



Inauguration of knowledge hub on November 24, 2021. The hub is a collaborative endeavour of RMMRU (Bangladesh), CESLAM (Nepal), SDPI (Pakistan), IPS (Sri Lanka) and IIPS (India), and is supported by ILO, IOM, and UN WOMEN.

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VISION

To collaborate, create and disseminate knowledge,—South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) envisions promoting, understanding, strengthening research, enhancing teaching and capacity building to formulate evidence-based policy with an aim to protect migrants' rights and promote decent work for achieving integration of migration with sustainable development.

A Message from the Editorial Team

Greetings from SALAM.

The South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) is a new knowledge hub set up by the UN's agencies —ILO, IOM and UN Women — with its secretariat located in IIPS, Mumbai. This hub is a collaborative partnership of Institutions in five South Asian nations: Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and India. UNU-MERIT, Maastricht (Netherlands), and the University of California (Berkeley, USA) are the other participants in this endeavour. This newsletter informs the readers about SALAM's partners, its conceptualization and the inaugural event, lecture series, hosting interns, executive committee meetings, members of the advisory committee, information on migration centres globally, upcoming events etc. As a part of the SALAM activities, we will be publishing a quarterly newsletter as one of the important activities of the centre. We will be happy to receive your comments and feedback for improving the content of future newsletters.

Thanking you,
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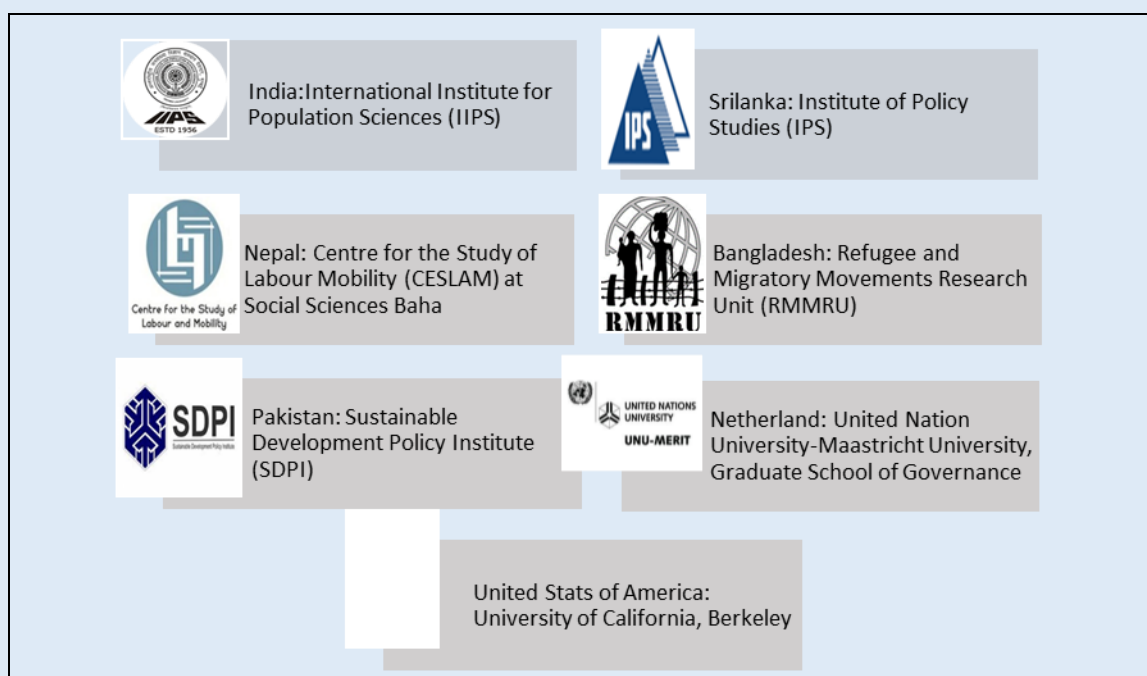
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South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM)

1. ABOUT SALAM

The South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) was jointly conceived by the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) and the United Nations' International Labour Organization (ILO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), and UN Women under the Governance of Labour Migration in South and South East Asia (GOALS), a program of the International Labour Organization. The collaboration aims to establish a Regional Learning and Action Platform — a knowledge hub on Labour Migration in South Asia for GOALS. SALAM's secretariat is located in IIPS, Mumbai, India. With support from ILO, IOM, and UN Women, the collaboration involves leading institutions of South Asian countries which are involved in migration studies and research.



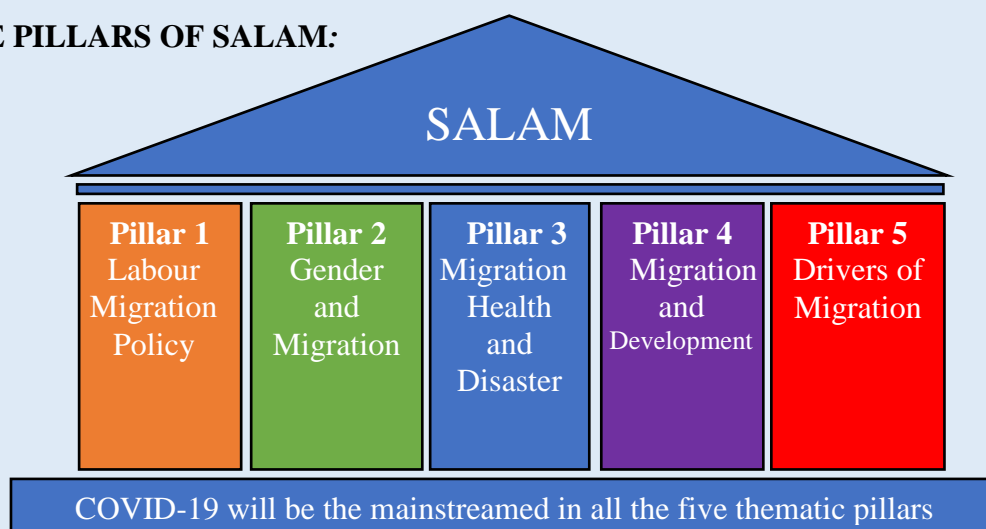
SALAM will undertake various activities with partner organisations, such as joint lectures, panel discussions, online workshops for capacity-building programmes, virtual internships for young scholars, virtual faculty exchanges, joint thematic papers, and other knowledge-building and sharing initiatives.

2. OBJECTIVES OF SALAM

- To identify knowledge gaps on migration of labour at national as well as regional levels, and address these through research
- To develop a migration portal which will be a repository of data and evidence on migration and related issues in South Asian countries with an emphasis on gender-disaggregated data and statistical for the benefit of researchers and other stakeholders.

- To disseminate the results and insights of SALAM’s research through workshops and conferences.
- To publish working papers, research reports, newsletters, articles in peer-reviewed journals, books etc.
- To conduct capacity-building programmes and provide training on concepts, measures, theories, research issues, and various aspects of migration with a special focus on young researchers in the targeted countries of South Asia
- To conduct evidence-based review of existing policies of South Asian countries related to migrants, and return migrants for making policy recommendations to the Governments concerned to protect the migrants’ rights.

3. THE FIVE PILLARS OF SALAM:



4. CONCEPTUALISATION OF SALAM

SALAM was conceptualised at a virtual round table discussion held on June 9, 2021, for the conceptualisation of the centre jointly by the three United Nations agencies, namely ILO, IOM, and UN Women, under the GOALS (Governance of Labour Migration in South and South-East Asia) Programme followed by several rounds of discussion with



Fig 1: SALAM conceptualisation virtual meeting

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, India In the conceptualisation meeting it was discussed and contemplated on the vision of SALAM, which would be: promoting, understanding, strengthening research, enhancing teaching and capacity building to formulate evidence-based policy with an aim to protect migrants’ rights and promote decent work for achieving integration of migration with sustainable development. Over the past few months, the three UN agencies have worked closely with the partner institutions to lay the foundation for the Knowledge

Hub. This represents a collaborative approach that lays the important groundwork for initiatives that will improve the quality of information available for policymakers and other stakeholders.

5. INAUGURATION

The Centre was inaugurated on November 24, 2021. The inauguration address was delivered by Ms. Dagmar Walter, Director, Decent Work Technical Support Team (DWT), the South Asia and India Country Office representing ILO, IOM and UN Women. Ms Walter expressed her appreciation of

the initiative Under the purview of the GOALS programme, establishment of the regional knowledge hub on migration.



Fig 2 : Inaugural SALAM Center

This initiative is particularly special because it connects national, regional and global platforms and networks to create an access point for sharing knowledge as well as building the necessary community of practice to tackle the challenges of labour migration in our region. This marks another milestone in our endeavor to promote safe, orderly, and regular migration in South Asia. The inauguration event was attended by more than 130 participants, including the donor agencies, ILO, IOM and UN WOMEN, and partner institutions from the South Asian region —



Fig 3 : Virtual Inauguration of SALAM Center at IIPS

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU, Bangladesh), Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM), Social Science Baha (Nepal), Institute of Policy Studies (IPS, Sri Lanka), and the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI, Pakistan).

6. SALAM's WEBPAGE

SALAM's website is under development. It will include a Migration Portal through which researchers and stakeholders can access SALAM's repository of studies and data, including gender-disaggregated data, on migration and related issues in South Asian countries. Information about SALAM's activities, as well as other educational content, will help in creating much-needed awareness of the issues related to migration and associated topics.

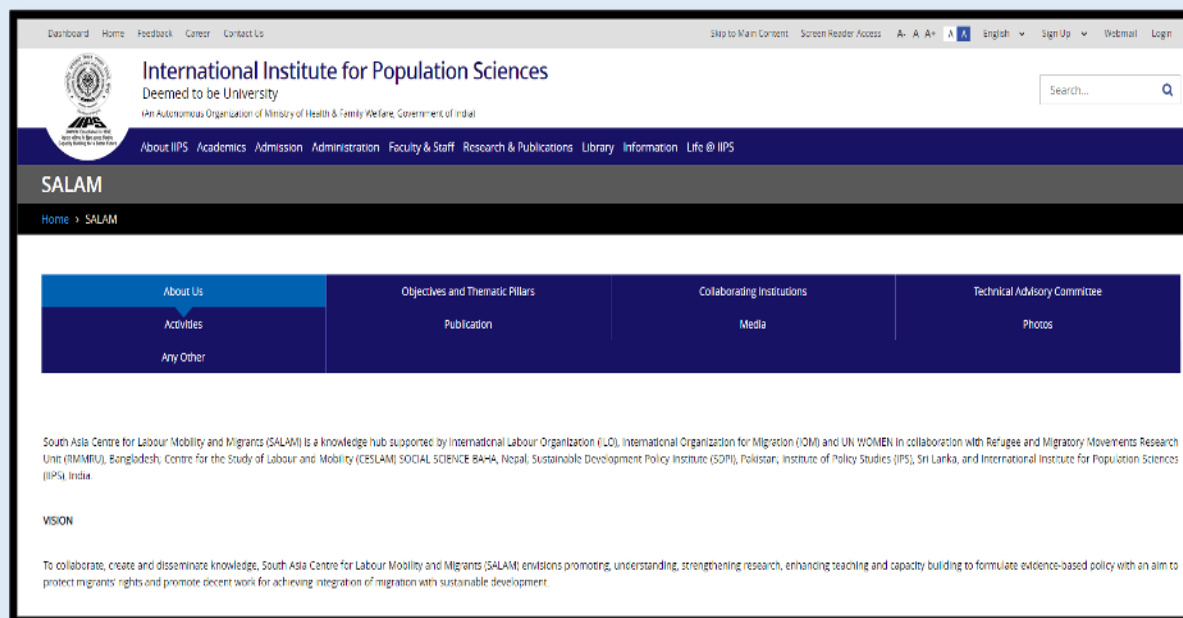


Fig 4: SALAM Webpage

SALAM's website has been allotted space on the IIPS website and all information will be updated in the appropriate web pages, such as Activities, Objectives, Thematic Pillars, Publication, Media, Photos, etc). The SALAM website can also be accessed through the websites of the respective Partner institutions from Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

7. LECTURE SERIES

The lectures Series are conducted every month in virtual mode and delivered by internationally reputed experts on migration. It is conducted to create awareness about SALAM recent trends and issues related to labour mobility and migration across the world, especially on South Asia, amongst academicians, researchers and the student community. A brief description of the lecture series is given here.

Lecture Series-1 :

The first Lecture, **“Dynamics in Migration & Remittances — Perspectives from the Sri Lankan Macroeconomy”** was delivered on December 17, 2021, by Dr. Bilesha Weeraratne from the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Colombo, Sri Lanka.

discussed. In the second meeting held on Feb 23, 2022, all the partner organisations presented their proposals of following list of topics for the thematic papers:

List of National Thematic Papers

Sr. No	Title of the Paper	Name of Partner Organisations
1	Return and Reintegration of Migrant Workers	Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), Dhaka ,Bangladesh
2	Labour Migration and Development in Pakistan: Linkage and Trends in Times of COVID-19 and Beyond	Sustainable Development Policy Institution (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan
3	Informal Remittances to Sri Lanka	Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Colombo, Sri Lanka
4	Migration Cost and Debt Burden Among Migrant Households in Nepal	Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM), Social Science Baha, Nepal
5	Data for labour Migration Governance in India/South Asia: Needs, Gaps and Challenges	International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, India

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13. INTERNSHIP

SALAM Center offers internship opportunities and fellowships. These internships are open to young scholars, especially Master's Students. It aims at capacity-building, leadership quality and learning experience for young scholars. The nine interns were recruited by the SALAM partner organisations. Below is the detailed profile of the interns.

Sr.No	Name of the Intern	Organisations Associated With
1	Mr. Sachintha Pilapitiya	Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Colombo, Sri Lanka
2	Ms. Awahnee Mendis	Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Colombo, Sri Lanka
3	Mr. Sujit Maharajan	Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM) at Social Science Baha, Nepal

4	Ms. Madina Rai	Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM) at Social Science Baha, Nepal
5	Ms. Maliha Muhtasim	Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit Dhaka, (RMMRU), Dhaka, Bangladesh
6	Ms. Sidrah Ejaz	Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan
7	Ms. Vanshika Keshwani	International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, India
8	Ms. Ananya Barman	International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, India
9	Mr. Pravesh Sute	Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India

14. SECRETARIAT COORDINATOR



Dr. Abdul Jaleel was appointed as a Secretariat Coordinator for SALAM. He has a Ph.D. in Population Studies from the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, in 2017. His research interests include Migration, Livelihoods, and Health and Nutrition. He was selected as a Scientist-B at ICMR (National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad). The SALAM team wishes him all the best in his future endeavour.

15. OTHER UPDATES ON MIGRATION ACROSS THE GLOBE

The following section gives a brief explanation of the data on the migration center across the globe

Name of the Centre	Location	Establishment year	Brief
International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)	Vienna, Austria	1993	A Regional Approach to Establish Effective cooperation and partnership along migration routes. ICMD majorly focuses on Africa, Eastern Europe and central Asia, the Mediterranean, silk routes, the Western Balkans and Turkey. They build an evidence-driven migration policy options and governance systems that engage and equip our partners with effective, forward-leaning responses to opportunities and pragmatic solutions to complex, regional migration and mobility challenges.
Institute for Study of International Migration (ISIM)	Washington DC	1998	ISIM focuses on aspects of international Migration, Including the causes and responses to population movements, Immigration and refugee law and policy
Migration Policy Institutes (MPI)	Washington DC	2001	Institute seeks to improve immigration and integration policies through research and analysis,

			Opportunity for learning and dialogue. Primarily, MPI organizes programme related to International Migration, Migrants, Migration and Development, National Centre on Immigrant Integration Policy and U.S Immigration
International Migration Institute (IMI)	Amsterdam, Netherlands	2006	The International Migration Institute (IMI) aims to advance new thinking of migration as an intrinsic part of global change and development. This is achieved through promoting research, generating new data, and publishing IMI's working paper series. IMI is based at the University of Amsterdam's Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR) and regroups a network of research fellows from around the world.
India Centre for Migration (ICM)	New Delhi	2008	The ICM serves as a research think-tank to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on all matters relating to international migration and mobility. The Centre undertakes empirical, analytical and policy related research, and undertakes pilot projects to document good practices. ICM envisions to lead research and analysis on international migration to support informed policy making and enable strategic interventions for a coherent and harmonised response to the transnational movement of people from India.
MPI Europe	Brussels	2011	Independent research institute that aims to provide better understanding of migration in Europe. MPI Europe works to promote effective policymaking.
Migration Policy Centre at European University Institute(EUI)	Italy	2012	EUI conducts advance research on transnational governance of international migration, asylum and mobility. It aims to provide new ideas, rigorous evidence and critical thinking to inform major European and global policy debates.
The International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD)	Kerala, India	2019	IIMAD is a centre for academic research devoted to all aspects of international migration. It aims to advance new thinking of migration and be India's largest interdisciplinary research network in migration and regroups a new nexus of international migration experts. The International Institute of Migration and Development tries to serve as a node in the domain of migration with excellence in cutting edge academic scholarship that fosters practice-oriented research and policy formulation pertaining to international migration

16. GOVERNANCE OF LABOUR MIGRATION IN SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA (GOALS)

Governance of Labour Migration in South and South-East Asia (GOALS), is a three-year programme (August 2020 – July 2023) being implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), and supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). This regional labour migration programme aims to support collaboration and effective labour migration governance in the migration corridors between South and South-East Asia and the Middle East. The GOALS program's thrust is

- To strengthen labour migration governance and policy coherence through multilateral dialogues within the Colombo process
- To support improvements in labour migration policies and practices, particularly those aimed at skills development, recognition of qualifications, fostering fair and ethical recruitment of labour, and sustainable reintegration in South Asia.
- To strengthen evidence-based knowledge on labour migration for promoting dialogue and informing policy-making and action.

The GOALS programme is aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. It will promote equality for women migrant workers using a gender mainstreaming approach which will address the specific needs and vulnerabilities of women migrant workers and promote equal opportunities for them.

17. UPCOMING EVENTS ON MIGRATION

The following details about the upcoming events on migration

1. Borders, Labour and Mobility: the EU and Australia Compared

Theme: This conference will address developments in migration, labour mobility, and immigration policy in the European Union and Australia.

Event Mode: Hybrid

Location: Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne

Organizer: Monash University

Date: 25 August 2022, 09:00 to 26 August 2022, 18:00pm

2. The Migration Conference 2022

Host: The Faculty of Law, Economic and Social Sciences Agdal of Mohammad V University, Rabat, Morocco and organised by AMERM (l'Association Marocaine d'Etudes et de Recherches sur les Migrations) and IBS (International Business School, UK)

Date: 7 to 10 September 2022

3. We are No Longer Prisoners of Our Geography as New Regions Embrace Investment Migration

Theme: Economies can grow with the introduction of new and improved migration policies.

Host: Bruno L'ecuyer, Chief Executive, Investment Migration Council, Switzerland

Date: Wed, Sep 14, 2022 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM IST

4. High Level Meeting on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants

Organizer: UNGA

Location: GA Hall

Date: 19 September 2022

5. Fourth Annual meeting of the UN Network on Migration

Organizer: UN Network on Migration Secretariat

Venue: Palais des Nations, Geneva

Mode: Hybrid

Language: English

GMC Objective: General

Date: 18 – 19 October 2022 CEST, All Day

6. The 3rd International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS 2023)

Organizer: the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) Statistics and Population Divisions, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Theme: Calls to improve migration data to formulate evidence-based migration policies and inform public discourse have become increasingly strong

Type of Event: Conference

Language: English

GMC objective: 1- Data

Date: 24 January 2023 CST, 1am – 26 January 2023 CST, 11pm

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