

**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*