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**AT A GLANCE**

- **Partners**
  ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE)

- **Donors**
  Government of Canada

- **Duration**
  2013-2016

- **Target beneficiaries**
  ACE and ASEAN business membership organizations, existing and potential migrant workers in the ASEAN region, and ASEAN policymakers.

- **Geographical focus**
  Southeast Asia

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- Skills Matching and Labour Mobility – November 2013
- Increasing Productivity through Enhancing the Safety and Health of Migrant Workers – April 2014
- Hiring Migrant Workers – The Regulatory Environment – November 2015
- Enhancing Workplace Competitiveness through Embracing Diversity – April 2015
- Combatting Forced Labour and Human Trafficking in ASEAN – November 2015

The Action Plan further provides for the development of practical products to provide information on contemporary best practice approaches in recruiting and placing of skilled migrant workers. This is designed to assist employers’ organizations, business membership organizations, and employers operating in ASEAN to appropriately plan and prepare for the freer flow of skilled labour in 2015.