



# REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE

## BALI PROCESS

### The Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime

#### *FOR DISCUSSION: Principles and Considerations for new RSO projects*

#### **Background**

At the Fourth Bali Regional Ministerial Conference on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime (29-30 March 2011, Bali, Indonesia), Ministers endorsed the development of an inclusive and non-binding regional cooperation framework (RCF) that was to be operationalized through bilateral and other sub-regional arrangements to enhance the region's response to irregular migration.

A set of principles and considerations were agreed to guide the development of practical arrangements under the RCF.

In 2012, the Bali Process Ad-Hoc Group Working Group recommended that "new projects proposed by members should be considered by the RSO co-managers in consultation with Bali Process Co-Chairs and more broadly with the Steering Group as appropriate".

The present Note sets out a range of criteria that are to underpin the consideration by the RSO of new projects.

#### **Principles and considerations for new projects**

Proposals should be guided by the following considerations:

- Respect for human life and dignity;
- Building capacity in the region;
- Reflecting the principles of burden-sharing, collective responsibility and international cooperation;
- Creating disincentives for irregular migration and avoiding the creation of pull factors to, or within the region; and
- Respect for the principles of confidentiality and privacy of affected persons.

Project proposals can reflect any of the Bali Process themes: people smuggling, trafficking in human beings and related transnational crime. In particular, they can focus on:

- Prevention, border security and law enforcement targeted at people smuggling and trafficking in persons' syndicates;
- Promotion of orderly, legal migration and provision of appropriate opportunities for regular migration;
- Promotion of access to consistent assessment processes by asylum seekers;
- Provision of durable solutions to persons found to be refugees including voluntary repatriation, resettlement within or outside the region and possible "in country" solutions;
- Return of persons not in need of protection, preferably on a voluntary basis to their countries of origin in safety and dignity;
- Capacity-building to process mixed flows utilizing where appropriate available resources by international organisations
- Addressing root causes of irregular migration and promoting population stabilization where possible;
- Supporting and promoting information exchange.

#### **How can Bali Process members submit proposals?**

Bali Process members are encouraged to submit proposals for activities under the RSO's auspices by writing directly to the RSO Co-Managers.

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