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Message from the Regional Support Office

The past five months have seen significant developments for the Regional Support Office's operations, staffing, and upcoming projects. These include a new co-manager joining the RSO team, a successful Bali Process Senior Officials meeting, the development of new projects, and the implementation of two training workshops.

Lisa Crawford has joined the Regional Support Office (RSO) as the Australian Co-Manager. Ms. Crawford has taken up the work started by her predecessor, Greg Kelly, to develop the regional engagement of the RSO alongside the Indonesian co-manager, Bebeb A.K.N. Djundjuna.

Progress on Key RSO Projects at Bali Process Senior Officials Meeting

On 6 August, 2014 the Bali Process Ad Hoc Group held a Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in Canberra, Australia. The SOM was held to gauge progress since the 5th Ministerial Conference and to agree upon a strategy and new activities for the Bali Process.

Ad Hoc Group Members acknowledged the value of drawing on the resources of the Regional Support Office (RSO) in implementing activities and developing initiatives outlined in the *Bali Process Strategy for Cooperation: 2014 and Beyond*, which was approved



Delegates of the Senior Officials Meeting, Canberra, Australia

at this meeting. The strategy outlines the Regional Support Office's existing projects along with a number of new projects for the RSO to carry out.

Key outcomes from the meeting for the RSO included:

- the endorsement of the *Bali Process Policy Guides on Criminalizing People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons*
- recommendation that the RSO explore the development of training materials related to the guides along with the translation of the guides into several Bali Process languages
- recommendation that work progress towards finalizing a partnership between the RSO and JCLEC (the Jakarta Center for Law Enforcement Cooperation)
- the welcoming of an update from the RSO on a project mapping current disembarkation and post-disembarkation procedures and practices



for boat arrivals in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand

- and the endorsement of terms of reference for a Working Group on the Disruption of Criminal Networks Engaged in Trafficking in Persons and People Smuggling.

More information on the meeting and a full outcome statement can be found here: <http://www.baliprocess.net/ministerial-conferences-and-senior-officials-meetings>



ILO Training underway at the RSO-Office, Bangkok, Thailand

Immigration Liaison Officer Training

An exchange and development program for Immigration Liaison Officers (ILOs) is currently being piloted by the RSO.

The Governments of Thailand and the Philippines participated in the first phase of the pilot program from the 28th to the 31st of July, 2014, which involved training sessions at the RSO office in Bangkok, Thailand.

The training focused on the role of an ILO, document examination and imposter detection techniques, common modus operandi of irregular air travelers and regional trends, and methods of working with international partners in accordance with international conventions and obligations.

In October, 2014, immigration officers from Thailand and the Philippines undertook an ILO exchange program in which the participants worked alongside other ILOs posted within the pilot countries' own international airports.

A review of the pilot took place in Bangkok, Thailand, on 2-3 December, 2014. A final report on the program will be presented at the next Bali Process Senior Official's Meeting and will be made available to all members.



Participants and facilitators of the CIFAL-RSO training, Jeju, South Korea

CIFAL-RSO Partnership Hosts Second Training Workshop

Following an initial workshop in March, 2014, CIFAL (Centre International de Formation des Acteurs Locaux/International Training Center for Local Actors) and the RSO hosted a second training workshop, Enhancing a Victim Centered Approach: Identification, Assistance, and Protection of Trafficking Victims in the Asia-Pacific Region, in Jeju, South Korea on 3-5 June, 2014.

The workshop was organized by CIFAL, and the RSO in partnership with IOM. CIFAL, in affiliation with UNITAR, has become a knowledge hub for capacity building efforts directed towards local actors and through its work with the RSO is effectively targeting local government and NGOs from Bali Process member States, to provide in depth training relating to the identification, assistance and support of victims of trafficking.

With a mix of government actors and community-based organisations the training also provides a useful opportunity for networking between authorities and NGOs to strengthen ties and understanding regarding different perspectives of human trafficking issues.

The partnership has trained participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan,

Philippines and Thailand. There were also a range of experts presenting at the training with resource people from IOM, UNHCR, the RSO, UACT, APTIP, the New Zealand Government, and GAATW.

Endorsement and Translation of the Bali Process Policy Guides on Criminalizing Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons

The Bali Process Policy Guides on Criminalizing Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons were endorsed by the Bali Process Ad Hoc Group at the Senior Officials' Meeting in August, 2014. The meeting further recommended that the RSO explore the development of training materials related to the policy guides and arrange translation of the policy guides into regional languages.

The guides were developed by a drafting committee consisting of representatives from Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and UNODC with support from IOM. These were subsequently consulted on by the wider Bali Process Membership in March 2014. The Policy Guides offer practical advice for member states on the creation and strengthening of legal frameworks that criminalize migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons.

To take forward the recommendations made by the SOM, the Policy Guides are currently being translated into selected Bali Process languages (Thai, Burmese, Bahasa, Khmer, Laotian, Urdu, and Vietnamese). Dissemination of the guides in English has begun and country specific launches will take place following the translation of the Policy Guides.

The RSO is also developing a Training-for-Trainers program on the applicability of the Policy Guides to provide government officials with any assistance and answer any questions to ensure member states find the guides as useful as possible.

Please visit: <http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/policy-guides>



Delegates of the Roundtable on Migration and Transnational Crime

Roundtable on Migration and Transnational Crime:

On 24 September, 2014, New Zealand and Sri Lanka co-hosted a Roundtable on Migration and Transnational Crime under the auspices of the RSO.

The Roundtable highlighted the challenges States face in disrupting transnational people smuggling and trafficking in persons criminal networks and set the forward work agenda for a Working Group on the Disruption of People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons Networks. The Roundtable established that the first meeting of the Working Group will be held in the first quarter of 2015.

Thirty-six delegates attended from Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UAE, USA, Canada, United Kingdom, ASEANAPOL, INTERPOL, and the RSO.

Key recommendations from the Roundtable included the suggestion that the Working Group activities be supported by table top exercises, panel discussions, case studies, and scenario driven activities focused on improving action to combat people smuggling and trafficking in persons. The outcome statement can be found here: <http://www.baliprocess.net/workshops>

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