

REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES (RCPs):  
MINISTERIAL CONSULTATION ON OVERSEAS  
EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTUAL LABOUR FOR  
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN IN ASIA  
An Indonesian Perspective

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# I.BACKGROUND

## 1. RCPs Agreed by UN Member States

*Invites appropriate regional consultative processes and other major initiatives undertaken by Member States in the field of international migration to contribute to the high-level dialogue;*

(OP4- A/RES/59/241; OP21- A/RES/60/227)

# BACKGROUND

## 1. RCPs Agreed by UN Member States

*Also welcomes the ongoing efforts of Governments in the area of regional and interregional cooperation and regional consultative processes, where they exist, on migration and encourages consideration of development dimensions in such processes, towards facilitating the dialogue and the exchange of information and experiences, fostering coordination at the regional and national levels, building common understanding, promoting cooperation, contributing to capacity-building and strengthening partnerships among countries of origin, transit and destination;*

(OP5- A/RES/61/208)

# I.BACKGROUND

## 2. REPORT OF THE UN SG ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION (A/60/871)

....In addition, regional consultative processes on international migration have been established in most parts of the world. The latter have proved useful in building trust and promoting cooperation among Governments.... Para 33

A consultative forum, led by and open to all the 191 States Members of the United Nations, would offer Governments a venue to discuss issues related to international migration and development in a systematic and comprehensive way..... The forum would thus complement, and add value to, the activities of the regional consultative processes, especially since the latter do not usually address issues related to development, focusing instead on managing regional migration flow. Para 40

## II.INDONESIAN MIGRATION OVERVIEW

Indonesia is a country of origin, transit and destination

Indonesian migrant workers (TKI)

Population of Indonesia 220 million (2003)

As of 2005 approx. 2.8 million

TKI located in 19 destination countries in Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, America and Europe.

Most of them(75.38%) employed in the informal sector

Remittances US\$2.93 billion (154% vs. 2004) -represents 0.75% of GDP, 50% FDI, 75% of official capital inflows.

We are also a transit for migrants from Middle East region (Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan) est. at 4400 (2003)

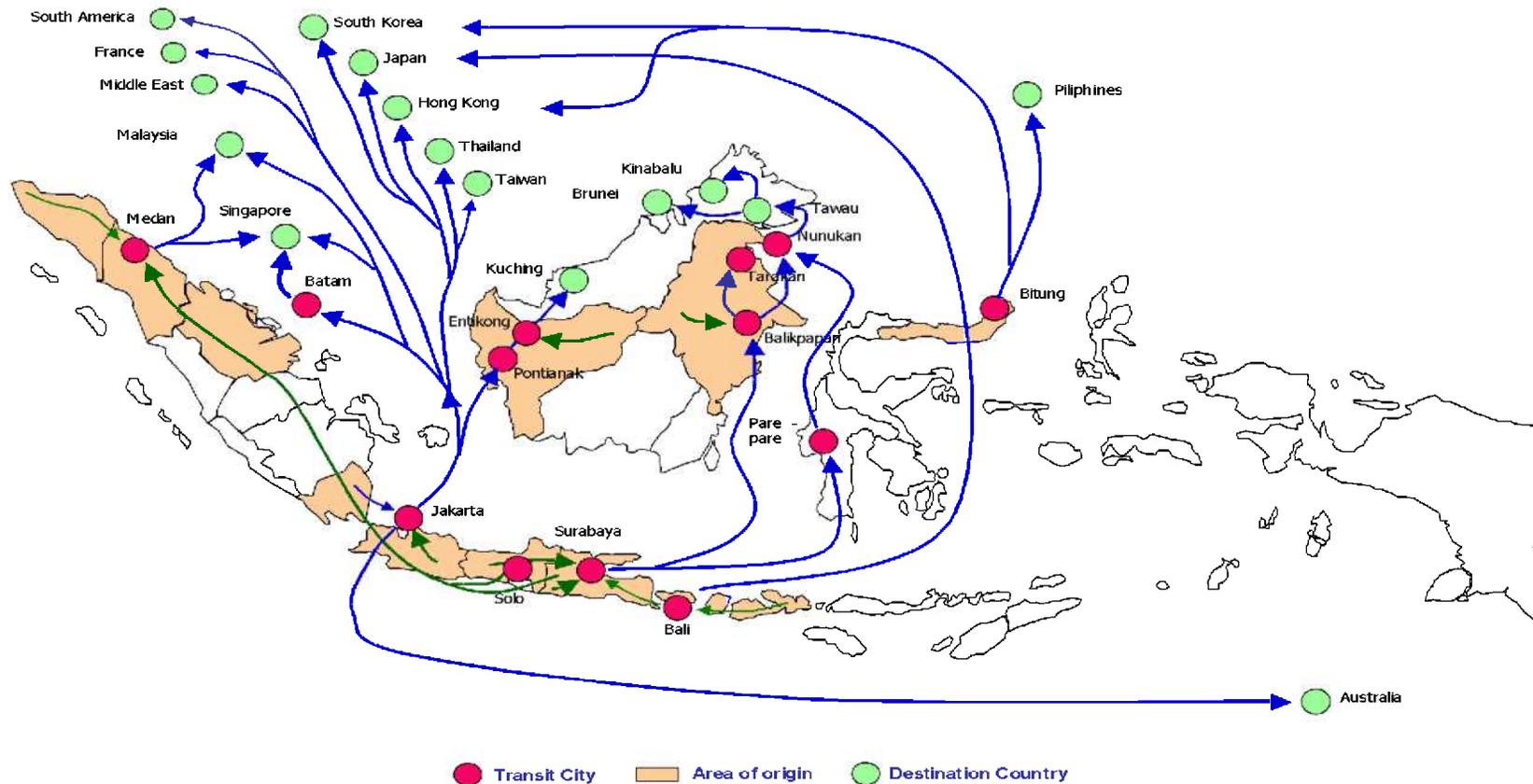
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**Figure 2. Map of Trafficking in Persons from Indonesia to Foreign Countries Year 2005-2006**



## II.INDONESIAN MIGRATION OVERVIEW

1. BALI PROCESS 2002
2. COLOMBO PROCESS 2003
3. Also involved in other regional meetings  
(ASEAN, APC)

# **III. RCP: COLOMBO PROCESS**

## **Ministerial Consultations on Overseas Employment and Contractual Labour for Countries of Origin in Asia**

**Led and governed by the annual Ministerial Consultation in which recommendations and action plans are discussed and adopted by the Ministers of the participating countries.**

**In each Consultation, member states review and monitor the implementation of the previous recommendations and identify further steps for action.**

**The Colombo Process provides Member States and organizations a non-binding and informal environment to carry out dialogues and cooperation on issues related to labour migration that are of common interest and concern.**

## III. RCP: COLOMBO PROCESS

### **First Labour Migration Ministerial Consultations for Countries of Origin in Asia April 01-02 2003, Colombo, Sri Lanka.**

Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam were invited. ILO also participated

The aim of the Ministerial Consultations was to provide a forum for Asian labour sending countries to share experiences, discuss issues and identify steps for follow-up in the form of recommendations.

# **III. RCP: COLOMBO PROCESS**

**Second Labour Migration Ministerial Consultations  
for Countries of Origin in Asia  
September 23- 24, 2004, Manila, the Philippines.**

**Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam were invited. Afghanistan (observer)**

**Other participants ILO, ADB, DFID and regional experts**

**One of the important aims was to provide a forum for Asian labour sending countries to review and monitor the implementation of recommendations of the Colombo Consultations  
and identify further steps for action.**

# III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: COLOMBO PROCESS

## **Third Ministerial Consultations on Overseas Employment and Contractual Labour for Countries of Origin in Asia Bali, Indonesia September 20-21, 2005**

### **Participant countries of origin (11)**

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, The Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

Supported by IOM, DFID-U.K.

### **Participation of countries of destination (8)**

Bahrain, Italy, Kuwait, Malaysia, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

### **International and regional organizations (7)**

ASEAN, EC, GCC, ILO, UNIFEM and World Bank.

# III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: COLOMBO PROCESS

**The aim of the Ministerial Consultations is to provide a forum for Asian labour sending countries to:**

- **Share experiences**, lessons learned and best practices on overseas employment policies and practices
- Consult on **issues faced by overseas workers**, countries of origin and destination;
- **Propose practical solutions** for the well being of vulnerable overseas workers;
- Optimize **development benefits**;
- **Enhance dialogue** with countries of destination
- **Review and monitor** the implementation of the recommendations and identify further steps for action

### III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: COLOMBO PROCESS

#### **Achievements so far have included:**

- **Identification**, at ministerial and senior official levels, of **policy challenges and needs**, and exploration of the range of possible responses and exchange of experiences in **development programme**
- Establishing a common **Overseas Workers Resource Centre**
- **Implementation** of recommendations at the **national level**

# **III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: COLOMBO PROCESS**

Third Ministerial Consultations on Overseas  
Employment and Contractual Labour for  
Countries of Origin in Asia  
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## **RECOMMENDATION OF MINISTERS**

**I. Welfare of Overseas Workers and Support Services**

**II. Optimizing the Benefits of Organized Overseas Employment  
and Cooperation on Managed Labour Mobility Between  
Countries of Origin and Destination**

**III. Follow-up Arrangements**

### III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: COLOMBO PROCESS

#### I. Welfare of Overseas Workers and Support Services

1. Further **implementation of the Recommendations** made at Manila on Regulatory frameworks, Establishment and Operation of Welfare Funds
2. Undertaking **information campaigns**
4. Development and introduction of a **module for migrants** on pre-departure orientation for the relevant destination countries,
5. **Working closely with countries of destination** in establishing minimum wage levels and ensuring safe and decent conditions of employment for contract workers,

# III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: COLOMBO PROCESS

## II. Optimizing the Benefits of Organized Overseas Employment and Cooperation on Managed Labour Mobility Between Countries of Origin and Destination

1. Enhancement of government and **private sector** capacity to place workers
2. Ensuring that potential **workers are well informed on legal** overseas work opportunities and procedures, and the risks of resorting to irregular movement,
3. **Development of the capacity of national authorities in countries of origin,**
4. Organizing **annual senior officials consultations** among Asian countries of origin and main destination countries in Europe on the development of managed labour movements and prevention of irregular movements,
5. Further implementation of Recommendations made at Manila on Enhancing the Development Impact of Remittances and on **Improving Remittance Services.**

# III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: COLOMBO PROCESS

## III. Follow-up Arrangements

1. Establishment of an **Overseas Workers' Resource Centre**
2. **Round-table meetings** on: a) further cooperation between the GCC countries and Asian countries of origin b) overseas labour in Southeast and East Asia
3. A **Senior Officials meeting** of Asian countries of origin with European States and main destination countries for Asian workers in Europe, including Italy;

# III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: COLOMBO PROCESS + ABU DHABI DIALOG

## **Ministerial Consultation on Overseas Employment and Contractual Labour for Countries of Origin and Destination in Asia (Abu Dhabi Dialogue)**

***Abu Dhabi , UAE, 21-22 January, 2008***

### **Participant countries of origin (11)**

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, The Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

### **Participation of countries of destination (11)**

Bahrain, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, ROK, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, UAE, Yemen)

# III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: ABU DHABI DIALOGUE

Theme: "Contractual Labour Mobility in Asia: 5 Key Partnerships for Development between Countries of Origin and Destination"

- This meeting in Abu Dhabi is the first to be hosted by a country of destination.
- It is expected to strengthen cooperation between countries of origin and destination
- continuing to provide a forum for the participating 11 Asian labour source countries to share their views and experiences in the field of labour mobility policies,
- review the implementation of recommendations of the Bali Consultations , and
- identify further steps for the effective management of labour mobility and temporary contractual labour for the benefit of all concerned.
- The 11 Asian labour source countries that constitute the core of this ongoing dialogue will be joined by Gulf Cooperation Council states as well as to countries of destination in Asia , making a total of 22 participating countries.
- Observership extended to nine other countries from Europe and other continents as well as to 14 regional and international organizations.

# III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: ABU DHABI DIALOGUE

Theme: "Contractual Labour Mobility in Asia: 5 Key Partnerships  
for Development between Countries of Origin and  
Destination"

## Sessions:

- Optimizing benefits of organized international mobility for contractual labour
- Welfare and protection of contractual overseas workers and families
- Building institutional capacity and interstate cooperation

# III. REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS: ABU DHABI DIALOGUE

## 5 Key Partnerships for Development between Countries of Origin and Destination

- Enhancing knowledge of labor market trends, skills, profiles, contractual workers and remittance flows and policy and the interplay with development in the region
- Building capacity for better matching labor demand and supply
  - Reducing the costs of contractual labor mobility facilitating remittances and promoting investments in and exchange with countries of origin for development
- Promoting welfare and protection measures for contractual workers, supportive of their wellbeing and preventing their exploitation
- Developing a framework for the elaboration of a comprehensive approach for managing contractual mobility that incorporates and recognizes its particularities, and fosters international cooperation

## IV. OBSERVATIONS

WHAT RCPs provides:

- Creates dialog at the operational level and generates practical solution
- It brings together relevant institution, at national, bilateral and regional level
- It provides focus on issues and promotes concerted effort

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