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Meeting

GBM2/WP3

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PURPOSE

1. This working paper aims to inform the 2nd SEAMEO CELLL Governing Board Meeting on the follow-up actions taken by SEAMEO CELLL on the Decisions and Recommendations of the 1st SEAMEO CELLL Governing Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND

2. The 1st SEAMEO CELLL Governing Board Meeting was held in HCM City, Viet Nam, on 14-15 September 2015.
3. The Governing Board Members attending the meeting were from Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam, including the SEAMEO Secretariat Director Dr Gatot Hari Priowirjanto and SEAMEO CELLL Interim Director as ex-officio members. Due to an emergency at work, the Board member from Brunei Darussalam was unable to attend at the last minute.
4. A total of 10 working papers and 4 information papers were presented for information, discussion, and approval from the Board.

SCOPE

5. The follow-up actions taken by SEAMEO CELLL on the Decisions and Recommendations of the 1st SEAMEO CELLL Governing Board Meeting are as follows:

N ^o	Decisions and Recommendations	Decisions and Recommendations
1	<p>GBM-1/WP/1: Nomination of SEAMEO CELL Centre Director</p> <p>The Board approved the nomination of Mr Le Huy Lam as the Centre Director for the term 2015-2017</p>	<p>Implemented. The letter of appointment was issued by the President of SEAMEO Council</p>
2	<p>GBM-1/WP/2: Proposed SEAMEO CELL Staff Rules and Regulations</p> <p>The Governing Board approved the SEAMEO CELL Staff Rules and Regulations</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
3	<p>GBM-1/WP/3: Proposed SEAMEO CELL Organisational Structure</p> <p>1. The Singapore GBM asked about the Research and Training Department, suggesting two separate departments (Research Department and Training Department) due to difference in function. The Director responded and said that separation was then infeasible due to lack of resources and personnel; he also cited the possibility of separating them when more resources (e.g. governmental endorsements) became available</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>2. The Thailand GBM proposed renaming the Research and Training Department as Research and Development. The Director took note for subsequent consideration</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>3. The Philippines GBM asked if the Centre would look for other funding</p>	<p>Noted. The Center has been seeking other</p>

	<p>sources besides the Vietnamese Government. The Director agreed that CELLL should seek external funding and took note. The Philippines GBM further suggested the creation of a special unit for fundraising</p>	<p>sources of funding from such partners as DVV-International and ASEM-LLL Hub with initial success</p>
	<p>4. The Governing Board approved the SEAMEO CELLL's Organisational Structure, including the suggestion to set up a special unit for fundraising</p>	<p>Implemented, except for the fundraising unit. The Centre, however, did organise a 2-day workshop on fundraising with support from DVV-International experts</p>
4	<p>GBM-1/WP/4: Proposed SEAMEO CELLL Logo</p> <p>The Governing Board approved the SEAMEO CELLL Logo</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
5	<p>GBM-1/WP/5: Proposed First Five-Year Development Plan of SEAMEO CELLL</p> <p>1. The Timor Leste GBM asked how his country could participate in and benefit from CELLL's programmes. The Director replied that during planning, CELLL would decide on the scope of their programme and the mechanism to involve different countries, including Timor Leste. He also expressed his concern that this would depend on whether funding is sufficient. Dr. Gatot said that Timor Leste could participate in CELLL's programmes by sending people to CELLL or inviting specialists from CELLL, as well as</p>	<p>Implemented. Timor-Leste has been involved in SEAMEO CELLL's first regional project "Towards an ASEAN Lifelong Learning Agenda" with full funding</p>

	<p>other ASEAN members; he mentioned that the Secretariat would support this after receiving the proposal from Timor Leste</p>	
	<p>2. The Lao PDR GBM suggested that, in CELLL five-year plan, CELLL should inform all governments about LLL and that the Centre could coordinate inter-governmental efforts in LLL. The Director said CELLL was fully aware of the need for policies; he noted that ASEAN members have different priorities, and suggested that there should be a regional agenda on LLL, and informed that a workable proposal for this had been submitted to The UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>All countries were informed about SEAMEO CELLL's first regional project "Towards an ASEAN Lifelong Learning Agenda" and requested for coordination</p>
	<p>3. The Philippines GBM suggested adding advocacy to KRA 1, along with research and training, and that studies should be conducted not only in ASEAN</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Advocacy was added to KRA-1 and the Centre has extended its studies to East Asia (Japanese Kominkan) and Europe (Disaster Management) as well following this suggestion</p>
	<p>4. The Myanmar GBM suggested adding customised courses to train LLL managers to KRA 1, point 4. She added that these courses could be effective in financing SEAMEO CELLL.</p>	<p>Noted, although at this stage the Centre is focussing more on building up its credibility</p>

	<p>5. The DVV-International Regional Director further added that KRA 5 was a key concern. He suggested CELLL organise fundraising activities, and appoint a specialised officer. He said LLL activities in ASEAN could be aligned with the UNESCO Post-2015 Agenda.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
	<p>6. The Chairperson asked for clarification of abbreviations, and suggested including ECE in CELLL's activities. The Director said there were limited resources and expertise for ECE. He admitted that CELLL had much to learn, and mentioned that CELLL's focus was on adult education, at least for the time being.</p>	<p>Implemented by SEAMEO Secretariat with the upcoming establishment of a new SEAMEO regional centre on ECCE (SEAMEO CECEP)</p>
	<p>7. The Philippines GBM asked if activities in KRA 5 were sufficient, suggesting that CELLL further seek finance from the private sector and major donors.</p>	<p>Implemented. SEAMEO CELLL successfully mobilised funding from UIL for its first regional project</p>
	<p>8. Dr. Gatot commented on the proposed Master's programme in LLL. He offered advice and help to CELLL in opening the programme. The Singapore GBM mentioned that a Master's programme in LLL had been offered in the UK. The Director noted this and added that such programme was necessary to train LLL/adult education personnel in South East Asia. He further said that there was no such programme in Asia, except for one in Shanghai, and informed that work was in</p>	<p>Noted</p>

	<p>progress to open the programme. The GB members agreed on the necessity of the programme.</p>	
	<p>9. The Myanmar GBM suggested organising international conferences as a way to obtain funding</p>	Noted
	<p>10. The Governing Board approved the SEAMEO CELL's First Five-Year Development Plan.</p>	Implemented
6	<p>GBM-1/WP/6: Follow-up Actions from SEAMEO Meetings and Updated on the Recent Development in SEAMEO</p> <p>11. Dr. Gatot presented the Follow-up Actions from SEAMEO Meetings and Updates on the Recent Development in SEAMEO. He emphasised the 7 priority areas of SEAMEO, noting that CELL could focus on priorities 2 and 4</p>	Noted
7	<p>GBM-1/WP/7: SEAMEO CELL's Fiscal Year Report 2014/2015</p> <p>The Governing Board approved SEAMEO CELL's Fiscal Year Report 2014/2015</p>	Implemented
8	<p>GBM-1/WP/8: Proposed Programme for FY2015/2016</p> <p>1. Dr. Gatot emphasised the need for capacity building, by such means as inviting other Centres to join SEAMEO CELL's workshops.</p>	Implemented. SEAMEO CELL has signed MOU with SEAMEO BIOTROP and invited other Centres to its conference in November 2016

	<p>2. The Philippines GBM noted the absence of empirical research in the proposed activities in fiscal year 2015/2016. To answer this, the SEAMEO CELLL Director referred to the Post-2015 ASEAN LLL Agenda Project, which included such research. He also emphasised that SEAMEO CELLL was a new regional centre, which meant all of its efforts should be channelled towards capacity and visibility building for the first 5-year period.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
	<p>3. The Singapore GBM enquired about the existence of a financial recovery or subsidy policy for conferences and workshops. The Director responded that cost-sharing could be a solution, citing last year's workshop on Kominkan, and that SEAMEO CELLL would consider forming a fundraising department/unit. He also looked forward to sponsorships from participating GB Members.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>4. The DVV-International Regional Director suggested SEAMEO CELLL coordinate with UNESCO and be part of their upcoming projects to implement the Education 2030 agenda.</p>	<p>Implemented. SEAMEO CELLL was invited to several consultation meetings by UNESCO in 2015-2016</p>
	<p>5. The Governing Board approved the SEAMEO CELLL's proposed Programme 2015/2016</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

9	<p>GBM-1/WP/9: Proposed Appointment of External Auditor</p> <p>The Governing Board decided on DNP as the external auditor.</p>	Implemented
10	<p>GBM-1/WP/10: Current Year Operational Budget for FY 2015/2016; Three-year Operational Budget and Personnel Strength Budget for FY2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019</p> <p>1. Dr. Gatot commented on the budget for travelling, which was modest for a regional Centre like SEAMEO CELLL, whose needs involve both international and regional travels. He recommended efforts to seek other sources (e.g. from other SEAMEO countries) and reprioritise existing activities of the work plan.</p> <p>2. The Philippines GBM raised a question about the funding mechanism of the Vietnamese Government, which was clarified by the Deputy Director. The Director further noted the difference between the Vietnamese financial system and that of SEAMEO, requesting SEAMES send financial officers to organise training for SEAMEO CELLL. Further explanations and related experience were also shared by Dr. Gatot.</p> <p>3. The Governing Board approved the SEAMEO CELLL's proposed Current Year Operational Budget</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Implemented</p>

	for FY2015/2016; Three-year Operational Budget and Personnel Strength Budget for FY2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019	
	The Director suggested that, for subsequent GBMs, participants should each prepare a presentation on a LLL topic so that the GBMs could serve as a forum for knowledge dissemination. GB members agreed with this idea	Implemented

JUSTIFICATION

4. This paper is for Governing Board Members to be informed of what has been done and what needs to be followed up regarding resolutions and recommendations of the Board.

REQUESTED DECISION

5. The Board takes note of the follow-up actions taken by SEAMEO CELLL on the Decisions and Recommendations of the 1st SEAMEO CELLL Governing Board Meeting.