REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE
OF THE BALI PROCESS

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The Bali Process

• Following increases in irregular maritime movements facilitated by people smuggling operations in the Asia-Pacific region, a *Bali Ministerial Conference on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime* was held in February 2002.
Regional Cooperation Framework

Bali Process members agreed to progress regional cooperation through a *Regional Cooperation Framework* (RCF).

The RCF:

• is inclusive and non-binding, and

• promotes practical arrangements at bilateral and sub-regional level.
Regional Support Office

Purpose

• To facilitate the operationalization of the *Regional Cooperation Framework* (RCF) to reduce irregular migration in the Asia and Pacific region.

• To support and strengthen practical cooperation on refugee protection and international migration, including human trafficking and smuggling, and other components of migration management in the region.
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.
Foundation Projects

1. Enhancing Collection, Use and Sharing of Data

2. Voluntary Return Support and Reintegration Assistance

3. Regional Roundtable on Irregular Movements by Sea

4. Pilot study on information exchange and data analysis on irregular migration by sea
   • Mapping and analyzing the protection situation of unaccompanied and separated children in South East Asia
Foundation Project Update: 
Regional Roundtable on Irregular Migration by Sea

• Co-hosted by the Government of Indonesia and UNHCR in Jakarta from 18 - 20 March 2013.

• Attended by AHG Members, as well as Observers from governments and organizations (Canada, UNODC, RSO, OHCHR, IMO); government/NGO experts from other regions (Caribbean, Gulf of Aden and Mediterranean); and academia

• Key challenges facing states in the Asia-Pacific discussed, and specific areas where cooperation and coordination at a national and regional level identified

• Co-Chairs Summary and background documents available on RSO website
Additional project update:

Mapping and analyzing the protection situation of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) in South East Asia

- Implemented by UNHCR.
- Researchers mapping and analyzing the protection situation and treatment, including best practices and gaps, for UASC arriving irregularly in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.
- Regional Consultation held on 14-15 February 2013 in Bangkok, led by Mahidol University.
- Involved discussion between government officials, international organizations and NGOs on the arrangements for the protection and care of UASC and the development of guidelines to provide a baseline for services to UASC that are in line with minimum standards.
Foundation Projects Implemented by IOM, under auspices of RSO

Enhancing Collection, Use and Sharing of Data

- Aims to promote improved data collection, analysis and sharing between States and international organizations

- E-Questionnaire:
  a) Regular Migration
  b) Irregular Migration
  c) Asylum
  d) Civil Registration.

Voluntary Return Support and Reintegration Assistance

- Regional Standard operating procedures developed

- More than 165 persons returned as of today, growing interest of governments
Additional approved activity:  
Roster of Experts on Migration Management

• Online tool for capacity building of interested Bali Process members by making available legal, policy and operational expertise

• Experts are officials from governments, international organizations and civil society (including NGOs), and are nominated by Bali Process members and Ad-Hoc Group observers

• Experts are available for short-term technical and capacity building missions or activities

• Roster accessible by Bali Process members from secure portal website

• Call for Expert Nominations released on 22 February 2013
Additional Activities for 2013-2014

- Development of a Bali Process Regional Capacity Building Program together with the Jakarta Center for Law Enforcement Cooperation and other interested regional institutions.

- Supporting the drafting of policy guides on criminalization of trafficking and smuggling.
Additional activities continued:
Information campaigns to address irregular migration, trafficking in persons and people smuggling

• Build on recommendations from 2009 Bali Process Workshop on best practice information campaigns to combat people smuggling

• Project components:
  • **Review** of campaigns implemented in Bali Process member states
  • **Consultation Workshop** to identify options for positive/common messages
  • **Bali Process Working Group** of communications experts in member governments
  • Development of a **package of resources** (including **online E-Tools**)  
  • Delivery of face-to-face **training** (and train-the-trainer) courses

• Global and regional project team to start 12 month project in late 2013
Additional activity for consideration
RSO Capacity Building Fund for Bali Process members

- To support future capacity building activities facilitated by the RSO

- Related to international migration and refugee protection, including smuggling and trafficking and other components of migration management

- Bali Process member contributions to RSO for:
  - Technical assistance missions and ad-hoc advice
  - Junior technical traineeships
  - Internships
Opportunities to engage with RSO

• Expressing interest in participation in new or existing initiatives

• Proposing new project ideas

• Providing funding or in-kind support for new or existing initiatives

• Nominate a government officer or non-government national for RSO Technical Training and Internship Program at RSO

• Follow RSO news and events by subscribing to the E-Bulletin

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