REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE
THE BALI PROCESS

Fifth RSO Constructive Dialogue

on Countering People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime

Informing Priorities for Regional Cooperation

AGENDA

Wednesday 20 – Thursday 21 January 2027; Bangkok, Thailand

Day 1: Wednesday 20 January 2027		
Time	**Topic**	**Presenter**
Opening remarks and scene-setting		
From 08:00	Registration	RSO front desk
09:00–09:20	**Welcome and scene-setting** *Reflections on providing practical and technical support to Bali Process Members*	**RSO Co-Manager (Indonesia)** **RSO Co-Manager (Australia)**
09:20–09:50	**Keynote Address by Bali Process Senior Official Co-Chairs:** *25 Years of the Bali Process – reflections on priorities for regional cooperation*	**Bali Process Senior Official Co-Chairs**
9:50-10:00	Group photo	
10:00-10:30	*Morning Tea/Coffee*	
Plenary		
10:30–11:00	**From the Frontline to Policy: Insights to Inform Regional Priorities** *This session brings frontline perspectives into the room at the outset of the Dialogue. The RSO will share high-level insights from the Fifth RSO Border Forum (7–8 October 2026, Bangkok), highlighting the trends border and immigration officials are seeing on the ground, and how these insights can inform planning, priority setting and policy making.*	RSO Programme Manager – Border and Migration Management
11:00–12:30	**Building Regional Security Systems: Priorities for Coordinated Responses to Transnational Crime**	
	Situational update and regional snapshot	

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	Bali Process Member updates and priorities: Progress against the Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation and Priorities for Regional Cooperation *Members invited to share updates and priorities around the frameworks, mandates and information architecture that connect law enforcement, financial intelligence, and border agencies in responding to polycriminal networks, particularly those that underpin cyber-scam centres—including how systems designed around single crime types can be adapted to match networks operating across cybercrime, financial crime, and document fraud simultaneously.*	***Invited Member/Organisation updates (TBC)***
	Open Updates from Members and Observers	*Delegates to notify the RSO team in advance if wishing to make an intervention.*
12:30–13:30	*Lunch*	
13:30-14:30	**The Value of Regional Dialogues in Times of Global Change: Cooperation Across Asia-Pacific Migration Routes** *This panel will bring together representatives of the region's key processes and mechanisms to consider how they support cooperation along migration routes in a period of global change. Panellists will reflect on what each process contributes, how they complement one another, and how they can work together to reduce duplication and make the most of limited resources.*	**PANEL MODERATOR**: RSO Programme Manager- Irregular Migration and Regional Priorities
14:30-15:00	*Afternoon tea/coffee*	
15:00-16:30	**Strengthening Migration Governance: Priorities for Regional Cooperation**	
	Situational update and regional snapshot	
	Bali Process Member priorities: Progress against the Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation and Priorities for Regional Cooperation *Members invited to share updates on the institutional and legal architecture connecting migration management across states sharing a route or border, including how cooperation arrangements, information-sharing mechanisms, and public messaging function as parts of one system rather than isolated national measures.*	***Invited Member/Organisation updates (TBC)***
	Open Updates from Members and Observers	*Delegates invited to notify the RSO team in advance if wishing to make an intervention.*
Closing Remarks		
16:30-16:40	**Day 1 Closing Remarks**	**RSO Co-Manager [TBC]**

Dinner Reception	**From 17:30**
Venue [TBC]	

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Day 2: Thursday 21 January 2027		
Time	**Topic**	**Presenter**
Opening remarks and scene-setting		
From 08:30	Registration	
09:00-9:10	**Welcome back, recap, looking ahead for Day 2**	**RSO Co-Manager (Indonesia)** **RSO Co-Manager (Australia)**
9:10-9:15	**Guest address**	**Ben Biddington, Head of Delegation Australia – Department of Home Affairs**
9:15-9:45	**Guest address**	**TBC**
9:45-10:15	*Morning Tea/Coffee*	
10:15-11:15	**Technology and Transnational Crime: Opportunities, Risks and Priorities for Regional Cooperation** *This panel looks at how technology is changing the way trafficking, smuggling and related crimes operate, and how governments and partners can respond. Drawing on perspectives from blockchain analytics, financial crime, research and regional organisations, panellists will discuss emerging trends, the risks pose, and the policy and cooperation priorities that follow. The session will help Members consider where they need to adapt, and how regional cooperation can keep pace.*	**PANEL MODERATOR**: RSO Co-Manager (Australia)
Breakout session		
11:15-12:15	**Technology and Transnational Crime: Small Group Discussions** *An interactive discussion following the morning panel, giving participants space to share national experience on technology and Transnational crime, explore shared challenges and opportunities, and consider where regional cooperation could add the most value.*	**FACILITATOR**: TBC
12:15-13:15	*Lunch*	
Plenary		
13:15-14:15	**Learning from Experience: Shaping More Effective, People-Centred Responses** *This panel opens the session with a broader conversation on how prevention and protection approaches are evolving, where existing responses may be falling short, and what lessons could inform more effective, people-centred policies and programmes. Bringing together a mix of perspectives, including lived experience, panellists will focus on the wider policy considerations rather than specific initiatives, setting the context for the Member and Organisation updates that follow.*	**PANEL MODERATOR**: RSO Programme Manager – Countering Trafficking in Persons
14:15-14:45	*Afternoon tea/coffee*	

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14:45-16:15	**Deepening Prevention and Protection Systems: Priorities for Whole-of-Society Responses**	
	Situational update and regional snapshot	
	Bali Process Member priorities: Progress against the Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation and Priorities for Regional Cooperation *Members are invited to share updates on how government, civil society and private sector actors work together as a single, whole-of-society system to prevent harm and protect people at risk of, or affected by, exploitation and abuse along migration routes. This spans efforts to strengthen safe and orderly migration, and the referral pathways and institutional arrangements that support people from identification and screening through to protection, return and reintegration.*	***Invited Member/Organisation updates (TBC)***
	Open Updates from Members and Observers	*Delegates invited to notify the RSO team in advance if wishing to make an intervention.*
Closing remarks		
16:15-16:25	**Senior Official Co-Chairs' Perspectives**	**Bali Process Senior Official Co-Chairs**
16:25-16:35	**Closing remarks** *Reflecting on two days of discussions*	**RSO Co-Manager (Indonesia)** **RSO Co-Manager (Australia)**

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