



The Bali Process

on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime

Bali Process Working Group on Trafficking in Persons

Forward Work Plan 2024-26

The Bali Process Working Group on Trafficking in Persons (Working Group) is a mechanism for Bali Process members to share information, best practice and emerging trends, as well as identify opportunities for international cooperation and capacity building in responding to trafficking in persons.

The *Forward Work Plan 2024-26* sets out the Working Group's key priorities and activities from 2024 to 2026, in line with the *2023 Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation* and the Working Group's Terms of Reference. Key objectives under these Terms of Reference include:

- **enhancing information sharing** on trends, issues, and initiatives related to trafficking in persons and related forms of exploitation
- **building the capacity** of Bali Process members to develop and implement strong legal and policy frameworks to combat trafficking in persons and related forms of exploitation, in line with international standards
- **promoting and fostering practical cooperation** between Bali Process members to combat trafficking in persons and related forms of exploitation across international borders
- **strengthening collaboration with other multilateral and regional organisations** and forums working to address trafficking in persons and related forms of exploitation, and
- **strengthening engagement with the private sector and civil society organisations**, including by supporting the Bali Process Government and Business Forum

Working Group Co-chairs are committed to collaboration across the Bali Process and to activities that bring together the Bali Process work streams and Regional Support Office (RSO) to achieve outcomes spanning prevention, disruption, protection and sustainable reintegration.

This Forward Work Plan is intended to be a 'living' document that can be amended to reflect new and emerging Working Group priorities.

The following Action Items will be delivered to support the eight areas of cooperation identified in the *2023 Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation*:

Action Item	<i>Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation</i> Priority Area	Action Item Lead
<i>Enhancing information sharing</i>		
1) In partnership with the Regional Support Office (RSO), other Bali Process work streams, international organisations and/or civil society, support members to develop and implement effective public information campaigns to raise awareness of trafficking in persons, indicators, and how to seek protection and support.	Information sharing and public information campaigns	IOM
2) Share good practice examples and reflect on the impact of using a victim-centred approach to protect and support victims of trafficking in persons. This could include sharing experiences of applying the non-punishment principle, or engaging with victims to inform responses to trafficking in persons.	Victim protection and migration management	All members
3) In partnership with the RSO, review and update the Bali Process Policy Guide on Identifying and Protecting Victims of Trafficking in Persons. The Working Group will also contribute to reviews of the Policy Guides on Following the Money in Trafficking in Persons Cases and Returns and Reintegration.	Victim protection and migration management	All members IOM
4) Continue to build members' understanding of the linkages between trafficking in persons and forced marriage, including through research on different legislative approaches to the links between forced marriage and trafficking in persons used across the Asia-Pacific region.	Victim protection and migration management	Australia
5) In collaboration with the Bali Process Government and Business Forum (GABF), continue to build members' understanding of national, regional and international approaches to combating trafficking in persons and related forms of exploitation in supply chains.	Stakeholder engagement	IOM Indonesia
6) Share information on trends, issues and initiatives related to exploitation of lawful migration pathways by transnational serious and organised crime groups for the purpose of trafficking in persons.	Border management	Australia
<i>Capacity building</i>		
7) Strengthen connections between the Working Group and Bali Process members in the Pacific and other regions, including through building capacity to develop and implement strong legal and policy frameworks to combat trafficking in persons and related exploitation.	Stakeholder engagement	Co-Chairs; RSO
8) In collaboration with the RSO, build members' capacity and understanding of the collection and use of digital evidence for trafficking in persons cases.	Border management	IOM

9) Continue to build members' understanding of, and capacity to combat crimes that enable trafficking in persons, including corruption and money laundering, especially in the context of online scams and casino operations.	Irregular Migration and Related Transnational Crime	UNODC
10) Collaborate with the RSO to continue to enhance and deliver training on criminalising trafficking in persons, and on identifying, investigating and prosecuting trafficking in persons crimes.	Law Enforcement	Indonesia
<i>Promoting and fostering practical cooperation</i>		
11) Continue to acknowledge ways to enhance cooperation in trafficking in persons cases related to irregular migration movements in the Andaman Sea region.	Irregular Migration and Related Transnational Crime	Indonesia
12) Consider and examine the impact of natural and humanitarian disasters on irregular migration, including on trafficking in persons flows in the region.	Irregular Migration and Related Transnational Crime	IOM Indonesia
<i>Strengthening collaboration with other multilateral and regional organisations</i>		
13) Collaborate with the ASEAN SOMTC Working Group on Trafficking in Persons, which could include the possibility of Working Group participation in ASEAN SOMTC Open Sessions and identifying opportunities for joint activities, training and planning.	Stakeholder engagement	Co-Chairs
14) Connect with other regional fora and identify opportunities for collaboration with the Working Group to address trafficking in persons and related forms of exploitation.	Stakeholder engagement	Maldives
<i>Strengthening engagement with the private sector and civil society organisations</i>		
15) Collaborate with digital industry to support prevention of online and technology-facilitated trafficking in persons, including through raising user awareness of trafficking risks and promoting pathways to support and protection.	Stakeholder engagement	All members
16) Engage with civil society organisations, international organisations, the private sector, other Bali Process work streams and the RSO, and regional fora in delivering Working Group activities and priorities as appropriate.	Stakeholder engagement	All members