practice backed by training programs*
- *Training courses from APSEG*
- *PECC partnership*
- *Pacific dialogue*
- *IMF partnership*
- *AusAID partnership*
- *Higher education link GMSTEC*

PNG

- *WB youth outreach program*

Philippines

- *Local government capacity building:*
 - *issues on urban development*
 - *disaster management*
- *Peace dialogue/initiative between Asia and the United States*
- *Microfinance training*
- *International leadership forum: building the future*
- *Commercialization of university interventions*
- *Global entrepreneurship*
- *Lecture from Prof. Bloom at Harvard University*

World Bank, EAPVP

- *Proposals to support key World Bank events including:*
 - *Half Yearly Economic Update, April 2005*
 - *Infrastructure Flagship, February 2005*
- *Rural based distance learning, February 2005*

World Bank, EXT

- *Better EAP GDLN program coordination*
- *Greater involvement of smaller Pacific Island states in the GDLN*
- *Pre-conference/workshop planning for GDLN dissemination*
- *Building capacity of GDLN managers*
- *Regional discussion of where we go from here on issues of technology and pedagogy.*

Shanghai

- *Community of practice for accountants. Providing seminars on orienting foreign companies to the business environment and investment climate in China and banking system.*

Japan

- *ASEAN partnership:*
 - *continuation of World Bank Flagship events*
 - *enhancing World Bank reports through GDLN dialogues*
 - *periodical tracking of environmental events in the region*

- training on rural poverty alleviation
- APEC partnership:
 - Dialogues on security in foreign affairs
 - Rural based distance learning
- ADBI partnership:
 - microfinance training: train the trainers through CD Rom
- Enhancing JICA's lending operations through the GDLN
- Enhancing JBIC's lending operations through the GDLN

Indonesia

- Decentralization of local government
- Waste management