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Women Migrant Workers, Barriers to Mobility and the Global Compact for Migration

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12.00-13.00

Meeting Room G

Nearly half of all labour migrants in Asia Pacific are women with with increasing numbers migrating autonomously to seek better lives and economic opportunities. Too often, gendered discriminations and barrier in labour and migration laws and policies exacerbate risks for women migrants. How can the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) address these critical gaps and omissions?

This event sees the ILO, UNACT (UN Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons), and the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) come together to discuss and identify critical gaps in policy and practice that the GCM must address if it is to benefit women migrant workers, including from risks of labour rights abuses and human trafficking.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Anna Olsen (ILO)** is the Technical Specialist with the TRIANGLE in ASEAN programme that aims to ensure that the benefits of labour migration are equally realised by men and women migrant workers; employers and governments and supports inclusive and sustainable growth in the ASEAN Economic Community.
- **Mr. Sebastian Boll** is the Regional Research Specialist at **UN-ACT**. UN-ACT is a UNDP project working to ensure a coordinated approach to more strategically and effectively combat trafficking in persons in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) and beyond.
- **Ms. Bandana Pattanaik** is the International Coordinator of **GAATW**, a network of non-governmental organisations from all regions of the world, who work for changes in the political, economic, social and legal systems and structures which contribute to the persistence of trafficking in persons and other human rights violations in the context of migration.

The panel will be followed by an interactive discussion.