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The Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime

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Participants at the 9th Ad Hoc Group Senior Officials Meeting

Message from the Regional Support Office

The 9th Ad Hoc Group (AHG) Senior Officials Meeting of the Bali Process was held in Wellington, New Zealand on 6 May, 2015. The meeting provided a forum for the Regional Support Office (RSO) to present its work and secure endorsement the RSO's Forward Work Plan 2015-2017.

AHG Members at the meeting were encouraged to support the Work Plan through funding, secondments, and taking a leadership role in the implementation of activities.

At the meeting delegates also endorsed the RSO's *Policy Guides on Identifying and Protecting Victims of Trafficking*, and supported the *Handbook on Addressing Irregular Migration through Effective Information Campaigns* and the *Curriculum Framework for Standardized Induction Training for*

Frontline Border Officials. These products were developed by the RSO through a process of consultation with Bali Process Members over the past year.

Endorsement of the RSO Forward Work Plan, 2015-2017



The endorsement of the RSO's Forward Work Plan, 2015-2017, is an important step towards operationalizing the Regional Cooperation Framework. The Forward Work Plan was developed with oversight and guidance from the Co-Chairs of the Bali Process and in consultation with IOM and UNHCR.

The action-oriented work plan outlines the priorities of the RSO between 2015 and 2017 and aims to deliver practical outcomes which will assist Member States address people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime in the Asia-Pacific Region, while remaining sensitive to those in need of international protection.

The work plan is focused on early detection, prevention, protection, and migration management and is underpinned by the RSO's desire to complement and not duplicate the work of other



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forums and initiatives.

For a copy of the work plan, please click [here](http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/purpose-and-objectives), visit www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/purpose-and-objectives, or contact the RSO.

RSO/JCLEC Partnership Endorsed and Secondment Underway

The RSO/Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC) Regional Capacity Building Program was endorsed at the 9th Ad Hoc Group Meeting of Senior Officials in Wellington New Zealand.

To take the program forward Assistant Indonesia National Police Officer, Widya Anugerah Sejati who acts as the Chief of Administration and Participant Security at JCLEC, has been hosted at the RSO for a period of six weeks to progress this initiative.

Assistant Superintendent Sejati is working to implement a Regional Coordinated Training Mechanism to provide the Bali Process Membership with a centralised, effective and dedicated mechanism for the co-ordination of training initiatives in the Asia Pacific Region with a view to streamlining resource use, reducing duplication and promoting better coordination, planning and information-sharing nationally and regionally.

The wider JCLEC/RSO program aims to build the capacity of practitioners in addressing irregular migration, humanitarian and protection needs; supporting the exchange of information on regional capacity building training and initiatives; and supporting access to targeted expertise by Bali Process member states for capacity building activities.

In support of this program, a catalogue of regional capacity building institutions was also presented to the Senior Officials' Meeting. Representatives recognized the catalogue as a useful tool to assist members better understand the regional capacity building landscape.

The Catalogue can be [here](http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/resources) at www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/resources



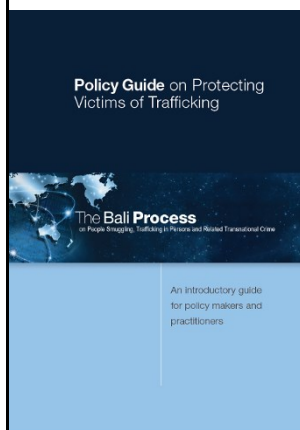
AVRR Experts at the Regional Support Office

Assisted Voluntary Return Workshop

The RSO and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are developing a thematic brief on Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR). The Brief aims to explain the concept and key principles of AVRR.

On 15 May 2015, the RSO organized an expert workshop to give interested Bali Process members an opportunity to comment on the brief. The meeting brought together senior officials from the governments of Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and IOM. The thematic brief is currently being finalized and once complete will be available on the Bali Process website.

Policy Guides on Identifying and Protecting Victims of Trafficking



At the 9th Ad Hoc Group Meeting Policy Guides on Identifying and Protecting Victims of Trafficking were endorsed by Senior Officials who also recommended the presentation of the guides to Ministers at the upcoming Sixth Ministerial Meeting.

The policy guides provide an overview of international and regional standards for the identification and protection of victims of trafficking, drawing on examples of good practices from Bali Process

Member States.

The short practical guides were developed by a Drafting Committee co-chaired by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and comprised of experts from the Governments of Australia, Indonesia, Maldives, Philippines, and Thailand. These drafts were then discussed at a consultation workshop in Bangkok, Thailand on 23-24 March, 2015 which was attended by 70 participants from 34 Member States, observers, and international organisations.

Delegates of the 9th Ad Hoc Group Senior Officials' Meeting encouraged the Bali Process Working Group on Trafficking in Persons to identify training and capacity building opportunities to support the implementation of the guides. The Working Group will also work with the RSO to oversee the Guides' translation into regional languages.

The completed guides are now available on the RSO website [here](http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/policy-guides-on-identification-and-protection-of-victims-of-trafficking): www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/policy-guides-on-identification-and-protection-of-victims-of-trafficking

The RSO will translate and deliver guides into Member States' national languages upon request. Please contact info@rso.baliprocess.net for a translation.

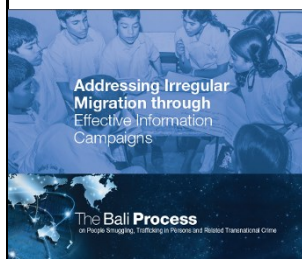
Regional Privacy and Data Protection Laws Research

The "Privacy and data protection laws of Bali Process member States" research report was presented to the 9th Ad Hoc Group Senior Officials Meeting. The report outlines the main features and emerging trends of privacy protection among the Bali Process membership focusing on how domestic privacy laws apply to government agencies.

This research can assist member States to develop information exchange frameworks in a manner that is consistent with international privacy standards and domestic laws.

The report is now available on the resources page of the Bali Process website at www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/resources.

Joint Information Campaigns and Campaign Handbook



Delegates of the 9th Ad Hoc Meeting welcomed a proposal by Australia and Indonesia to pursue a pilot joint information campaign in the region with assistance from the RSO.

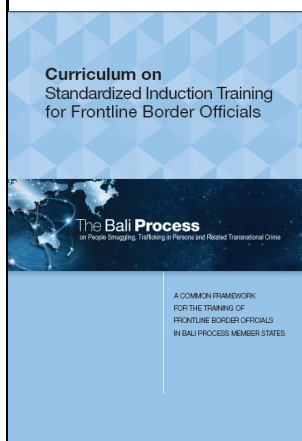
The Pilot Campaign would be underpinned by the RSO's *Addressing Irregular Migration through Effective Information Campaigns*

Handbook is currently out for wider consultation.

The Handbook identifies common challenges, good practices, and useful examples in a step by step user friendly guide for designing migration related information campaigns.

The RSO will provide a copy of the draft guide to members for comment upon request. Please contact the RSO at info@baliprocess.net

Framework on Standardised Induction Training for Border Officials



A curriculum framework on creating Standardised Induction Training for Frontline Border Officials was supported at the 9th Ad Hoc Group Meeting. The project aims to enhance the ability of Member States to develop common frameworks for border control functions.

A curriculum review committee finalised the structure and content of the Framework in April, 2015.

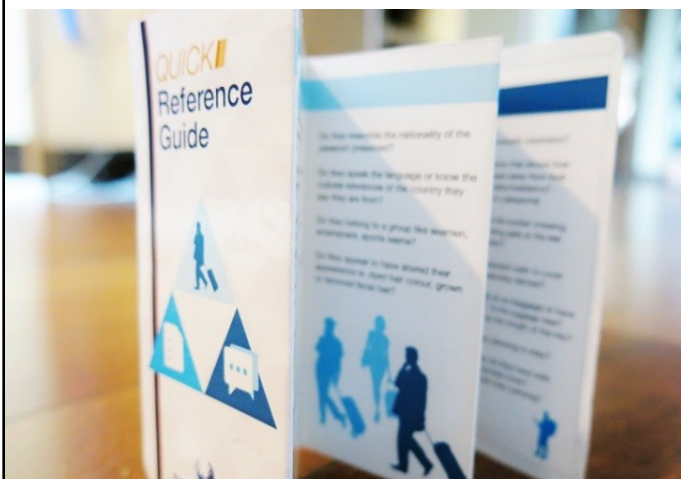
Members interested in the framework can contact info@rso.baliprocess.net to obtain a copy.

Regional Biometric Data Exchange Solution

The policy framework developed by the RSO to support the Regional Biometric Data Exchange Solution remains open for written consultation until 31 July, 2015.

All Bali Process members and observers are invited to provide written comments on the draft documents which are available on the [RSO website](http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/regional-biometric-data-exchange-solution) at www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/regional-biometric-data-exchange-solution.

Quick Reference Guide



The draft Quick Reference Guide

The RSO has developed a pocket sized Quick Reference Guide to assist frontline officers make timely border management decisions. Frontline Officers are key to the early detection of crimes related to smuggling and trafficking of people, providing evidence for the investigation and prosecution of these crimes, as well as identifying and providing information for processing refugee and asylum seeker claims and identifying vulnerable migrants.

The RSO would particularly like to acknowledge the work of the Pacific Immigration Directorate's Conference (PIDC) and New Zealand Immigration for their input into the design and potential functions of the guide.

The RSO will translate and deliver the Quick Reference Guides upon request. Please contact info@rso.baliprocess.net for more information and copies of the Guide.



Bali Process Co-Chairs (center) at the Regional Support Office

Bali Process Co-Chairs visit RSO

Bali Process Co-Chairs, H.E. Hassan Kleib, Director General for Multilateral Affairs, Indonesia and H.E. Andrew Goledzinowski, Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues, Australia, visited the RSO on 19 March, 2015 to discuss the Forward Work Plan of the RSO.

The RSO was represented at the 10th COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting and 4th COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meeting, held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from 28 to 30 April 2015.

Throughout May the RSO also held discussions with US State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration's Director of the Office of International Migration Suzanne A. Sheldon and the Australian Shadow Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Richard Marles.

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