



GDN'S 13TH ANNUAL GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE Budapest, 2012

A post-conference online survey was sent to conference participants to get their feedback on the efficiency and impressions of the *GDN Annual Conference 2012*. The survey was sent to a total of 274 participants and elicited a 31% response rate. Highlights from the findings of the survey are:

Quality

- 80% of the respondents rated the overall quality of the conference (plenaries and parallel sessions) to be high (of which 52% perceived that the quality of the overall conference was very high).
- 89% of the respondents stated that the conference was worth attending. Respondents' perceptions on whether the conference was worth attending were directly related to their view on the quality of the conference.
- 97% of the respondents would recommend their colleagues to attend the next GDN conference.

Networking

- 85% of respondents found the conference a valuable opportunity to network and make new contacts. Respondents' networking experience was directly related to their perception on the right mix of participants at the conference.
- 87% of the respondents agreed that the conference was a valuable opportunity to share information. Almost the respondents who shared conference-related information also reported that the conference a valuable opportunity to network.
- 52% of the respondents had follow up work-related contact with conference participants.

Influence on Knowledge and Action

- Almost 80% of the respondents reported that the conference sessions informed their thinking on Urbanization and Development – the theme of the conference. Of the respondents who reported gaining knowledge on urbanization, 65% had applied the knowledge in their individual work.
- 67% of current GDN grantees (15% of respondent sample) reported applying knowledge gained at the conference to their work. The conference has been able to contribute to the capacity building of GDN grantees who are developing country researchers.

- All existing donors or prospective donors (6% of respondent sample) reported that they applied knowledge from the conference to their work.
- Almost 70% of those who had applied their knowledge gained had reported that the content of the conference was pertinent to their work. This finding highlights the importance of the conference topic in motivating the participants to use the knowledge and for GDN in selecting participants with similar thematic interests.