

ASIAN NETWORK FOR DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

The Asian Network for Document Examination (ANDEX) is a network that comprises travel document examination experts of immigration agencies at international checkpoints, located in 14 countries in Asia. The network meets on an annual basis to discuss topics of mutual interest and challenges related to frauds in immigration and border management. The network was set up in November 2013 as an initiative of the Document Examination Support Center (DESC), funded by the Government of Canada and managed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).



The ANDEX network strives to strengthen regional travel document examination capacity to combat irregular migration and transnational organized crime through regular and current exchange of information on document and immigration fraud.

OBJECTIVES

ANDEX officially meets on an annual basis to strengthen the coordination between and among the specialists in travel document examination and verification.



INFORMATION SHARING

- Create a practical information-sharing mechanism, generally for practitioners who also handle travel document and identity frauds at international checkpoints
- Exchange information in a timely fashion on the observed fraud cases in immigration process



RAISING AWARENESS

- Raise the collective awareness of Participating Members on recent trends observed on documents and identity frauds.



REGIONAL COOPERATION

- Enhance regional cooperation on combating irregular migration, including migrant smuggling and human trafficking.

ANDEX MEMBERSHIP

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| 1. Bangladesh | 8. Myanmar |
| 2. Brunei Darussalam | 9. Philippines |
| 3. Cambodia | 10. Republic of Korea |
| 4. Indonesia | 11. Singapore |
| 5. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 12. Sri Lanka |
| 6. Malaysia | 13. Thailand |
| 7. Maldives | 14. Viet Nam |
| | 15. IOM |

ANDEX membership is open to all governments and relevant organizations in Asia and the Pacific. After participation in the ANDEX Annual Meeting or after one year of information sharing, interested governments from the Asia-Pacific region and relevant organizations may submit a membership request to the ANDEX Chair via IOM. Admission of an interested party is taken by a vote of consensus of all current Member States. There are no membership fees associated with participation in ANDEX.

COMMUNICATION

ANDEX Participating Members can exchange pertinent information in physical meetings as well as via secure online platforms. IOM's DESC supports this process as a coordinator to facilitate the exchange of information within the ANDEX network.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

The ANDEX Operational Governance Framework, approved in 2021 as a replacement to the ANDEX Constitution, outlines the details of Membership, Decision-Making, and Technical Support.

THE ROLE OF IOM

IOM first identified the need for a practical network for travel document examination experts in Asia and the Pacific as a means to combat irregular migration and transnational organized crime, and subsequently organized the inaugural meeting. The Annual Meeting chairmanship of ANDEX rotates yearly among the Participating Members. IOM serves as a full member of the network to provide technical guidance on relevant topics and to assist in the organization of the annual meetings.

CONTACT

For more information, please contact DESC, which serves as the contact focal point for the Participating Members on ANDEX.



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