



REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE
THE BALI PROCESS

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Madam Co-chairs, Excellencies, all Bali Process Member States are impacted by irregular migration in some way and the transnational nature of irregular migration means that no one member can alone resolve what is a regional and global issue. In 2012, the Bali Process Co-chairs established the Regional Support Office of the Bali Process (RSO) to develop and implement practical cooperative approaches to support Member State engagement on irregular migration.

Over the past five years, the RSO has worked in partnership with Bali Process members on initiatives in areas of information sharing; capacity building and exchange of best practices; pooling of common technical resources; and support for joint projects, leading to the development of policy guides, reference materials and training programs, which are available freely to all members and observers.

Since the last Ministerial Conference alone, the RSO has delivered 38 separate activities and events, attended by 770 representatives from Bali Process Member States, observers and organisations. These initiatives have enhanced law enforcement cooperation, strengthened border integrity, raised awareness and capability to counter people smuggling and trafficking in persons. We note with appreciation the innovative mandate for the future work of the RSO emanating from this Ministerial meeting.

Madam Co-chairs, key to our success has been the willingness of members to contribute resources and expertise to support projects and initiatives that benefit us all. It is such cooperation and engagement that continues to help us respond to the challenges of irregular migration.

On behalf of the RSO, we thank all members for their support, and we look forward to working on strengthening our collective responses to irregular migration, and positioning the Bali Process to respond to current and emerging challenges.

Thank you.