



Welcome to edition number 5 of *CeeZine*, the quarterly e-Zine newsletter for people interested in the **BRIDGE Civic Education Development Project (CEDP)**. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you all informed about current planning, developments, issues and ideas.

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1. *Wrapping Up CEDP Phase 1*

The goal of the pilot project was to develop a capacity development programme for stakeholders within a broader democracy and governance curriculum framework. The module selected for development in the pilot was one of the foundation modules, 'Democracy in Our Place', which in reality is a multi-stakeholder facilitated process where a range of state and non-state actors explore the concepts of democracy and governance [*learning*], looking at how these might be applied at both the policy and practice levels in each country [*localising*] and planning for joint action and change [*leading*] resulting in increased participants' knowledge, skills and attitudes at a minimum level and in increased civic participation and democratic governance at the optimum level.

The module is usually conducted over five days with approximately twenty four participants ranging from parliamentarians to local and international civil society actors to government officials, media and the judiciary (either working in the fields of democracy or governance, or who simply want to be more informed or engaged in the political life and/or governance of the environments in which they live and work), facilitated by international specialist facilitators [mentoring a team of local facilitators] who tailor the programme to the specific context and target group. As a multi-stakeholder learning programme there is a strong emphasis on participatory methodologies, adult learning principles and action research.

'Democracy in Our Place' was trialled successfully in the Pacific (Vanuatu, May 2009) and in Asia (Bhutan, September 2009).

The final evaluation report of Phase 1 is currently being prepared. It will be available to Advisory Group members in early 2010. Many of the lessons learned in this phase have been incorporated into the project description for Phase 2.

The CEDP materials are also in final draft. There are 4 key Version 1 publications: 1) *Facilitators Activity Sourcebook*; 2) *Democracy Sourcebook*; 3) *Participants Workbook* and 4) *Implementation Guidelines*.





2. CEDP Phase 2

CEDP Phase 2 is funded by UNDEF and AusAID, with some funds from International IDEA. The team have commenced work on the first two activities – the mapping and scoping of governance agencies and civic education programmes in the Asia Pacific region, and the establishment of the Community of Practice for governance and civic education practitioners in the region.

A planning meeting of key CEDP personnel (Yvonne Goudie Co-ordinator; Maureen Green: Project Officer; Noel Matthews: Lead Advisor; Helena Catt: Community of Practice consultant; Nicolas Garrigue: Evaluator; Beatrice Barnett: Facilitator/Evaluator; Cate Thompson: Facilitator/Editor; Ross Attrill: BRIDGE Coordinator) was held in Melbourne from 16-20 November to discuss the lessons learned from Phase 1 and to do some macro planning for Phase 2.



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Final CEDP Project Description

CEDP was specifically designed to be tailored to and dovetailed with existing democratic and governance initiatives and programs. CEDP is a work in progress which builds on the strength and success of the BRIDGE – Elections BRIDGE – project and its networks. After successfully completing Phase 1 objectives under the title CEDP, a review and development process considering the CEDP approach, methodology and expanded program activities, has led to the re-badged ‘working title’ for Phase 2 of DG BRIDGE – Democracy & Governance BRIDGE (subject to partner agreement).

As reported in the last newsletter, Phase 2 proposes to deliver the following outputs (dates are tentative):

- ✦ **Output 1 (start 2010):** Completion of a mapping and scoping of civic education resources in the region (a more in depth mapping than that conducted in 2008)
- ✦ **Output 2 (end 2009):** Establishment of a Community of Practice (CoP) of civic education practitioners in the region, including setup of a ‘Knowledge Portal’ for the CoP, and other structures for communication and sharing (e.g. website)



- ✦ **Output 3 (start 2010):** Development of a Training of Trainers for delivery of CEDP modules, and further work on the existing *Democracy in Our Place* module – to be used as a resource for the CoP
- ✦ **Output 4 (mid-2010):** A combined CoP meeting and training workshop, incorporating the new ToT, the DiOP workshop, and the opportunity for CoP members to network and share – to be held in an Asia Pacific location (possibly Bangkok, Thailand – TBC)
- ✦ **Output 5 (mid-2010):** Development of a module in *Democratic Governance or Civic Education Programs*, and further development of information resources
- ✦ **Output 6 (end 2010):** Mentor civic education practitioners to deliver the training curriculum at their national level
- ✦ **Output 7 (end 2010):** Trial workshop of new curriculum package delivered

3. Demand for CEDP

In Phase 1, a steady demand for the CEDP materials and methodology was received by the CEDP team and continues to increase. To respond to this demand, we tell the interested people that the materials are still in draft form, and that the issues and rules surrounding the use of draft copyrighted materials still needs to be sorted out, and indeed the whole implementation strategy of the training programme is still in need of agreed rules and guidelines. So at this developmental stage we only share draft materials with those directly involved with the project.

We are open to showcasing the methodology and materials with as many interested organisations as possible. This message has been sent to numerous organisations throughout the world – not just the Asia Pacific region. It is great that the project is becoming known globally through word of mouth – and that this is partially due to the fine reputation of CEDP’s close relative -Elections BRIDGE.

4. CEDP Staffing Update

Melanie Chan farewelled the CEDP in September 2009 – after putting in a tremendous effort for the year and contributing in many ways to the overall success of Phase 1. We welcome Maureen Green (Maureen.green@aec.gov.au) to the team (Maureen replaces Melanie and has very big shoes to fill!)

Want more info on the CEDP?

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