

Board Paper 2: Overview of finances and fund-raising efforts for CPRsouth

- 1.0 From the beginning CPRsouth has been fully funded by the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC).
- 2.0 As part of its 2008-2010 research cycle, LIRNEasia applied for, and received funding for CPRsouth3 and CPRsouth4, as well as the activities in the intervening period. Beijing in December proved a challenge because of high costs. With tight controls we hope to stay on budget.
- 3.0 IDRC has been extremely supportive of CPRsouth and the progress that has been made so far. LIRNEasia does not anticipate termination of support in the near term, though we must continue to be frugal and demonstrate value for money.
- 4.0 As IDRC begins to fund CPRsouth's Africa Chapter, it is imperative that we step up efforts to mobilize additional funds. Diverse sources of funding, especially from Asian countries is essential for sustainability.
- 5.0 With the assistance of our African colleague Alison Gillwald we have established contact with the Japan International Cooperation Agency, which has confirmed that three representatives will come to Beijing to observe CPRsouth3. We have not asked for any support at this stage, suggesting only that such a discussion be considered after the initial interactions.
- 6.0 The Korea Agency for Digital Opportunity and Promotion (KADO) was contacted on the basis of prior interactions mediated through IDRC's Singapore Office. Board Member Professor Park facilitated these interactions. Though not officially notified yet, it is likely that KADO will send representatives to observe CPRsouth3.
- 7.0 LIRNEasia is optimistic about the ongoing fund raising efforts. However, this will require the participation and commitment of all the Board Members.