# Knowledge Hubs in Eurasia and the Asia-Pacific

The role of networks and the way forward

 Establishment of telecentrepedia – a good idea; APTN and Eurasia network could assist telecentre.org Foundation and others to define the content structure for this. The APTN, Eurasia and other regional content facilitators can moderate the site; but, for populating, we should consider opening up

 100 ideas for sustainable telecentres – we could ask the telecentre magazine folks to work on this book for release at the meeting in Manila on 3 March 2010. Each network present will contribute ideas; the ideas will be promoted for their worthiness, relevance, applicability and replicability. We can scout for donor funding in support of this activity.

 Asia Pacific Telecentre Review – a good idea; but a committee of experts to be appointed to come-up with a plan. The publication should speak to the policymakers mainly as a pressure-building exercise for more investment at the national level for stimulating grassroots empowerment through telecentres

- Empirical research on telecentres the Gates Foundation/IDRC research could help to promote the concept and initiate country level research projects
- Telecentre best practice case book UN-ESCAP and others could help to develop telecentre primers (in the lines of what the World Bank or the APDIP did in the past) to promote best practices and to promote lessons learnt from bad practices as well. May be, APCICT could take a view on this.

 Mobility tool and technologies vis-à-vis telecentres – should be seen in a complimentary spirit rather than in a competitive spirit. Both have a role to play, the point about mobile phone being much more pervasive is to be noted.

# The role of regional networks

- Create criteria for its membership and develop working relationship with national focal points; criteria for national focal points need to be agreed upon
  - Telecentres could become members of national networks
  - National networks would join the regional network
  - When there is no national network, the telecentres join a regional network
  - Event participation fee to be introduced
  - Need to mature enough to levy a membership fee a long-term strategy beyond donor funding is needed

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