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CIFAL Jeju - Workshop on Border Security Cooperation in Asia Pacific

People

Deadline: 8 May 2026

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Jeju, Republic of Korea
Date:	9 Jun 2026 to 12 Jun 2026
Duration:	4 Days
Thematic Area:	Decentralize Cooperation Programme
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Partnership: (RSO)	Regional Support Office of the Bali Process

BACKGROUND

Border management across the Asia–Pacific region is evolving rapidly in response to growing mobility, digitalisation, and increasingly complex migration dynamics. States are balancing facilitation of legitimate travel and trade with the need to safeguard identity integrity, detect fraud, prevent transnational crime, and manage irregular migration flows.

Recent regional trends — including expanded use of biometric systems, risk-based targeting tools, digital travel documents, and cross-border data-sharing mechanisms — demonstrate a shift toward technology-enabled border governance. At the same time, irregular migration patterns, visa misuse, online-facilitated smuggling, and document fraud present new operational challenges for frontline agencies.
This workshop builds upon established collaboration between the RSO and UNITAR CIFAL Jeju and reflects the evolving direction of RSO programming under its 2024–2026 Work Plan. While previous joint activities focused primarily on victim identification and referral, this training adopts a broader systems-based approach to border management.

The programme will draw on:
• The Republic of Korea's experience integrating biometric verification and smart gate systems.
•Operational practices at Jeju Airport in managing special entry regimes and tourism-driven flows.
•Regional lessons learned in border process optimisation, document security, and cross-border data exchange.

The workshop reflects the Bali Process Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation, particularly areas relating to law enforcement, border management, information sharing, and coordination.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

(1) Strengthen understanding of modern border management systems and their core components;
(2) Enhance knowledge of identity verification methods, including document examination and biometric technologies;
(3) Improve understanding of risk-based targeting and border process design in high-volume and mixed-migration environments;
(4) Increase awareness of travel document security features and emerging fraud trends;
(5) Strengthen appreciation of cross-border data exchange mechanisms and operational information-sharing practices;
(6) Provide a platform for peer-to-peer exchange between APAC frontline officials;
(7) Facilitate structured reflection on national system gaps and reform priorities.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:
(1) Describe the Five Pillars of Modern Border Management framework and apply it to their national context;
(2) Identify key identity verification techniques including biometric integration and document examination;
(3) Analyse risk-based targeting approaches relevant to high-volume and mixed-migration settings;
(4) Recognise travel document security features and common fraud indicators;
(5) Articulate best practices in cross-border data sharing and information exchange.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Day 1 – June 9, Tuesday
Modern Border Management Systems
Traveller assessment and facilitation at airports
Identity Verification and Travel Document Control
Handling Inadmissible Persons and Returns
Country Presentation and Discussion: Mapping of National Border Processes

Day 2 – June 10, Wednesday
Country Presentation and Discussion: Mapping of National Border Processes
Expert-led Session and Participant Discussion on Technology and Innovation
Site visit to Jeju Coast Guard
Site visit to Korea Immigration Service

Day 3 – June 11, Thursday
Risk at the Border
Using Technology to Support Risk Assessment
Managing Risk in Mixed and High-Volume Flows (Part 1)
Managing Risk in Mixed and High-Volume Flows (Part 2)
 Intelligence Cycle
 Country Presentations

Day 3 – June 11, Thursday
 Cross-Border Coordination
 Participant Presentation: Return-To-Work-Plan
 Closing Ceremony

The contents and structures above are subject to change.

METHODOLOGY

Expert-led plenary sessions, facilitated group discussions, structured exercises (including national border system mapping), country presentations, and site visits. A peer-learning format ensures government practitioners share practical lessons, implementation challenges, and system reform experiences.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

25 officials from Bali Process Member States, including:
immigration and border agencies;
airport and port authorities;
police and law enforcement;
ministries responsible for identity management and document issuance;
officials engaged in data exchange and border systems development.
Priority given to officials responsible for operational implementation of border processes and technology systems.