



REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE
THE BALI PROCESS



**ANNUAL
WORKPLAN
2021**



Regional Support Office

The Regional Support Office to the Bali Process (RSO) was established in 2012 as a unique regional mechanism that brings together relevant **Policy knowledge**, **Technical expertise** and **Operational experience** from Bali Process members and other key stakeholders to develop practical initiatives that address people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime.

The RSO *Annual Workplan 2021* sets out our roadmap of key forecasted activities to deliver in 2021 in our efforts to strengthen practical cooperation on countering people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime, from, to and through the Asia-Pacific region. The activities in this *Annual Plan 2021* are informed by the guiding principles and core purposes outlined in the RSO *Strategic Plan 2021-22*.

Guiding Principles

Four guiding principles shape how the RSO develops the activities in the Annual Workplan and how we achieve our objectives.

- **Participatory and consultative** engagement with State and International Organisation Members, private sector and other partners
- **Inclusive, non-discriminatory, gender-sensitive** and supportive of **gender equality**
- In line with **international law, norms and standards**, including human rights and refugee law
- **Responsive and adaptive** to needs and emerging priorities of Bali Process Member States and International Organisations



Achieving our Strategic Purpose

The *RSO Strategic Plan 2021-22* outlines four key purposes that guide the activities of the RSO and demonstrate how we contribute to the overall work of the Bali Process. The *RSO Annual Workplan 2021* outlines activities that we intend to deliver this year and how they align with our purposes.

Purpose 1

Responsive to Bali Process Members and Working Groups

We engage with Bali Process Members to deliver activities that contribute towards commitments and undertakings arising from Bali Process meetings. We source and provide specialist technical assistance to Bali Process Members, Task Forces and Working Groups.

Purpose 2

Operational Capacity Building

We work with Bali Process Members and partners to develop and deliver fit-for-purpose operational capacity building activities relevant to the mandate of the Bali Process.

Purpose 3

Policy Development and Promotion of Best Practice

We provide support to Bali Process Members to improve aspects of migration management, responses to people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime.

Purpose 4

Outreach, Engagement and Advocacy

We engage and promote the work of the Regional Support Office to partners and dialogues outside of the Bali Process architecture, and publicly advocate on our issues and activities.



Quarter 1: January – March 2021

Activity	Strategic Purpose			
	1	2	3	4
Release of the Regional Support Office <i>Strategic Plan 2021-22</i>	✓			
Training Workshop on Enhancing Information Sharing to address people smuggling and trafficking in persons by sea		✓	✓	
Release of the publication <i>Understanding the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol</i>	✓		✓	
Training Workshop on Identifying and Protecting Victims of Trafficking in Persons		✓		
Panelist at the 1 st Coast Guard Global Human Resource Development Online Pilot Program				✓
Release of UNODC/RSO publication on Corruption as a facilitator of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants in South East Asia	✓		✓	
UNHCR and Bali Process Screening and Referral Toolkit Project Consultation with National Experts: Welcome Session	✓		✓	
The First Webinar Series on the Qualitative inequality assessments for CVRS systems: "Our Bali Process Toolkit Experience"			✓	✓
Maritime Coordination Group meeting to collaborate on development of capacity building curriculum on people smuggling at sea	✓	✓		
Webinar on Strengthening Regional Cooperation to Address Trafficking in Persons (in partnership with the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies (DKI APCSS))			✓	✓
Panelist at <i>Break the Chain</i> event, hosted by the ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership				✓
Panelist at the Regional Peer Learning: Building on Commitments to Combat IUU Fishing and to Provide Human Rights (co-hosted by the FIHRRST and Coordinating Ministry for Maritime and Investment Affairs of Republic of Indonesia)			✓	



Quarter 2: April – June 2021

Activity	Strategic Purpose			
	1	2	3	4
Official launch event of the <i>Understanding the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol</i> publication			✓	✓
Consultation Dialogue on the NEXUS Institute and RSO Trafficking in Persons Practitioner Guides			✓	
Release of training curriculum modules on corruption, particularly at air and land borders, in the context of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants	✓	✓		
The Virtual Practitioner Roundtable discussion on Practitioner Guides on Protecting Victims of Trafficking in Persons: the NEXUS and the RSO		✓	✓	✓
UNHCR-Bali Process Screening and Referral Toolkit Project Consultation with National Experts: the First and the Second Consultations	✓		✓	
Release of the Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit	✓	✓	✓	
Release of the Bali Process Sustainable Return Study: IOM and the RSO	✓		✓	
Production of two introductory videos on the RSO and Bali Process for capacity building activities.				✓
Advanced Training Workshop on Trafficking in Persons to be held at the Peoples Police Academy, Vietnam (PPA)		✓		
Border Management Workshop and COVID Operational Awareness, Thai Immigration, Phuket.		✓		
Training Workshop <i>Protecting Migrants at Sea</i> at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC)		✓		



Quarter 3: July – September 2021

Activity	Strategic Purpose			
	1	2	3	4
Release of the NEXUS / RSO Practitioner Guide <i>Understanding Trafficking Victim Identification</i>			✓	
Release of the NEXUS / RSO Practitioner Guide <i>Improving Victim Protection and Support</i>			✓	
Release of the NEXUS / RSO Practitioner Guide <i>Enhancing the Recovery and Reintegration of Trafficked Victims</i>			✓	
Release of the NEXUS / RSO Practitioner Guide <i>Special Measures in the Protection of Trafficked Children</i>			✓	
Hosting the pre-event workshop <i>Counter People Smuggling and trafficking in persons across borders</i> at the IBMATA Border Management & Technologies Summit Asia.			✓	✓
Roundtable on the role of corruption as a facilitator of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants	✓		✓	
Training Workshop <i>People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons Awareness</i> at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC).		✓		
Regional Webinar on Promoting the benefits of Women in Law Enforcement to address the challenges of People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons		✓		
Training Workshop on Combating Trafficking in Persons to be held at the Peoples Police Academy Vietnam (PPA)		✓		
Roundtable Discussion on <i>Strategy to Combat Trafficking in Persons</i> in partnership with The Royal Thai Army.			✓	
Maritime Tabletop Exercise as an outcome of the Taskforce on Planning and Preparedness (TFPP)	✓	✓		



Quarter 4: October – December 2021

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	1	2	3	4
Border Management and Cooperation in Practice Conference		✓	✓	
Biometrics Roundtable: <i>COVID-19 and the benefits of biometrics at borders</i>			✓	
Roundtable on the abuse of technology in facilitating trafficking in persons and its role in combatting the crime	✓		✓	
Release of the NEXUS / RSO Practitioner Guide <i>Special and Additional Measures for Victim-Witnesses</i>			✓	
Bali Process 20 th Anniversary Consultation Roundtable	✓			
Release of the NEXUS / RSO Practitioner Guide <i>Access to Remedies</i>			✓	
Maritime Coordination Group meeting to collaborate on delivery of capacity building training on people smuggling at sea			✓	
Launch of new Bali Process and RSO Website				✓
Workshop on Enhancing a Victim-Centered Approach: Identification, Assistance and Protection of Trafficking Victims in the Asia-Pacific Region		✓		
Workshop on Addressing People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons at land border entry points, Royal Thai Police and other Bali Process Partners.		✓		
First Workshop of Female Officer Mentoring Course		✓		
Roundtable Discussion: The Practical Challenges in Fulfilling International Obligations to Protect Migrants at Sea, South Korean Coast Guard, Seoul.			✓	

Responding to challenges and constraints of COVID-19

Throughout 2021, growing economic pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will increase the incentive and demand for vulnerable persons to migrate through irregular and potentially unsafe channels. Border closures, travel restrictions and other measures associated with the COVID-19 response poses challenges for border and migration management. Criminals are capitalizing on and adapting to changed circumstances and ongoing demand for mobility pathways and migrant labour forces to profit from people smuggling and trafficking in persons. These rapidly evolving challenges mean that the role and purpose of the RSO to assist Bali Process Members to cooperate and build capacity to respond to these crimes, has never been more vital. Responding to this rapidly shifting environment, the RSO has shifted its focus and adapted its traditional modalities for engagement and activity delivery.

Throughout 2021, to support the members of the Bali Process during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in response to the new and emerging challenges it raises, the RSO will:

- Work with Bali Process Members to identify new initiatives that are responsive to exacerbated people smuggling and trafficking in person challenges.
- Focus on adapting existing material to remain contemporary and relevant.
- Redevelop our digital platforms with a 'mobile first' ethos to strengthen the external communication, training and engagement framework of the Bali Process.
- Leverage institutional partnerships and partners' online delivery platforms to expand our virtual engagement and pool expertise to deliver activities.
- Continue to complement and expand the RSO's existing border management programs to include modules on COVID-19 operational awareness and best practice.
- Strengthen the RSO's engagement with likeminded forums and dialogues who are similarly increasing the reach of their virtual engagement.
- Build a resilient RSO workforce who can work effectively and efficiently in virtual environments.



Responsive to Bali Process Members, Working Groups and emerging issues

In accordance with our Strategic Priorities, the RSO remains agile to respond and deliver additional activities beyond the activities defined in the *Annual Workplan 2021*, in response to commitments and undertakings arising from Bali Process meetings. The RSO can source and provide specialist advice and technical assistance to Bali Process Members, Taskforces and Working Groups upon request. The RSO will proactively introduce new initiatives and activities that respond to emerging issues relating to people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime.

Reporting and Performance

The RSO Co-Managers present on the annual performance of the RSO and how it aligns to the purposes outlined in the *Strategic Plan 2021-22* to the Bali Process Co-Chairs and Members at full meetings of the Bali Process, the Ad Hoc Group and Steering Group meetings.



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