Expert Group Meeting on the *Asia-Pacific Migration Report 2024*
26 and 27 June 2024
In-person (UNCC, Bangkok, MR-H) and online
(All times Indochina time zone: GMT +7)

**Provisional Programme**
(24 June 2024)

**DAY ONE**

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| **08:30 – 09:00** | **Opening**  
• Welcome remarks, Mr. Srinivas Tata, Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP, Thailand  
• Opening remarks, Ms. Sarah Lou Yismael Arriola, Coordinator and Secretariat of the Regional UN Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific and Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, IOM (*video message*)  
• Presentation on objectives and programme of the Expert Group Meeting, Ms. Sabine Henning, Chief, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP, Thailand |
| **09:00 – 09:15** | **Group photo** |
| **09:15 – 10:30** | **Session 1: Overview of migration in Asia and the Pacific (chapter 1)**  
**Moderator:** Mr. Jerry Huguet, Consultant on Population and Development, Thailand  
Presentation, Ms. Kate Sheill, ESCAP and OHCHR Consultant and Ms. Vanessa Steinmayer, Population Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP, Thailand (10 minutes)  
• Discussant: Ms. Maruja Asis, Director of Research and Publications, Scalabrini Migration Center, Philippines (10 minutes)  
• Discussant: Ms. Chuah Hui Yin, Research Officer, Mixed Migration Centre Asia and the Pacific, Bangladesh (10 minutes)  
• Response, Ms. Kate Sheill and Ms. Vanessa Steinmayer, ESCAP, Thailand (10 minutes)  
• Q&A and discussion (35 minutes) |
| **10:30 – 11:00** | **Break** |
| **11:00 – 12:15** | **Session 2: Ensuring that migration is voluntary, orderly and regular (addressing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18) (chapter 2)**  
**Moderator:** Mr. Nilim Baruah, Senior Migration Specialist, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, ILO, Thailand  
Presentation, Mr. Piyasiri Wickramasekara, ILO Consultant, Switzerland (10 minutes)  
• Discussant: Mr. William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia, Philippines (10 minutes)  
• Discussant: Ms. Fish Ip, Asia Coordinator, International Domestic Workers’ Federation (IDWF), Hong Kong, China (10 minutes) |
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| 13:15 – 14:30| **Session 3: Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance** (addressing GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21) (chapter 3)
**Moderator:** Ms. Pia Oberoi, Senior Advisor on Migration and Human Rights (Asia Pacific), OHCHR Regional Office, Asia and the Pacific, Thailand
Presentation, Ms. Kate Sheill, ESCAP and OHCHR Consultant, Thailand (10 minutes)
- Discussant: Ms. Helen Brunt, Regional Thematic Lead on Migration and Displacement, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Malaysia (10 minutes)
- Discussant: Ms. Celia Finch, Asia-Pacific Regional Manager, International Detention Coalition, Australia (10 minutes)
- Response, Ms. Kate Sheill, ESCAP and OHCHR Consultant, Thailand (10 minutes)
- Q&A and discussion (35 minutes) |
| 14:30 – 15:00| Break                                                                               |
| 15:00 – 16:15| **Session 4: Summary discussion – synergies, overlap, conclusions, recommendations (chapters 1, 2 and 3)**
**Moderator:** Ms. Nansiri Iamsuk, Programme Specialist, Migration, UN Women, Thailand
Presentation, Ms. Vanessa Steimayer, Population Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP, Thailand (10 minutes)
- Discussant: Mr. Yu Korekawa, Director, Department of International Research and Cooperation, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Japan (10 minutes)
- Discussant: Ms. Salsabila Rashid, Project Officer, Migration Youth & Children Platform (MYCP), Pakistan (10 minutes)
- Discussant: Ms. Olga Andreeva, Programme Office Scientific Affairs, Science, Technology and Innovation Unit, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Germany (10 minutes)
- Response, Ms. Vanessa Steinmayer, ESCAP, Thailand (10 minutes)
- Q&A and discussion (25 minutes) |
| 16:15 – 17:00| Debrief for Regional UN Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific                  |

**DAY TWO**

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| 09:00 – 10:15| **Session 5: Supporting the integration of migrants and their contribution to development** (addressing GCM objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22) (chapter 4)
**Moderator:** Mr. Lucio Valerio Sarandrea, Regional Child Protection Specialist, East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, UNICEF, Thailand
Presentation, Mr. George May, Migrant Protection and Development Specialist, Bangkok Regional Hub for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP, Thailand (10 minutes)
- Discussant: Ms. Sara Vigil, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI Asia), Global Lead: Migration and Mobility Programme, Thailand (10 minutes) |
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| 10:45 – 12:00 | **Session 6: Improving value-driven and evidence-based policymaking and public debate, and enhancing cooperation on migration (addressing GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23) (chapter 5)**  
**Moderator:** Ms. Phumza Manqindi, Senior Regional Liaison and Policy Officer, Policy and Liaison Unit, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, IOM, Thailand  
**Presentation:** Ms. Kate Sheill, ESCAP and OHCHR Consultant, Thailand (10 minutes)  
   - Discussant: Ms. Dewi Amelia Eka Putri, Advocacy Officer, Asia-Pacific Mission for Migrants, Hong Kong, China (10 minutes)  
   - Discussant: Mr. Elroi Yee, Investigative Journalist, Malaysia (10 minutes)  
   - Discussant: Ms. Mahjabeen Khaled, General Secretary, Parliamentarians Caucus on Migration and Development, Bangladesh (10 minutes)  
   - Response, Ms. Kate Sheill, ESCAP and OHCHR Consultant, Thailand (10 minutes)  
   - Q&A and discussion (25 minutes) |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Lunch break**                                                                                             |
| 13:00 – 14:15 | **Session 7: Summary discussion – synergies, overlap, conclusions, recommendations (chapters 4 and 5)**  
**Moderator:** Ms. Sabine Henning, Chief, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP, Thailand  
**Presentation:** Mr. Marco Roncarati, Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP, Thailand (10 minutes)  
   - Discussant: Ms. Katherine Jones, Associate Professor, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, United Kingdom (10 minutes)  
   - Discussant: Mr. Sverre Molland, Associate Professor in Anthropology, Australian National University, Australia (10 minutes)  
   - Discussant: Ms. Jaya Anil Kumar, Research and Advocacy Manager at the Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics, Singapore (10 minutes)  
   - Response, Mr. Marco Roncarati, Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP, Thailand (10 minutes)  
   - Q&A and discussion (25 minutes) |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | **Break**                                                                                                   |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | **Closing**  
**Chair:** Mr. Srinivas Tata, Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP, Thailand  
   - Closing remarks, Mr. Nilim Baruah, Senior Migration Specialist, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, ILO, Thailand |
| 14:45 – 15:30 | **Debrief for Regional UN Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific**                                      |