

Board Resolution by Circulation 2009.2

Location of CPRsouth5 conference

Background:

Colleagues in Pakistan have volunteered to host the next conference in the Islamabad area (Annex 1). Alternate Chair Millie Rivera has also offered to host the event at the National University of Singapore (Annex 2). Both proposals have not been made formally, yet we believe that it would be useful for planning purposes to get an early decision, without waiting for December.

The factors affecting the choices as we see them are summarized below. Our life as administrative partner will be a hundred times easier if we hold it in Singapore, but we are in the field of development and do not shy away from challenges. If the Board so wishes, we will organize the event in Pakistan.

Pakistan	Singapore
In South Asia, deviating from principle of alternating between S and SE/E Asia	In SE Asia
Country with large pool of potential policy intellectuals	Country with smaller pool of potential policy intellectuals, but who are from the region
Hosting offered by a research entity associated with a telco	Hosting offered by a university
Enthusiastic participation in the past	Lower levels of enthusiasm, but solid participation in the past
No Board Member in host country	Board Member in host country
Will build relationships in an important country	Relationships already exist; will be strengthened
Difficult to obtain visas; procedures and implementation opaque	Most countries get visa on arrival; procedures for those not eligible are clear
Perceptions of security are negative	Highly positive perceptions of security
Exemplifies all the problems of development	Sanitized and atypical
Low cost accommodation etc.	Expensive accommodation, though university housing will bring costs down
Organizational costs will be high	Organizational costs lower because most things can be done over the phone
Airline connections problematic	Airline hub
Local hospitality likely to be generous	Most things will have to be paid for; Singapore is a matter-of-fact country

Proposal:

1. The location of CPR_{south5} should be

Pakistan	
Singapore	

Please write your name in the appropriate box to signify your choice.

