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Media Release

LIW announces partnership with World Bank's Global Development Learning Network Australia

(Sydney – Feb 2 2012) – LIW global leadership consultancy, which specialises in building leadership capability at all levels of companies, communities and countries, today announced a strategic partnership with the World Bank's Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) Australia.

LIW CEO Pia Lee said the newly formed partnership between LIW and GDLN Australia will enhance the leadership capacity of the network made up of 120 affiliates in over 80 countries that collaborate to provide customised learning solutions, training courses and multi-country virtual dialogues to further development.

Across the globe, GDLN Australia, which was solely based at the Australian National University, has delivered development programs into Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Samoa, Timor Leste, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, China, Mongolia, Korea, India, Sri Lanka and East African countries, and connecting local leaders with development experts in order to build capacity and enhance collaboration. The LIW/GDLN Australia partnership will now provide leaders in developing countries with direct access to cutting edge global leadership expertise and pragmatic leadership tools for immediate application and impact.

As a result of attending a recent 'Leaders of Influence' program, Deogratus Kilawe, a third-year African university student, has created student-owned microfinance institutions at five universities in East Africa to help students create a different source of income with excellent results. Deogratus is taking the lead in changing people's perspective towards poverty by helping them to see it as less of a barrier. The LIW/GDLN Australia partnership will help further develop the capacity of leaders like Deogratus, across the government, civil society, NGO and private sectors. The LIW/GDLN Australia partnership has direct access to world-renowned economists, political scientists, environmental experts, public policy specialists and global leaders.

"This capacity, along with drawing on the full range of expertise offered through the Australian National University's Crawford School and combined with the leadership expertise of LIW allows us to deliver a broad range of programs and events across the globe for leaders creating change within their development context. The network allows us to create legacies of leadership by linking local know-how to learning services and tracking its impact on development.

"Programs are designed for specific development projects with application and learning objectives aligned to the Millennium Development Goals. They draw on applied knowledge and expertise from across the network and usually feature a combination of learning techniques, such as experiential learning, expert panels, case-based learning and action plans, as well as information and communication tools used in face-to-face videoconferencing and e-learning events. With increasing links to in-country networks, our reach now extends to more than 500 access points around the world," Ms Lee said.

GDLN Australia's project coordinator Maree Tait said the new strategic partnership will enhance GDLN Australia's capacity to deliver relevant and practical programs to meet the demand of developing nations across the world.

Previously named GDLN Australia, the LIW/GDLN Australia partnership will have two hubs, one in Sydney at the LIW Centre for Leadership in Chowder Bay, Mosman and the second at the Crawford School based on the Australian National University campus.

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World Bank's Global Development Learning Network (GDLN)

Coordinated by the World Bank, the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) is a partnership of over 120 recognized global institutions (affiliates) in over 80 countries that collaborates in the design of customized learning solutions for individuals and organizations working in development. Affiliates are as diverse as the Asian Institute of Management, the Ethiopian Civil Service College, the Islamic Development Bank, and Pontificia Universidad Católica of Peru.

LIW/GDLN Australia

LIW/GDLN Australia provides leaders in developing countries with direct access to cutting edge global leadership expertise and pragmatic leadership tools for immediate application and impact. It facilitates learning for development in three ways: 1. Physically connecting 120 affiliates across the globe with multiple access points and in country networks. 2. Virtually connecting blended learning experts with affiliates to provide them with strong and successful skills 3. A knowledge network with access to local knowledge and thematic experts.

LIW

LIW is a global leadership consultancy which supports companies, countries and communities to achieve success by building leadership at all levels. The consultancy's Organisational Leadership Architecture™ (OLA) approach has been developed and refined from research and 15 years' experience of working with leading industry and government clients. LIW provides leadership programs for a number of African countries and recently addressed the Parliamentary Inquiry into business relations with Africa. [See www.LIW3.com](http://www.LIW3.com)