Groningen Declaration Network

Creating a Global, Sustainable and Equitable Digital Learner Data Portability Environment
Some GDN History

- First dissemination efforts at EAIE annual conferences, mainly period 2007-2015: Trondheim, Antwerp, Madrid, Nantes, Copenhagen, Dublin, Istanbul, Prague, Glasgow

- Parallel with presentations and workshops on document examination and data verification

- Common denominator: Transition from document based application processing to data based application processing

- 20101: Establishment of EAIE Task Force DSDP - *Digital Student Data Portability*

- 2012: Founding seminar, *DSDDW Digital Student Data Depositories Worldwide* - adoption of Groningen Declaration, a global declaration of intent

- Initially hosted as free event, by invitation only

- 2014: Adoption of Groningen Declaration Network (GDN) to replace DSDDW

- 2016, December: Establishment as an international public benefit foundation
Key Facts

- Created in 2012 in the Netherlands, Foundation Status 2016
- 100 hundred signatories from 28 countries, 2000+ contacts, 130+ participants
- 12 member board of directors representing every continent (Amee Shroff, India, Chair)
- Executive Director: Herman de Leeuw (Netherlands)
- Annual convening each spring, rotating continents (2020: India)
- Integrated into and supporting global mobility initiatives worldwide
- Works closely with UNESCO, World Bank/Education and ENIC-NARICs
Operating Values

- Maintain a diverse, global and interconnected ecosystem of participants
- All members have given their commitment to:
  - learner privacy and data protection
  - transparent and responsible practices
  - the recognition of digital student data and qualifications
- We aim to ensure that ALL citizen learners have access to secure digital records of their own educational achievements and can share them with whomever they choose whenever (learner centricity)
- Support initiatives dealing with migrant data mobility, resettlement and access to services otherwise denied
- Bring resources to bear to address a fundamental lack and imbalance of global data and digital capacity

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Operationalizing Our Goals

- Annual convening bringing the international community together
- Focused on best practice sharing among the attendees:
  - Credential digitalization
  - Credential evaluation
  - Social use cases for international depositories
- Success tied to creating new pilots and expanding access globally
  - E.g. AQVN establishment, My eEquals, Multiple US-China Academic portals, Pan-Canadian Data Exchange Portal; EU-US academic portal developments
- Deliver on global data portability through participant commitments
- 2020: Regional strategy to drive awareness, access and adoption
  - Bringing together authorities and entities regionally to identify and collaboratively develop new initiatives.
GDN Goal: Developing Global Digital Data Eco-system to Further Cross Border Mobility of Learners

Being inclusive of both traditional and non traditional providers

Keeping in step of how awards are provided: paper, digital, blockchain

Convening global depositories, standards bodies and authorized representatives enabling digital verification eco-systems

Convening global credential evaluators to ensure cross country comparability

Convening global qualification verification networks to quality assure credentials

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Further Cementing Connections with PESC

- First personal contacts at 2013 AACRAO Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- PESC involved in GDN AM from 2014 (Washington, D.C.) onwards
- Decisive contributions from Michael Sessa as chair of GDN Mid Term Strategy Committee, paving the way for GDN’s incorporation at 2016 AM (Cape Town)
- GDN input on global ramifications to PESC GEO Code initiative at its inception
- Hosted PESC sessions on GEO Code and more at all GDN Annual meetings
- Plans for establishing GDN Task Force on Standards
- Very grateful for PESC GDN sponsorship, looking forward to fruitful cooperation!!!
GDN Mid Term Internal Goals: Providing Benefits & Seeking Efficiency Gains

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Annual Meeting 2020 Logo and First 3 Keynotes, Venue to Be Confirmed

- European Students’ Union First union to attend (and possibly sign GD)
- Collaboration with World Bank
- Possible involvement of AIU

KEYNOTES CONFIRMED THUS FAR
- Dr. Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary-General, HCCH
- Emeritus Prof. dr. Beverley Oliver, Deakin University, Australia
- Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE
  All-India Council for Technical Education
Rationale for Choosing India

- Population close to 1.3 billion, booming economy, globally mobile learners
- GDN interest in anything to do with development of India’s digital service provision since establishment of Indian *National Academic Depository* (NAD) and more recently, *DigiLocker*, a paperless, authentic governance, serving as India’s citizen wallet
- Major government initiatives like *Digital India* and *5-I vision*, aiming at maximizing benefits of digital technologies for Indian population

9th Annual GDN meeting to convene practitioners and supporters to:
- Share digitalization development and use cases
- Bridge digital divides to serve the underserved
- Provide strategies and tactics that are working
- Expand number of new projects moving forward globally where capacity is lacking

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After the Event Day Tour: Taj Mahal and Agra
Call for Proposals Extended to End November

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2020 GRONINGEN DECLARATION NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 15-17, INDIA

The Executive Board and Annual Meeting Planning and Organization Committee of the Groningen Declaration Network (GDN) call for presentation proposals under the broad theme:

‘USING INNOVATION TO DISRUPT:
CREATING A SUSTAINABLE DIGITAL ECOLOGY FOR LEARNERS’

Key dates
• Submissions open – August 5, 2019
• Submission deadline – October 31, 2019
• Decision and program finalization – December 1, 2019

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Future Annual Meetings Confirmed Thus Far

- 2021, 10th GDN annual meeting: Ottawa, Canada, to be hosted by ARUCC, PCCAT, CUCCIO and CanPESC
- 2022, 11th GDN Annual Meeting: Groningen, Netherlands, to be hosted by DUO - Education Executive Agency and University of Groningen
- Stay tuned for more ...

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Thank You for Your Interest!

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