



# The Bali Process

on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime

## **6<sup>th</sup> JOINT PERIOD OF ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP BALI PROCESS WORKING GROUP ON THE DISRUPTION OF PEOPLE SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS NETWORKS**

Zoom Webinar

16 — 17 November 2021

### **CO-CHAIRS' STATEMENT**

1. The Governments of Viet Nam and New Zealand co-chaired the 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Period of Action Planning Workshop under the Bali Process Working Group on the Disruption of People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons Networks (Disruption Working Group) on 16 — 17 November 2021 online via Zoom. The workshop was co-chaired by Mr. Thanh Quang Luong, Deputy Director General of Consular Department, Viet Nam and Ms. Karen Bishop, Head of Irregular Migration and Trafficking in Persons, Immigration New Zealand.
2. Representatives from several countries including Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Viet Nam attended the workshop. Representatives from the Bali Process Regional Support Office (RSO), Interpol, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) were also in attendance.
3. Countries provided an overview of investigations nominated for the Compendium of cross-border investigations and prosecution cases. Presentations from the session were sent to the participants.
4. The RSO, Interpol, IOM, UNHCR and UNODC presented and presentations from the session were also sent to the participants.
5. Participating countries had previously requested engagement with subject matter experts. We were pleased to have a subject matter expert Rebecca Surtees present on Trafficking Victim Identification, Protection and Support.
6. We also heard from the Bali Process Working Group on Trafficking in Persons and Taskforce on Planning and Preparedness. We look forward to opportunities for collaboration with these working groups.



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7. The following action items were discussed, to be undertaken over the coming months:

- Conduct the 6th Joint Period of Action 2022-2023, allowing tangible outcomes from larger and longer-term investigations to be progressed and reported on. It will hopefully be undertaken in-person and will take place over twelve months, starting with a planning workshop and finishing with a debrief workshop. During this period, two or more countries will simultaneously target people smuggling or trafficking syndicates operating in their countries through information exchange and co-ordinated investigative efforts.
- Pending participant volunteers, we plan to conduct a simulation-based exercise on people smuggling and trafficking in persons investigations. It is intended that such exercises would help develop strong networks between practitioners to effectively detect, investigate and prosecute people smuggling and trafficking in persons enterprises operating along migration routes in and through the Asia-Pacific;
- Identify and arrange training opportunities and presentations on trends, policies and tools. Thank you to the international organisations that have expressed interest in supporting this action item.

8. The Co-Chairs thanked participating countries and international organisations for their ongoing commitment and support for the Disruption Working Group and look forward to in-person activities planned for 2022-2023. We encourage you to get in touch if you would like to lead or support any of the action items.

**Viet Nam Co-Chair**

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