

GKP AFRICA ADDIS ABABA INTERFACE
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General Focus Areas used for consideration:

Issues for Consideration	
DUO AFFILIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background Documentation • Internet Access availability • Efficient common meal arrangements • Good time management
Who are GKP Africa Members?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does Membership mean? • How are Members Recruited and what are/should be the criteria
Coordination-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where and how should the Secretariat be?
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking between members • Possible sub-regional groupings and focal points
GKP Africa Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fit into the GKP 2010 Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building Partnerships ○ Sharing Knowledge • Thematic Areas are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Poverty Reduction ○ Access to Knowledge ○ Education ○ Resource Mobilisation
Establishing Regional Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Dynamic/Inclusive Network	

GOALS

Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • Language • Coordination/Secretariat • Focal Points, Sub-Regional 	
GKP Africa Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a GKP Africa Strategy for making significant impact by 2010 • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting GKP Africa members to engage in the discussions

GKP STRATEGY FOR AFRICA

Proposal

- Elements of Framework
- Circulation to listserv
- Request to ECA to provide names/individuals with international and other GKP4A members
- Agree timeframe within which to reach consensus

Elements of Strategy

OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarification and Consolidation
GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management Structure• Relationship with GKP• Focal Points
MEMBERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruitment Strategy (benefits and responsibilities)• Retention Strategy
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language & Cultural Diversity• Inter-Govt Relations• Promotions & Marketing• Channels
THEMATIC STRATEGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thematic Issues• Cross-Cutting Issues
RESOURCE MOBILISATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human Capacity building• Materials & funding
PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must focus around GKP2010 themes & areas of emphasis

GKP4A COLLABORATION ISSUES

What are the key issues:

- Language (Major/Minor)
- Lack of understanding the role of GKP and GKP members
- Some GKP members in Africa receive more than they give
- Lack of proactive contribution to information flow
- Expectation of the GKP members contribution is not well defined
- We have not yet as individual organizations adopted the GKP pillars
 - Knowledge sharing
 - Building partnerships
- No critical mass in Africa

What Solutions can be offered to foster increased and improved Collaboration among members:

- Building Critical Mass
 - Identifying strategic Multi-Stakeholder Partners that are relevant to the four thematic priorities of the GKP in Africa
 - Recruitment these organizations
 - Investigating possibilities to subsidize membership fees
- Language Barriers
 - Identify one regional common language
- GKP member roles
 - Disseminate GKP guidelines for members
 - Awareness campaign on GKP

MOVING BEYOND THE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK
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There is a need to project collaboration issues within the strategic framework outlined above. This is because of the inter-relationships on the identified areas of focus

STRATEGY		
	MEMBERSHIPS	MEMBERS ENGAGED & PARTICIPATION
	LANGUAGE	
COLLABORATION	GOVERNANCE	PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT
		COMMUNICATIONS
	RESOURCE MOBILISATION	THEMATIC & CROSS-CUTTING

OBJECTIVE:

- Build critical mass of effective GKP membership in Africa that is
 - focussed and proactive
 - engaged to work productively with each of the four identified pillars of GKP
 - able to lobby for particular agendas (which are specific, thematic or cross-cutting)

GOVERNANCE:

- Focal Points with capacity to convene and ability to manage a secretariat
- Need to determine the criteria & mechanisms for GKP4A to have an Executive Committee & Secretariat
- Need to determine whether the Focal Point should reside in an international organisation
- Some GKP4A Executive Ctte members to represent GKP4A members on GKP International ExecCtte
- Build up ECA as a full time GKP4A Secretariat

MEMBERSHIP:

- Outline what are the benefits
 - Promoting ICTs for Development
 - Share benefits of a global network of multi-stakeholder partnerships
 - share best practices in the four pillars
 - share resources – knowledge, expertise
 - Provides platform & marketplace to share knowledge and expose own knowledge
- Outline Responsibilities of Membership
 - Produce & Share Knowledge around the GKP pillars/thematic areas
 - Meet membership financial responsibility
 - Demonstrate active leadership
 - Actively participate in GKP forums and activities
- Recruitment & Retention
 - Identify strategic Multi-Stakeholder Partners that are relevant to the four thematic priorities of the GKP in Africa
 - Identify strategic sub-regional organizations for potential recruitment
 - Investigating possibilities to subsidize membership fees for members meeting pre-determined criteria

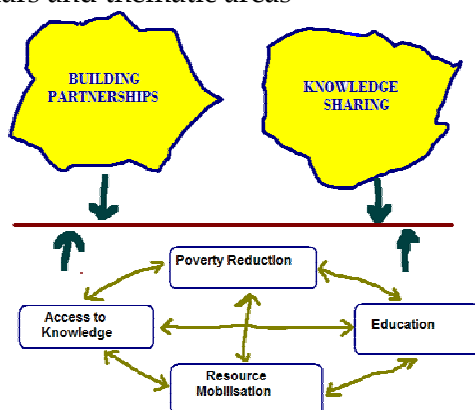
- Embark on GKP Awareness campaign across Africa including dissemination of GKP guidelines for members

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Language
 - Adapting main African official languages in official publications to create effective reach - Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Swahili
 - Define mechanisms for appropriate & effective use of above languages to further knowledge sharing
- Cultural Diversity
 - Strategies to ensure inclusiveness, accommodation & cultural integration on issues - eg. geographical representation, language, gender sensitivity - within the GKP body
- Inter-Governmental Relations
 - Advocacy & Programmes to promote good positive relations with African governments
 - Pan-African, sub-regional & in-country levels
- Promotions & Marketing
 - Visibility in ICT4D events in Africa
 - Newsletters & regular contributions to GKP newsletter from GKP4A
- Channels of Communication
 - Effective Mailing lists on programmes, thematic issues
 - GKP4A web presence

THEMATIC & CROSS CUTTING ISSUES:

- Ensure fit with the GKP pillars and thematic areas



RESOURCE MOBILISATION:

- Optimising access and utilisation of existing GKP4A resource base
 - Conduct resources audit amongst members - baseline scan/ directory (who is who, what the organisations are doing)
 - Encourage showing/ use of resource base
- Bridge resource gaps by enhancing GKP4A capacity
- Effective Fund Raising Strategies

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT:

- Define and develop programmes that create the most impact to further the GKP thematic issues

NEXT STEPS (September - December 2005)

- Get as many members as possible on GKP4A Mailing List -GKP Secretariat
- Circulate Addis Ababa Draft Strategy Framework on mailing list and to members
- Engage in 2 week facilitated online discussion on Strategic Framework for growth of GKP4A -

kickoff by ECA with resource support by GKP Secretariat

- Prepare formal draft **GKP4A Strategy Document** for further discussion & presented for ratification by GKP ExComm
- Commence full activities for GKP4A presence on GKP Portal- (Select Coordinator/Content Master)