



**Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN)
Annual General Meeting**

**18-19 June 2018
Bangkok, Thailand**

The Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN), in collaboration with IFRC and the ICRC will host an Annual General Meeting from 18-19 June in Bangkok, Thailand. This Meeting will complement the Red Cross Red Crescent Conference on Labour Migration, to be held from 20-21 June, in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Annual General Meeting will provide a forum for Asia Pacific National Societies to share information, discuss challenges and successes, identify opportunities and chart a common way forward in addressing humanitarian needs in the context of migration in and from the Asia Pacific region.

What is the APMN?

The Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN) is a regional forum established by agreement between the 17 Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies (NS) that gathered in Bangkok in December 2012 for the Asia Pacific Migration Workshop. The Australian Red Cross and the Maldivian Red Crescent are the current co-chairs of the Network, and the Australian Red Cross hosts the Secretariat for the APMN.

The APMN was created to explore regional issues, build regional understanding, facilitate information-sharing and peer-to-peer capacity development around issues relating to migration; develop joint actions and contribute to a growing body of knowledge for the benefit of migrants, based on the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Fundamental Principles.

Over the last two years, the APMN has increased the profile of migration in the region, not only within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, but also by bringing perspectives and experiences from the Asia Pacific region to global fora and dialogues (both internal such as Statutory Meetings and external through the consultations towards a Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration). The APMN currently includes participation from 35 National Societies in the Asia Pacific regions with the ICRC and IFRC having observer status in the Network.

The APMN is committed to sensitisation and awareness-raising on migration issues, and is now focused on moving towards practical action to better support migrants and people at risk in the context of migration.

Activities such as learning through peer-to-peer support and exchanges, regular Skype meetings, membership updates, research and mapping, hosting events and developing regional and thematic working groups have all contributed to increased collaboration and coordination on migration across Asia Pacific National Societies.

Objectives of the Annual General Meeting

The objectives of the 2018 APRMN Annual General Meeting are to:

1. Strengthen the APMN as a platform for ongoing collaboration and dialogue between Asia Pacific National Societies



2. Enhance understanding of the Movement's approach to migration
3. Deepen and share understanding of the complexity of migration issues across the region and work towards practical action
4. Learn from one another, and to deepen relationships between National Societies on migration
5. Identify gaps and opportunities related to addressing the humanitarian concerns related to migration
6. Build on the outcomes raised by the 6 National Societies that participated in the 2018 APMN peer to peer learning at Australian Red Cross

Outcomes of the Annual General Meeting

The following outcomes are expected from the APMN Annual General Meeting:

1. To undertake formal Network proceedings, including a reflection and report back of the year, reviewing activities and working groups, and plan for the next 12 months
2. APMN working groups to develop and strengthen work plans with a commitment to carry these forward to next APMN General meeting
3. National Societies to identify new or strengthen existing opportunities for cooperation and coordination with NS counterparts in countries of origin, transit and destination as well as cross-regional coordination
4. Together with ICRC and IFRC, develop an APMN 'roadmap to action' towards 2020, including the establishment of agreed key messages for initiating or enhancing dialogue with government, the broader authorities and communities regarding migration (including engagement with the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees)
5. Development of an APMN Statement on Migration to present at the 10th Asia Pacific Regional Conference to be held in Manila in November 2018.

Participation

The APMN Annual General meeting is open to all National Societies in the Asia Pacific region.

Participation of both National Societies' leaders and technical/migration focal points is welcomed. Formal decisions on APMN focal point engagement in activities is by agreement of NS leadership.

The second day (19 June) will be open to Partner National Societies from outside the Asia Pacific region who are supporting and partnering with Asia Pacific National Societies.

Annual General Meeting format

Day 1: Formal APMN Annual General Meeting – A day to reflect on activities, achievements and progress of the APMN, with a focus on National Societies', ICRC and IFRC migration activities over last 12 months, and discuss migration at the local, regional and global level.

Day 2: Moving to action on migration – A day for National Societies, ICRC, IFRC and Partner National Societies, to work together on a range of migration-related activities, including progressing the outcomes from the Peer to peer, the working groups, the IFRC guidance notes on migration, and set out a 'roadmap to action'.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact Jess van Son, APMN Secretariat: apmn@redcross.org.au