

**UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON  
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  
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**ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2008

**Registration (12.30 – 13.00)**

*Afternoon session (13.00 – 17.00)*

**Opening**

*Opening statement (Director, Social Development Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP))*

*Opening statement (Assistant Director, Population Division, United Nations/Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))*

**I. International migration trends in Asia and the Pacific in the global context**

- a. *Levels and trends of international migration in Asia and the Pacific (Population Division, United Nations/DESA)*
- b. *Key issues on international migration and development in Asia and the Pacific (Social Development Division, United Nations/ESCAP)*
- c. *Population, migration and development in Asia and the Pacific (Jean-Louis Rallu, INED, France)*

**Special Presentation.** *Recent experiences in collecting migration data through labour surveys in the Philippines and Thailand (Geoffrey Ducanes, International Labour Organization (ILO) Regional Office, Thailand)*

**II. Regional migration policies and cooperation mechanisms**

- a. *Governance of migration in Asia (Manolo Abella, International Labour Organization (ILO), Thailand)*
- b. *Migration policies, practices and cooperation mechanisms in the Pacific (Richard Bedford, University of Waikato, New Zealand)*
- c. *Governance of migration in GCC countries (Mohammed Ibrahim Dito, Bahrain Labour Market Regulatory Authority)*
- d. *Refugee and asylum flows in Asia and the Pacific (Thomas Vargas, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Malaysia)*

SUNDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2008

*Morning session (9.00 – 12.00)*

**III. Labour migration**

- a. *Asian labour migration in a global context (Philip Martin, University of California at Davis, United States of America)*
- b. *Transnational solidarity: Migration-homeland cooperation for development in Asia (Maruja Asis, Scalabrini Migration Centre, Philippines)*

**IV. International migration and development**

- a. *Migration and development in Asia and the Pacific (Ronald Skeldon, University of Sussex, United Kingdom)*
- b. *Remittances and development in the Pacific (Richard Brown, University of Queensland, Australia)*
- c. *Migration and gender in Asia (Tasneem Siddiqui, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh)*

*Afternoon session (13.30 – 15.00)*

**Special Presentation.** *The global migration research database (Population Division, United Nations/DESA)*

**V. Closing**

- a. *Summary and conclusions*
- b. *Closing*