

## Fourth Technical Meeting of Focal Specialists on International Labour Migration Statistics in ASEAN

International Labour Organization Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

22-23 March 2018

Pullman Bangkok King Power Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

### CONCEPT NOTE

#### Background and Rationale

The **International Labour Migration Statistics (ILMS) Database in ASEAN** has been published annually since December 2014 as a special collection on the ILO's central database, ILOSTAT,<sup>1</sup> as well as through the AP-Migration web-portal.<sup>2</sup> It was launched in response to an identified lack of a reliable, comparable, or tractable database by which to enumerate, profile or classify international migrant workers in ASEAN. In validating, annotating and gathering together the information from the relevant surveys and administrative records produced in ASEAN, ILMS Database in ASEAN fills an important knowledge gap for national and regional policy-makers and for the broader research community. The fifth round of data collection for the ILMS Database in ASEAN was successfully completed in late 2017. Data is currently being consolidated for uploading to the ILOSTAT and AP Migration portals.

The ILMS Database in ASEAN comes at a critical time for the region as economic development, regional integration, and demographic factors continue to drive intra-regional labour mobility. Moreover, the importance of improving data collection and sharing around labour migration has been emphasized in the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (2007); Recommendations of the 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (2013); the ASEAN Consensus on the protection and promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (2017); and the ASEAN Labour Ministers' Work Programme 2016-2020.

The ILO has supported the ILMS Database in ASEAN since its inception, development and launch and through successful completion of five rounds of national data collection. In 2012-2016, this work was supported by the ASEAN TRIANGLE project funded by Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (GAC). Since 2016, the ILMS Database in ASEAN is supported by the ILO TRIANGLE in ASEAN programme, which is a partnership between the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the GAC and the ILO. TRIANGLE in ASEAN aims to ensure that the benefits of labour migration are equally realised by men and women migrant workers; employers and governments. TRIANGLE in ASEAN program delivers technical assistance and support with the overall goal of maximizing the contribution of labour migration to equitable, inclusive, and stable growth in ASEAN.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ilo.org/ilostat>

<sup>2</sup> <http://apmigration.ilo.org/asean-labour-migration-statistics>

## Objectives

On 22-23 March 2018, TRIANGLE in ASEAN will host the **fourth technical meeting of focal specialists on international labour migration statistics in ASEAN**. This workshop is the fourth in a series of regional technical meetings of focal points on labour migration statistics in the ASEAN. This group of focal points was established in 2013 and met again in 2014 and 2015. The overall objectives of the Meeting are to:

1. Brief focal specialists on the current progress and completion of the ILMS Database.
2. Present and share countries' experiences of ILMS data collection in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> rounds of ILMS collection in ASEAN, and discuss, in particular, ways in which data sharing can be promoted among ASEAN Member States.
3. Identify national capacity-building needs on collection of statistical ILMS data, and improving survey and administrative data on labour migration.
4. Introduce the SDG monitoring framework and indicators related to labour migration (Goals 8 and 10), with specific focus on 10.7.1 on recruitment costs.
5. Prepare for the sixth phase of data collection under the ILMS Database in ASEAN.

The Safe & Fair: Realizing women migrant workers' rights and opportunities in the ASEAN region programme implemented by the ILO and UN Women and funded by the EU through the Spotlight Initiative has contributed to meeting Objective 4.

## Participants

The Meeting will bring together representatives from national governments, ASEAN Statistics, and ILO. Member states' participants will ideally be the original (or prospective future) focal specialists from each country, including one or both of the Ministry of Labour and another Ministry responsible for data collection (e.g. National Statistical Office, Office of Immigration, etc.).

The Meeting will thus bring together the following ~30 partners and participants:

- ❖ *Member States' focal specialists* ~ 18 participants (see attached focal specialists)
- ❖ *ASEAN Statistics* 1 participant
- ❖ *UN ESCAP* 1 participants
- ❖ *Government of Canada* 1 participant
- ❖ *Government of Australia* 1 participant
- ❖ *ILO ROAP / DWT / consultants* ~ 8 participants

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DAY 1	THURSDAY, 22 MARCH
8.30-9.00	<i>Registration</i>
9.00-9.45	<p><b>Opening remarks</b>  <i>Nilim Baruah, Regional Migration Specialist, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i></p> <p><b>Roundtable of introductions</b>  <b>Group photograph</b></p>
9.45-11.00	<p><b>Session 1: International Labour Migration Statistics (ILMS) in ASEAN and beyond: An Overview of ILMS Database</b>  <i>Moderator: Nilim Baruah, Regional Migration Specialist, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>International labour migration data within a global context and the importance of sustained and accurate data collection for evidence-based policy-making</b>  <i>Tite Habiyakare, Regional Labour Statistician, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>ILMS Database in ASEAN: An overview and update on data collection</b>  <i>Marina Andrade, Consultant, TRIANGLE in ASEAN</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Questions and answers</b></p>
11.00-11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15-13.00	<p><b>Session 2: Sharing of regional and national experiences on collection of labour migration data</b>  <i>Moderator: Anna Engblom, Senior Programme Manager, TRIANGLE in ASEAN</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>ASEANstats data collection on social indicators</b>  <i>Lia Emalia, ASEANstats</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Coordination of data production on labour migration data in Thailand</b>  <i>Wutthisak Pathomsart, Department of Employment, Ministry of Labour &amp; Wissanee Poonsaab, National Statistical Office</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Collection of labour migration data in Indonesia</b>  <i>Tri Windiarso, BPS-Statistics Indonesia, Abdul Ghofar, BNP2TKI &amp; Gede Wira Pradnya, Ministry of Manpower</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Collection of labour migration data in Malaysia</b>  <i>Nor Hanizah Abu Hanit, Department of Statistics</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Questions and answers</b></p>

13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-15.30	<b>Session 3: Introduction to the SDG monitoring framework and indicators</b> <i>Moderator: Ben Harkins, Research and M&amp;E Officer, TRIANGLE in ASEAN</i> <b>Introduction to SDG monitoring frameworks and migration-related indicators</b> <i>Tite Habiyakare, Regional Labour Statistician, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i> <b>Monitoring SDG 10.7.1: Developing and implementing guidelines</b> <i>Eivind Hoffmann, Senior Consultant, ILO</i> <b>Questions and answers</b>
15.30-15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.45-16.45	<b>Session 4: Group work – Measuring recruitment costs</b> <i>Moderator: Marja Paavilainen, Senior Programme Officer, TRIANGLE in ASEAN</i> <b>Group work</b> (30 minutes) <b>Group presentations</b> (15 minutes) <b>Plenary discussion</b> (15 minutes)  <i>Indicative group work questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What should be the scope and definition of recruitment costs?</i></li><li>• <i>Discuss and suggest data collection strategies for recruitment costs</i></li></ul>
16.45-17.00	<b>Closing of Day 1</b>
<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 23 MARCH</b>
9.00-11.00	<b>Session 5: Practical steps for improving data sharing and harmonising data collection in 2018</b> <i>Moderator: Anjali Fleury, Technical Officer, TRIANGLE in ASEAN</i> <b>Introduction: Challenges in harmonizing and sharing data on labour migration in ASEAN</b> <i>Tite Habiyakare, Regional Labour Statistician, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific &amp; Marina Andrade, Consultant, TRIANGLE in ASEAN</i> <b>Group work</b> (45 minutes) <b>Group presentations</b> (15 minutes) <b>Plenary discussion</b> (30 minutes)  <i>Indicative group work questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>How to promote harmonization of statistical methods and concepts on international migration among AMS?</i></li><li>• <i>How to improve quality and analysis of administrative data on labour migration in AMS, including digitalization?</i></li><li>• <i>How to improve data collection on return migration in AMS?</i></li></ul>
11.00-11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>

- 11.15-12.45    **Session 6: The next steps ahead**  
*Moderator: Anna Engblom, Senior Programme Manager, TRIANGLE in ASEAN*  
**Towards more effective data collection and sharing in ASEAN**  
*Lia Emalia, ASEAN Statistics Division (ASEANstats)*  
**Preparing for the sixth phase of data collection**  
*Marja Paavilainen, Senior Programme Officer, TRIANGLE in ASEAN*  
**Plenary discussion**
- 12.45-13.00    **Closing remarks**  
*Anna Engblom, Senior Programme Manager, TRIANGLE in ASEAN*
- 13.00-14.00    *Lunch*