

**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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**OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING**

With the purpose of bringing an international perspective to the regional level, the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs is convening an Expert Group Meeting on *International Migration and Development in Asia and the Pacific*. The meeting is being organized under the umbrella of the Population Cluster of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs (EC-ESA). The meeting, which is held in collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 20 to 21 September 2008. The meeting brings together Governments, international organizations and civil society to discuss the following topics: (1) International migration trends in Asia and the Pacific in the global context; (2) Regional migration policies and cooperation mechanisms; (3) Labour migration, and (4) International migration and development.

The discussions and debate of the Expert Group Meeting will serve as preparation for the Asia-Pacific High-level Meeting on *International Migration and Development*, to be held in Bangkok from 22 to 23 September 2008 which is convened in preparation of the second Global Forum on Migration and Development in Manila, the Philippines on 28-29 October 2008.