

Subject: Uganda Videoconference Debrief

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Hello to everyone!

I would like to send my thanks with much appreciation to Julie, Charles, Shyam, and Kenneth for making it all work technically, despite the glitches; to Sonja for being so vigilant on the cell phone; and to Rob for being ready to re-arrange venue if necessary!

I'm grateful to Roger Glass and Don Lindberg for shepherding and supporting this collaboration!

PROGRAM: From our end, the outcome was quite good as far as achieving the programmatic goals of the videoconference. The students were able to present their work to an international audience of experts under the watchful eye of their Dean and the Director of the COBES program, both of whom were in the audience. From what I heard, there was two-way learning between continents.

I see the COBES program and the work the students are doing as the anti-dote to brain drain. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to hear your support for what they are trying to accomplish.

We also will be getting press coverage for their work as Uganda's New Vision was there.

Of course, I very much enjoyed seeing friends and colleagues on your end.

TECHNICAL: On the technical side, Kenneth Ojok was very concerned that things were not up to their usual standards at GDLN. The Global Distance Learning Center (GDLN) was set up by the World Bank in a number of countries some years ago for the purpose of distance education. The centers are now responsible for their on-going operation and generate revenue through training and videoconferences. Needless to say, their schedule is very busy. I am glad they could accommodate us and look forward to making more use of this facility.

NEXT STEPS: Now that we all know one another, I hope we can work together to smooth out the kinks.

I think a phone conference among Julie, Charles, Shyam, and Kenneth would make a lot of sense. What do you think? Julie, could you arrange this? The enormous number of e-mails flying around among 13 people was a bit daunting on my end - citrix is difficult here, even on very good days, and a couple of days I've been without connectivity completely. Add to this the several projects I'm working on here and being able to read every e-mail on this videoconference was just not in the realm of my frail human possibility!

I would rather trust you technical experts to figure out the best way to accomplish what we want to do. I

would love it if the four of you could work out a system for the next videoconference and let the rest of us know what we need to do. If Drs. Glass and Lindberg are in agreement, then perhaps that is the best way forward.

Again, many thanks,

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Many, many thanks to everyone who worked to set this up and to the students who participated! I have already received quite a bit of positive feedback on the conference at this end.

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Agreed,
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Thank you everyone for all of your efforts -

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