



REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE

BALI PROCESS

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

RSO's ENGAGEMENT WITH REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES ON MIGRATION

Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (RCPs)

RCPs bring together representatives of states, international organizations and, in some cases, non-governmental organizations for informal and non-binding dialogue and information exchange on migration and refugee protection-related issues of common interest and concern.

The diverse agendas of RCPs – ranging from labour migration, migration and development, migration and health, asylum and refugee protection, migration and trade to protection of migrants' rights – reflects governments' growing recognition that migration significantly affects public policy agendas, and collaboration between RCPs with complementary mechanisms can be beneficial.

The value of exchanging information and good practices between RCPs has been recognized through the Global Meetings of Chairs and Secretariats of RCPs. This collaboration aims to improve understanding of migration issues and application of effective practical tools or arrangements that enhance regional cooperation.

The RSO, Bali Process and RCPs

The Bali Process Co-Chairs invited Chairs of other RCPs - including the Colombo Process, Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC), Intergovernmental Authority on Development Regional Consultative Process on Migration (IGAD-RCP), Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA), and South American Conference on Migration (SACM) – to participate in the *Tenth Anniversary Commemorative Events of The Bali Process* in 2012.

At this event, Bali Process members agreed to strengthen dialogue, through holding events on issues of shared interest, continued information exchange through biannual heads of RCPs meetings, and by inviting RCP participation in Bali Process events and activities as appropriate.

The Regional Support Office (RSO) of the Bali Process can support members' enhanced engagement with other RCPs and facilitate exchange of best practices between the Bali Process and other RCPs.

Benefits for RSO engagement with RCPs

RSO engagement with RCPs has specific and mutual benefits for both Bali Process member states and RCPs from other regions.

These include:

- mutual learning and understanding of opportunities, challenges and practical solutions to address irregular migration, identified by RCPs and the RSO
- leveraging and modeling new projects, policies and practical arrangements on innovative and successful examples applied in other RCP contexts
- building upon existing RCP migration/refugee protection agendas to allow for better cooperation, coordination and coherence among existing networks
- promoting broader awareness of irregular migration-related issues and associated challenges and risks through wider stakeholder engagement.

Additionally, other RCPs can benefit from experiences and lessons learnt gained through the Bali Process and the RSO.

How the RSO engages with RCPs

The RSO engages with RCPs by:

- welcoming dialogue and information-exchange with RCPs on issues related to the RSO's work
- disseminating information on RSO initiatives, events and issues of mutual interest to RCPs through the RSO website at <http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office>
- inviting RCPs to participate in and contribute to events and activities as appropriate
- supporting the development of bilateral and sub-regional dialogue, partnerships and practical arrangements between RCPs and Bali Process members upon request
- welcoming in-kind and financial partnerships with other RCPs on existing or new RSO initiatives.

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