

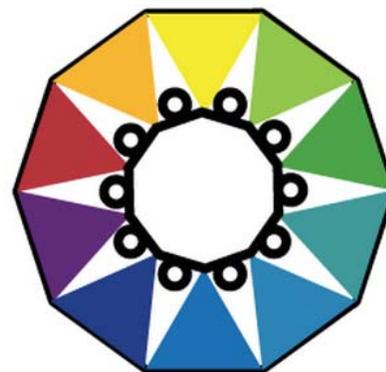
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ASEAN TRIANGLE Project (ATP)

Funded by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), the Tripartite Action for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers in the ASEAN Region ([ASEAN TRIANGLE Project: ATP](#)) is a five-year project that aims to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers. ATP works closely with ASEAN member states, ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC), and ASEAN Confederation of Employers (AEC). The project promotes both bilateral and regional and tripartite approaches by engaging workers, employers and governments to make regionalism more effective and support the capacity building of institutions in ASEAN. The main outcomes and activities of the ATP can be found [here](#). Please forward this email to interested parties and [subscribe here](#).



Featured Story

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The ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC) has developed

a complaint mechanism to document and track progress of migrant workers' complaints. The complaint mechanism comes with three standard forms – standard inquiry form, standard intake/complaint form, and standard case monitoring form. These forms are used by ATUC focal points on migrant labour to determine appropriate assistance to migrant workers in distress. A referral system ensures appropriate coordination with other national trade union centers in ASEAN, origin and destination countries, government agencies and partner civil society and non-government organizations.

The information collected from these forms will be entered into a web-based ATUC Information System on Migrant Workers database now under development. The database will produce meaningful analysis and reports to aid in design and implementation of interventions to improve systems for the resolution of migrant workers' complaints. This will strengthen ATUC and ATUC affiliates' data gathering on migrant workers, their inquiries and complaints, and monitoring the progress of resolution of these complaints. It will also provide evidence-based inputs into migrant worker advocacy and interventions.

For more information about ATUC, please see: <http://aseantuc.org/>

Featured Event

[The Third Meeting of Labour Migration Data Focal Points agrees to the launch of Phase III of the ILMS and the creation of an ASEAN Technical Working Group on Labour Migration Statistics](#)

1-2 July 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

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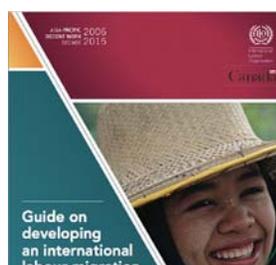
The International Labour Migration Statistics (ILMS) Database in ASEAN was successfully published on 18 December 2014 as a special collection on the ILO's central database, [ILOSTAT](#), as well as through the [APMigration](#) web-portal and [ASEANstats](#). The ILMS Database in ASEAN fills several important knowledge gaps for the region. For the very first time, it permits a comprehensive analysis of the existing labour migration trends within the region to help in the design and implementation of evidence-based policies. It maps out the scope and quality of the existing data sources in each country to highlight the ongoing knowledge gaps and to help better harmonise their definitions.

In order to strengthen and sustain the process of data collection and sharing in ASEAN, ILO held its Third Technical Meeting of Focal Specialists on International Labour Migration Statistics in ASEAN. The Meeting brought together Member States' experts responsible for collecting and analysing the data in each country alongside representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, UN ESCAP and ILO. The meeting launched the third round of data collection, which will take place during July-August 2015 and will be published on ILOSTAT in September 2015. Participants agreed to a set of [recommendations](#) which included recommending the creation of an ASEAN Technical Working Group on Labour Migration Statistics.

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The ILMS has been included in the ILO 'Good practices database - Labour



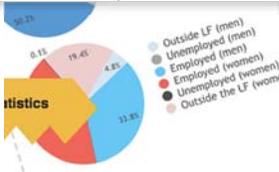
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database - Labour migration policies and programmes'



Towards more effective data collection and sharing'



Download the 'International Labour Migration Statistics (ILMS) Database for ASEAN Brief'



Download the ILMS Fact Sheet: 'International Migration in ASEAN at a Glance'

Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar agree to take actions to develop a migrant welfare fund to protect their nationals abroad

May 26-27 2015, Vientiane, Lao PDR



In line with ASEAN TRIANGLE Project's work plan with Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar (CLM), a workshop was convened to disseminate and validate the findings of a feasibility study and an operational blueprint that guide how CLM may establish migrant workers welfare fund programmes. The workshop was hosted by Lao PDR's Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security and attended by over 40 participants from CLM as well as high ranking officials from the labour ministries of the Philippines and Vietnam. The research team was led by former Philippine Labour Minister, Mr Marianito Roque, and composed of national consultants from CLM.

By the end of the event the participants agreed, where possible, to support measures that will lead to the establishment of MWFs or their equivalent in CLM. An Outcome Document that outlined key strategies and priority actions to do so was produced.

For workshop report click [here](#) and for more photos please click [here](#).

Civil Society Organizations in ASEAN adopt an action plan to implement the 7th AFML Recommendations

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15-16 May 2015, Bangkok, Thailand



The Task Force on ASEAN Migrant Workers (TFAMW) organised a 2-day regional workshop to follow up on the Recommendations adopted at the 7th AFML held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 20-21 November 2014. A total of 37 participants involved in this workshop from across the ASEAN member states examined the 20 recommendations from the [7th AFML](#).

CSOs in the ASEAN agreed to implement the following 3 Recommendations:

- Recommendation no. 3 on providing inputs to assist ASEAN to develop framework/guidelines on standard employment contracts;
- Recommendation no. 8 on strengthening referral systems and complaints mechanisms;
- Recommendation no. 14 on engendering accessible information on national legislations, policies, rules and regulations on employment and labour migration issues to better inform migrant workers and all other stakeholders involved in the migration process.

For more photos please click [here](#).

The 8th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour will be held in October and will focus on labour inspection and occupational health and safety

5 May 2015, Manila, Philippines,



In 2015, the 8th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour will be hosted by the Government of Malaysia as ASEAN Chair in Kuala Lumpur on 26-27 October 2015. In order to determine the theme, agenda and concept note of the meeting and to discuss arrangements for national level tripartite preparatory meetings, the ILO ASEAN TRIANGLE Project hosted a meeting of the AFML Coordinating Committee of the 8th on the 5th May 2015, in Manila, Philippines. The themes this year will focus on occupational health and safety and labour inspection. The AFML will be preceded by national tripartite preparatory meetings in

each ASEAN Member State.

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Featured Publications

Guide on developing an international labour migration statistics database in ASEAN: Towards more effective data collection and sharing



The Guide provides an overview of the process undertaken in developing the current International Labour Migration Statistics (ILMS) Database in ASEAN, identifies outstanding gaps in the international work in this area, and presents a number of recommendations for improving data collection and collaboration on international labour migration in ASEAN.

Featured Video

The International Labour Migration Statistics (ILMS) Database for ASEAN

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This 2 minutes whiteboard animation answers what is the International Labour Migration Statistics (ILMS) Database for ASEAN and explains how to access it.

Upcoming Events

1. [Capacity Building Workshop on Strengthening the Role of Labour Attachés in Thailand: Ethical Recruitment, 29 July 2015, Bangkok, Thailand](#)

For Second consultation with labour attaches from Cambodia, Laos Myanmar based in Thailand click [here](#).

2. [Regional meeting on the action plan to implement mutual recognition of skills in ASEAN, 10-11 August 2015, Bangkok, Thailand](#)

- Recognition of skills and mobility has been included in the 'Good practices database - Labour migration policies and programmes', click [here](#) to read more and click [here](#) to watch the video 'Toward the Implementation of Mutual Recognition of Skills in ASEAN countries'

3. Training of Trainers on Financial Literacy for partners in Malaysia, September 2015, Malaysia

4. National Tripartite Preparatory Meetings for the 8th AFML in the Philippines (28 July 2015), Myanmar (5 August 2015), Cambodia (20 August 2015), Viet Nam (28 August 2015), Thailand (14 September), Indonesia (16 September) and Lao PDR (22 September).

5. National Meeting of Labour Migration Data Focal points in Myanmar (6 August)

6. ATUC Youth Rally and research dissemination event, September 2015



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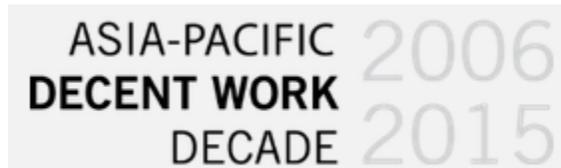
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