



GDLN-Australia: innovation and best practice

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Our Vision

- function as the Australian coordinating distance learning centre of the GDLN network
- further ANU and School's educational aims
- be financially independent
- develop key partnerships with development agencies particularly donors (AusAID) and regional organisations(PECC)
- further Australian development objectives in the region esp. in the Pacific countries.

Programs to demonstrate our value added

- The World Expo, Aichi seminar
- Community of Health Practice
- Pacific Leaders' Virtual Forum
- Teaching

The World Expo, Aichi seminar: demonstrating GDLN potential

- strength lay in ANU researchers and their networks - they wanted to make more of their knowledge and experience of ICT roles in supply chain security
- challenge, mobile equipment had to be hired, new clients, new speakers
- result: seminar taken to Australia, Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, PNG participants - GDLN demonstrated it was ahead in the network stakes, excellent discussion

Innovation

- agencies can use GDLN in any situation to expand the influence of their events – think beyond the boundaries of one room to many rooms and many more participants – make more of their knowledge

Community of Health Practice

- strength lay in EAPA network – individual DLCs' knowledge and their health community – support from TDLC
- preparatory work via GDLN sessions to determine topics and leadership for sessions – buy-in of regional participants
- Regional ownership – rotating chairs - Participants: Australia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, PNG, Philippines, Vietnam, Timor Leste

Outreach: topical discussion, immediate issues, regular interaction

Sessions

The Impact of the Tsunami on national health systems of PNG and Sri Lanka

Sustaining Medium to Long Term Delivery of Basic Health Services following Emergency Situations in The Philippines and Timor Leste

The Impact of New Emerging Communicable Diseases (SARS and Avian Flu) on Mainstream Health Projects

Planning and participation

Best practice

- The communities of practice concept can be applied to regional organisations - managing professional discussion more regularly and efficiently on an issues basis, ASEAN, PECC, donor community

Pacific Leaders' Virtual Forum

- Strength in AusAID as a supporter and reliable client on, and in ANU as a world leader in PNG and Pacific islands affairs
- New sites in Fiji, Samoa, Hawaii linked to facilities that were not integrated with global links
- Ongoing, 8 sessions to date on different topics: Public private partnership in infrastructure, telecommunications, aviation
- Funding secured for further expansion to bring online Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu

Opportunities

Opportunity for donors to extend GDLN network and encourage regular regional discussion in difficult areas – integrate smaller countries into global discussion and foster use of ICTs in development

Teaching programs

- Strength in excellent teaching programs at ANU- finding markets and partners in the region
- MPA Singapore/ANU
- Training for youth, management
- Health training programs
- Client-driven design
- Design for individual country needs
- Flexibility to respond to donor needs

Expand the influence of a donor dollar spent

- Donors can deliver courses to larger number of participants
- lower cost per participant
- Participants study in their own countries
- Courses can have strong in-country focus and easy follow up sessions

Strengths of GDLN platform

- Regional network
- Real expertise
- Marketing capacity
- Innovative drivers
- Best practice solutions
- Multi-dimensional opportunities