



REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE
THE BALI PROCESS

Regional Workshop
Addressing Irregular Migration
Through Effective Information Campaigns:
Preventing Trafficking in Persons and People Smuggling

REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE INFORMATION

PURPOSE

The Regional Support Office of the Bali Process (RSO) was established in 2012 to operationalize the Regional Cooperation Framework (RCF) to reduce irregular migration in the Asia Pacific region.

The RSO aims to support and strengthen practical cooperation on refugee protection and international migration, including human trafficking and smuggling, and other components of migration management.

RSO activities are supported by drawing on the knowledge, expertise, and experience of member states and international organisations. Through engagement with the RSO Bali Process members are able to lead activities and highlight areas of concern to better address people smuggling, trafficking in persons, and related transnational crime in the region.

The RSO is the only cooperation mechanism of its kind in the region and works to assist members to address people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime by:

- Allowing the pooling of resources among Member States
- Providing secretariat and logistical support for migration related projects
- Working to avoid the duplication of efforts across the region
- Working towards common migration related goals which frees members to pursue other objectives
- Developing regional linkages
- Providing specialized support for bilateral and multilateral initiatives

BACKGROUND

The Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime (Bali Process) is a voluntary and non-binding process involving 48 members including the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The RCF, endorsed in 2011, is an inclusive and non-binding initiative of the Bali Process. Under the RCF, member states are encouraged to enter in to practical arrangements which:

- promote human life and dignity;
- seek to build capacity to process mixed flows and where appropriate utilize available resources;
- reflect principles of burden sharing and collective responsibility while respecting sovereignty and the national security of concerned States;
- seek to address root causes of irregular movement and promote population stabilization wherever possible;
- promote orderly, legal migration and provide appropriate opportunities for regular migration;
- avoid creating pull factors to or within the region;
- undermine the people smuggling model and create disincentives for irregular movement, and may include, in appropriate circumstances transfer and readmission;
- support and promote increased information exchange while respecting confidentiality and upholding the privacy of affected persons.

OBJECTIVES

The RSO implements activities under the RCF and acts as a focal point for members for:

- facilitating information sharing on refugee protection and international migration;
- supporting capacity building and exchange of best practices;
- encouraging pooling of common technical resources;
- offering logistical, administrative, operational and coordination support for joint projects.

GOVERNANCE

The RSO operates under the oversight and direction of the Indonesian and Australian Bali Process Co-Chairs, and in consultation with UNHCR and IOM. Day to day operations of the RSO are overseen by the Australian and Indonesian co-managers of the RSO.

The RSO welcomes secondments of government officials and other contributions from Bali Process Member States.

New projects proposed by members are considered by the RSO Co-Managers, in consultation with UNHCR, IOM and the Bali Process Steering Group, and under the oversight of the Bali Process Co-Chairs.



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ACTIVITIES

The RSO is focused on activities which improve the Asia-Pacific Region's ability to combat people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime, with a view to enhancing cooperation between Bali Process members.

The RSO's activities cover a wide range of areas including training workshops, capacity building, secondments, technical roundtables, policy guides, and data sharing initiatives. A full list of the RSO Activities can be found at www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office

WORKING WITH THE RSO

The RSO encourages all members to participate in activities. Some options for involvement include:

- Participating in new or existing initiatives,
- Proposing new collaborative projects,
- Funding new or existing initiatives,
- Providing an official secondment to the RSO.



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