



Proposed Regional Cooperation Framework

*To be taken forward through the Bali Process
on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons
and related Transnational Crime*

Key Aims

Inclusive and non-binding

Enhance regional response to irregular migration

Create disincentives for irregular movement

- *Eliminating the advantage of undertaking dangerous travel*

Undermine people smuggling trade



Core Principles

Eliminate irregular movement facilitated by people smugglers and promote orderly migration

Promote access to consistent processing arrangements

- *Possibly through a regional assessment centre or centres, and/or expanded and enhanced regional cooperation arrangements*

Provide durable solutions

Ensure sustainable, safe and dignified returns for people found not to be owed protection

Continue efforts through border control and law enforcement to target irregular movement and people smuggling activities



The framework would:

Address initially a selected caseload or caseloads

- *States would seek to process selected caseload(s) in accordance with arrangements established under the framework*
- *Region would need to commit to the caseload(s) being processed in an agreed manner*

Enable States to enter into practical arrangements

- *At the bilateral and multilateral level*

Possible Practical Arrangements

Guided by following considerations:

Support prevention of loss of life at sea

Seek to build capacity in the region to process mixed flows and use available resources

- *Such as those provided by international organisations*

Reflect the principles of burden-sharing and collective responsibility

- *while respecting sovereignty and States' national interest*

Possible Practical Arrangements (cont.)

Seek to address root causes and promote stabilisation

Avoid creating pull factors within the region

Seek to undermine people smuggling model and create disincentives for irregular movement

- *including, as appropriate, transfer and readmission*

Support and promote increased information exchange

Future Activities

Bali Process co-chairs to review membership of the Ad Hoc Group

Ad Hoc Group to focus on ways to harmonise processes for dealing with irregular flows in the region

Co-Chairs to report to Ministers on the operation of any arrangements implemented under the framework

- *and provide advice on further opportunities for cooperation*