

Summary Report (based on progress report)

Overall Summary

The first meeting of the Executive Committee, as a concrete follow-up to the previous Shanghai workshop in May 2008, was held in Macao, People's Republic of China, from 9 to 10 December 2008. UNPOG, lead agency for the implementation of the electronic/mobile-Government Knowledge Repository (emGKR) in Asia and the Pacific region, partnered with UNDESA and Center for Electronic Governance of UNU International Institute for Software Technology based in Macao to invite project partners who confirmed their interest and commitment to the emGKR into a round-table meeting to discuss substantive issues related to the launching of the project. The meeting had the following objectives:

- To finalize who would participate as project partners to implement the emGKR, and discuss whether to include other interested agencies currently outside of the discussion;
- To come up with the phased plan of action that would eventually lead up to the formal launching of the emGKR, and clarify division of labor among focal points, set reasonable timetable for each phase, and determine methodology;
- To get a basic idea of how the emGKR would work by the detailed presentation of UNDESA.

Participants were invited from National Information Society Agency (NIA), Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI), the Center for Good Governance (CGG) and Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA), United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and UNGC. Officials from the Macao Government, Maldives and Singapore also attended as observers. The meeting started with the first session, capacity-building courses on e-Government and knowledge management chaired and conducted by UNU staff members, providing participants valuable opportunities to sharpen their understanding over the issues. The following second session comprised presentations made by each participants over their roadmap to implementing the emGKR, as well as roundtable discussions to handle all the remaining issues including membership, official languages, and modality of agreement between partners.

The meeting concluded with a Points of Agreement that elaborated main issues and would be in circulation among project partners for review. Singapore offered to host the next meeting, the 2nd Meeting of Executive Committee for emGKR, in Singapore on 15-17 June 2009 at no cost to UN, coinciding with its iGov Global Xchang.