PURPOSE
The Regional Support 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 supports the RCF by partnering with Bali Process Member States to foster collaboration on practical activities that have a greater impact. The RSO is the regional focal point for coordination, engagement, capacity building, and sharing best practice for countering people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime.

The RSO supports and strengthens cooperation on countering people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime, including migration and border management and refugee protection. RSO activities are supported by drawing on the knowledge, expertise, and experience of Member States and International Organizations.

The key objectives of the RSO are:
- Facilitating information sharing amongst members.
- Supporting capacity building and exchange of best practices.
- Encouraging pooling of common technical resources.
- Offering logistical, administrative, operational, and coordination support for joint projects.

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 Commissioner 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 into 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.

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 are proposed by members and are considered by the RSO Co-Managers, in consultation with the Bali Process Steering Group. Annual work plans are created under the direction of the RSO Co-Managers and with advice from the RSO Advisory Group.
**WORKING GROUPS**

The RSO supports and collaborates with Bali Process forums including:

**Working Group on Trafficking in Persons**
- Promoting more effective and coordinated law and justice responses to combat trafficking in persons in the Asia-Pacific region
- Co-chaired by Australia and Indonesia
- Undertakes training and capacity building on TIP

**Working Group on the Disruption of People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons Networks**
- Coordinates law enforcement investigations between Member States to disrupt people smuggling and trafficking in person in the Asia-Pacific region
- Co-chaired by New Zealand and Malaysia

**Bali Process Government and Business Forum**
- Engages the private sector in preventing and responding to modern slavery, and emphasizes the importance of government and business engaging constructively.
- Key priorities for action include ethical employment, transparency in supply chains, and safeguards and redress mechanisms.

**Task Force on Planning and Preparedness (TFPP)**
- Has been established to strengthen the capability of Member States to coordinate action at an operational level in the event of a large influx of irregular migrants by sea.

**SELECTED RSO RESOURCES**

**TRAINING MATERIALS**

**Enhancing a Victim Centered Approach: Identification, Assistance, and Protection of Trafficking Victims in the Asia-Pacific Region**
- In partnership with CIFAL Jeju, the International Training Centre for Local Actors in South Korea, this training provides a human security perspective on victim protection. The training is delivered at least twice a year to a mix of local NGO and government actors.

**Comprehensive Approaches for Addressing Irregular Movements by Sea**
- This is an integrated training package that promotes a better understanding of relevant legal and policy frameworks and strengthens practical cooperation on migration by sea and refugee protection.

**Immigration Liaison Officer training and Standardized Induction Training for Frontline Border Officials**
- These courses focus on the role of frontline border officials in combating smuggling and trafficking. Training includes passenger assessment, questioning difficult passengers, foreign terrorist fighter awareness, document examination, and information management.

**OTHER RESOURCES**

**Quick Reference Guides**
- Small, pocket-sized guides for border officials to assess travelers, including victim identification. These QRGs are readily available and easily translated for Bali Process members.

**Regional Strategic Roadmap**
- This online toolkit provides members with easy access to examples of policies and laws from Member States relating to trafficking. It is an easy to use roadmap for developing a comprehensive counter-trafficking policy framework and legal standards.

**Regional Catalogue of Training and Capacity Building**
- The Catalogue has been developed to support Bali Process members to identify and access relevant training courses and materials, as well as to provide contact details of those training providers.

A full list of RSO resources can be found at: [http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/resources/](http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/resources/)
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WORKING WITH RSO

The RSO encourages all members and interested parties to participate in activities. Some options involvement include:

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

CURRENT PROJECTS

Current projects under development at the RSO include:

- Delivering training and online self-assessment through the Regional Strategic Roadmap to help Member States strengthen their counter-trafficking efforts.
- Continuing to engage with key contacts of regional training academies through the RSO-hosted annual meeting of National Training Directors to strengthen cooperation in training.
- Increase cross-border information sharing by law enforcement and border officials of Member States. A Bali Process Framework for sharing, with associated Guidelines and Tools is being developed with input from interested parties.
- Monitoring and Evaluation training for Member States developing information campaigns aimed at reducing irregular migration.
- Seeking interested Members to pilot the Regional Biometrics Data Exchange Solution.
- Contributions from interested parties to list their training on the Regional Catalogue of Training and Capacity Building.
- Delivering border management training to strengthen efforts to counter people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime.
- Delivering training to consular and other officials on identification and protection of victims of trafficking.
- Workshop on national planning to improve responses to irregular migration by sea.