

International Labour Organization

Sub-regional meeting to develop the CLM Work Plan with the ASEAN TRIANGLE Project

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Bangkok, Thailand

Concept note

1. Background

The ASEAN TRIANGLE Project (ATP) aims to significantly reduce the exploitation of labour migrants in the region through increased legal and safe migration and improved labour protection. The project promotes both bilateral and regional approaches to deal with shared concerns, make regionalism more effective, and enhance the capacity of institutions in ASEAN.

The ATP is committed to developing and delivering a training programme on overseas employment administration for CLM countries. The ASEAN Senior Labour Officials called for the sharing of good practices from the Philippines Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), and this was included in the work plans of the ACMW and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI). The ASEAN Labour Ministers' Work Programme also promotes provision of additional assistance to the CLMV countries.

The ASEAN TRIANGLE Project has supported several efforts to share experiences between the Philippines and CLM, for example through: Myanmar Minister's study visit to the Philippines; and initiation of a study to assess the feasibility of setting up migrant welfare funds in CLM. Further initiatives planned include: studies on drafting of bilateral agreements, reviewing MoUs, and labour migration data collection guidelines

In order to ensure that the CLM initiative meets the needs of constituents, the ATP is convening a sub-regional meeting to discuss and develop a 2-year CLM Capacity Building Work Plan. In this regard, ASEAN TRIANGLE Project would like to request representatives from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar to consider the following five topics as potential priorities for the next 2 years and to provide ILO with their perspective on these at the meeting. The priority areas include:

1. Labour migration data collection, analysis and sharing
2. Feasibility study on a migrant welfare fund
3. Management of a labour attaché program, including program set-up and implementation
4. Bilateral agreements and MoUs
5. Regulating recruitment processes, including regulation of private recruitment agencies
6. Development of National Qualifications Framework

Representatives from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar may also suggest other priority areas related to labour migration governance.

2. Objectives

Overall objective: To develop a 2-year sub-regional work plan to support the capacity of the Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar to enhance labour migration governance as well as to further protect and promote the rights of migrant workers.

Objective 1: To identify national and regional capacity building priorities and needs on labour migration governance and protection of migrant workers.

Objective 2: To develop 2-year (2014-2016) CLM Capacity Building Work Plan and agree on implementation plans

3. Date and venue

The meeting will be held on the 18th September in Bangkok, Thailand.

4. Participants

The workshop will bring together 13 participants, including:

- Government officials from
 - o Ministry of Labour, Cambodia (2)
 - o Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Lao PDR (2)
 - o Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Myanmar (2)
 - o Department of Labour and Employment, Philippines, (1)
 - o The Philippine Statistic Authority (1)
 - o Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (1)
- Resource person (1)
- ILO (3)