

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 58) asked:

In the six years that the Bali summit did not convene there were just these workshops. How many meetings had occurred under the umbrella of the summit in that intervening period?

Answer:

A list of all meetings occurring under the Bali Process in the six years between the 2nd Bali summit and 3rd Bali Summit is at Attachment A.

ACTIVITY UNDER BALI PROCESS SINCE 2003

- April 2003: **Second Regional Ministerial Conference (Bali II) on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime, Bali.**
- September 2003: **Ad Hoc Experts' Group (AHEG) I trafficking/public awareness workshop, Seoul.** Run jointly by ROK Justice and Gender Equality ministries and comprising both a Bali process and broader group of participants.
- October 2003: **Steering Group Meeting, Canberra.**
- November 2003: **AHEG II legislation workshop, Port Dickson.** This showed: 17 regional countries had made use of the model legislation; 17 already had legislation in place; and nine were considering or in the process of doing so. Strong representation from and participation by regional immigration, police and justice ministries.
- March 2004: **AHEG II identity management and document fraud workshop, Bangkok.** Outcomes include enhanced regional cooperation and commitment to develop best practice guidelines for the initial establishment of identity and mechanisms for the regional coordination of training, and support for a regional approach to information sharing on documentation, lost and stolen passports and persons of concern.
- April 2004: **AHEG I refugee status determination workshop, Fiji** (main substantive input from UNHCR). Focused on the development of best practice models of asylum seeker management, addressing the tension of a country's right to determine who enters its territory with the right of victims of persecution or violence to seek and enjoy protection in other countries.
- May 2004: **Steering Group Meeting, Wellington.**
- May 2004: **Joint Bali-Budapest workshop on return of unlawful migrants, Perth.** Outcomes included agreement to contribute appropriate material to the Returns Project repository of return documentation. Participants also agreed to identify and contribute material for the compilation of draft paragraphs that governments could draw on in developing their own bilateral return agreements.
- May 2004: **AHEG II targeting workshop, Bangkok.** This workshop focused on cooperation between law enforcement agencies in targeting key people smugglers and traffickers in the region.
- June 2004: **Steering Group Meeting, Brisbane.**
- June 2004: **Bali process Senior Officials' Meeting, Brisbane.** The meeting took stock of what the process has achieved and recommended future directions to Ministers.
- September 2004: Coordinator (Thailand) **Best Practices in Operational Cooperation workshop, Macau.** The workshop was part of a programme of ongoing practical activities to advance operational cooperation among law enforcement agencies.

- November 2004: Coordinator (New Zealand), Protection of Victims of **International Trafficking and Public Awareness, Seoul**. Run jointly by ROK Justice and Gender Equality ministries and IOM. Including Bali process countries and a broader group of participants, the workshop aimed to identify best practices for the protection of victims of trafficking.
- December 2004: **Steering Group Meeting, Bali**.
- December 2004: **Protection, Return and Reintegration of the Victims of Human Trafficking, Bali**. A national workshop targeting Indonesian national and local government officials, academics and NGOs. Hosted by the Indonesian Department of Foreign Affairs.
- December 2004: Coordinator (Thailand), **Multi Jurisdictional People Smuggling Targeting Meeting, Colombo**. Hosted by the Sri Lankan National Police. Following on from the targeting workshop in Bangkok, this workshop focused on developing operational approaches for targeting people smugglers in the sub-region.
- April 2005: **Enabling Electronic Exchange of Lost & Stolen Travel Document Information workshop, Bangkok**. To assist Bali members to enhance domestic legislation, policies and institutional frameworks to support the sharing of information beginning with the electronic exchange of information on lost, stolen or non-genuine travel documents.
- June 2005: **Developing a Co-ordinated Inter-Agency National Action Plan to Eradicate Trafficking in Persons workshop, Tokyo**. To promote an integrated whole-of-government response to trafficking in persons in Bali Process countries.
- August 2005: **Steering Group Meeting, Bangkok**.
- October 2005: **Joint Bali-Budapest Process workshop on harmonising anti-people trafficking legislation, Vienna**. To build on the Bali process model legislation on people smuggling and trafficking.
- November 2005: **Combating Child Sex Tourism strategy seminar, Bangkok**. To focus on operational cooperation particularly between police, justice and NGOs to increase prosecution of offenders and strengthen prevention and protection mechanisms to address child sex tourism.
- January 2006: **Operationalising Immigration Intelligence workshop, Singapore**. To focus on areas such as the gathering of intelligence and the process by which this is analysed, utilised and then shared.
- March 2006: **Steering Group Meeting**.
- June 2006: **Workshop on Child Sex Tourism, Manila**. To discuss regional information sharing strategies in relation to CST matters; explore the CST legislative approaches adopted by participants; highlight the various operational techniques and their effectiveness; and examine evidentiary issues associated with CST investigation and prosecution.
- September 2006: The Bali Process: **A Regional Consultative Process in the Asia Pacific Region and Beyond**, UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development Side Event, New York.

- November 2006: **Steering Group Meeting, Bali.**
- November 2006: **Human Trafficking: Victim Support, Bali.** To provide a forum for participants to exchange information on government policy and best practice in managing the victims of human trafficking with an emphasis on how destination states can support victims; how destination and source states ensure victim support during repatriation arrangements; and what constitutes best practice in the reintegration/rehabilitation of victims in their home country.
- July 2007: **Steering Group Meeting, Canberra.**
- August 2007: **Enabling Electronic Authentication of Travel Document Information, Wellington.** The workshop was convened to support the development of legislation and policy frameworks to share information electronically on lost and stolen passports.
- December 2007: **Multi Jurisdictional People Smuggling Targeting Workshop, Dhaka.** The third in a series of such workshops that aim to bring together potential partners in a collaborative atmosphere supportive of targeting people smuggling syndicates.
- May 2008: **Steering Group Meeting, Bangkok.**
- February 2008: **The Bali Process- A Model for Regional Cooperation in the Fight Against Trafficking,** UNGIFT Forum Side Event. An interactive discussion forum on the progress of the Bali Process in strengthening regional cooperation in the fight against human trafficking.
- June 2008: **People Smuggling: Threat Assessment and Risk Analysis Workshop, Kuala Lumpur.** The workshop aimed to assist Bali Process member countries to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the benefits of threat assessment in the prevention of people smuggling activities and be better able to respond to people smuggling threats.
- November 2008: **Steering Group Meeting, Wellington.**
- February 2009: **Steering Group Meeting, Brisbane.**
- February 2009: **Bali Process Senior Officials' Meeting, Brisbane.**
- April 2009: **Document Examination at the Border Workshop, Manila.** Workshop participants discuss topics involved with both document examination capacity and the management of laboratories, training and information distribution.
- April 2009: **Steering Group Meeting, Bali.**
- April 2009: **Bali Process Senior Officials' Meeting, Bali.**
- April 2009: **Third Regional Ministerial Conference (Bali III) on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime, Bali.**