
Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation in Supply Chains

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Annotated Agenda

Trafficking in human beings (THB) is a human rights violation and a lucrative crime. In its 2012 *Global Estimate of Forced Labour*, the International Labour Organization (ILO) suggested that 20.9 million people were in forced labour situations worldwide and the majority of them, or an estimated 68%, were in a situation of labour exploitation. Furthermore, the 2014 ILO report, *Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour*, noted that forced labour in the private economy generates US\$ 150 billion in illegal profits per year, about three times more than previously estimated. However, few victims are identified and even fewer perpetrators convicted, in particular in cases of trafficking for labour exploitation. In today's globalized economy, characterized by complex supply chains, with both materials and labour sourced from all around the world, it is difficult for buyers and consumers, including governments, to be sure that the goods or services they purchase or procure were not produced by trafficked labour. Therefore, addressing this issue of **trafficking in human beings in supply chains** is an area of urgent concern.

International standards have recognized the duty of both businesses and governments to undertake due diligence and to protect against human rights abuses. Some governments have now taken measures to promote compliance with international anti-trafficking standards and enact laws and policies to ensure the ethical sourcing of goods and services. Yet, the best efforts by business will only allow for due diligence within their own value chains by themselves. This is where top-down governmental action is needed to enact good governance to protect human rights. Governments have a clear role to play in delivering and enforcing legislation that not only protects workers at risk of forced labour and trafficking, but also safeguards actions of responsible businesses who require a level-playing field in order to compete fairly within the law. Furthermore, it is important that governments leverage their own large purchasing power for more transparency, to make an impact for the greater good and to ensure that taxes are not supporting trafficking in human beings. Embracing their "role in the globalization process", as outlined in the *Leaders' Declaration* of the G7 Summit of June 2015 in Elmau, Germany, governments can lead by example, setting clear criteria for compliance with human rights standards, as well as international and national good governance provisions.

To address these challenges, the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (OSR/CTHB) is implementing the extra-budgetary project "Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings in Supply Chains through Government Practices and Measures". The overall project objective is to provide OSCE participating States with practical tools to enact concrete measures to prevent human trafficking in supply chains, as well as build their capacity to implement these measures, thus protecting human rights through good governance. By doing so, the project will also contribute to the promotion of labour and social standards in supply chains, the overall fight against corruption and the introduction of sound financial management and economic governance practices. The project will tap the momentum that has developed on eradicating THB for labour exploitation and forced labour along globalized supply chains, and will promote the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Under the project, the OSR/CTHB will develop flexible **Model Guidelines** for governments on preventing trafficking in supply chains, with a focus on government procurement regulations, transparency clauses, and labour recruitment practices to address current gaps and challenges in relevant policy and practice.

One of the planned project activities is the high-level conference in Berlin on 7-8 September 2016 on *Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation in Supply Chains*. This event is organized by the OSR/CTHB in close co-operation with the German OSCE Chairmanship in Office, which considers combating trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation, fostering economic connectivity and the promotion of labour and social standards in supply chains as important topics. This high-level event is part of the OSCE and Germany's ongoing effort to raise awareness about the problem of labour exploitation in supply chains and to advocate for increased actions by governments and the private sector across the OSCE region to adopt measures to strengthen and enforce anti-trafficking protections, and to prevent this form of modern slavery in the first place.

As one of the first high-level events of its kind in the OSCE area, which also builds upon the solid foundation of OSCE commitments and recommended actions, earlier research, and previous events on this topic¹, the *Berlin Conference* will discuss trafficking for labour exploitation in supply chains, and present and collect existing good practices and policy measures in the OSCE area, as well as concrete cases, lessons learned and outstanding gaps in safeguarding ethical sourcing. The *Berlin Conference* is the launch event of the project, which includes a series of workshops to be organized in the framework of the project.

The working languages of the conference will be English and Russian.

The Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings would like to thank the OSCE participating States that have already contributed to the Extra-budgetary project: Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

Wednesday, 7 September 2016

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome coffee and registration

10:00 – 10:45 Opening Remarks

Chair: **Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova**, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Speakers: **Dr. h.c. Gernot Erler**, Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship
Yasmin Fahimi, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Germany
Dr. Bernhard Felmberg, Director, Directorate Civil Society; Churches and the Private Sector in Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany
Wellington Chibebe, Deputy General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation
Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States
Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy (DG II), Council of Europe
Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

¹ For reference, see the OSCE publication "Ending Exploitation". Previous events include the 14th Alliance conference and the expert meeting in Milan in September 2015.

The opening remarks will address incidence and magnitude of trafficking for labour exploitation in supply chains, evidence, and latest trends, and will outline the most relevant international legislative and policy frameworks. The speakers will emphasize the cross-dimensional nature of the issue, including also aspects of sound public financial management and the need for more transparency and accountability in government procurement processes, and will highlight the need for a comprehensive good governance approach.

10:45 – 11:15 **Keynote Addresses**

Gilbert Hougbo, ILO Deputy Director General

Rob Lederer, Executive Director, Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition, USA

11:15 – 11:30 **Family Photo**
Foyer of the *Europasaal*

11:30 – 13:15 **Panel 1: the leading role of governments in combating THB for labour exploitation in supply chains**

This panel will explore the role of governments in prevention of THB for labour exploitation through public procurement measures. The speakers will share information on existing good practices and measures, as well as lessons learned and challenges they have faced in achieving transparency and accountability in the process of recruitment of workers and sourcing of good and services. OSCE's project will be introduced, its rationale and objectives. The draft model guidelines will be presented.

Moderator: **Ruth Freedom Pojman**, Senior Adviser, OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings

Rapporteur: **Andrea Fromm**, Research Officer, Working Conditions and Industrial Relations, Eurofound

Speakers: **Susan Coppedge**, Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and Senior Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of State
Eric Biel, Associate Deputy Undersecretary, U.S. Department of Labor
Miriam Minty, Head of Protect and Prepare, Modern Slavery Unit, UK Home Office
Paul Broadbent, Chief Executive, UK Gangmasters Licensing Authority
Per-Anders Sunesson, Ambassador at Large for Combating Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden
Anette Brunovskis, Researcher, FAFO Institute for Labour and Social Research, Norway

Discussion

13:15 – 15:15 Networking lunch

13:45 – 15:15

Side event: research and technology in the field of preventing trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation in supply chains

The side event will feature the participation of academics and NGO representatives, working at the intersection of research and technology and supporting the development of evidence-based policies to combat trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation in supply chains. Speakers will present path-breaking tools and discuss the findings of recent research.

Venue: Willy-Brandt-Saal, Auswärtiges Amt

Moderator: **Naile Tanis**, Executive Director, KOK

Rapporteur: **Marc Steiner**, Judge, Swiss Federal Administrative Court

Speakers: **Jesse Eaves**, Director of Policy and Government Relations, Humanity United
Albert Kraller, Programme Manager, International Center for Migration Policy Development
Claire Methven O'Brien, Special Adviser, Human Rights and Development, the Danish Institute for Human Rights
Dr. Miriam Saage-Maaß, Vice Legal Director, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights
Lex de Bruijn, Managing Director, FIRA
Marian Benbow Pfisterer, Head Project Management/ Liaison Nuremberg, International Organization for Migration

15:15 – 17:00

Panel 2: the industry's responsibility: action by the private sector

Business representatives and other experts will share their responses to the challenges of human trafficking in multi-tier supply chains, the lessons learned and the outstanding gaps. While the responses may vary across industries and sourcing approaches, businesses will discuss their commitment to safeguarding human rights by ensuring transparency and good governance and cooperating with governmental and non-governmental actors.

Moderator: **Ambassador Claude Wild**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Phil Bloomer**, Executive Director, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

Speakers: **Renate Hornung-Draus**, Regional Vice-President (Europe), International Organisation of Employers
Giles Bolton, Responsible Sourcing Director, TESCO PLC
Marcela Manubens, Global Vice President Integrated Social Sustainability, Unilever
Greg Priest, Head of Sustainability Policy, IKEA Group
Greg Asbed, Fair Food Program
Gerald Pachoud, Managing Partner, Pluto Advisory; former Special Adviser to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights

Discussion

18:00 – 20:00

Reception hosted by the German OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office

Thursday, 8 September 2016

9:15 – 11:00

Panel 3: making a difference through innovation and collaboration

This panel will draw the attention of the audience to the many different models for collaboration in the prevention, early identification and protection of trafficked and exploited workers. The discussion will include examples of effective approaches to introducing sustainable changes in the policy-making, driven by workers and consumers, as well as showcase initiatives for cross-sectoral multidisciplinary cooperation.

Moderator: **John Morrison**, Chief Executive, Institute for Human Rights and Business

Rapporteur: **Suzanne Hoff**, International Coordinator, La Strada International

Speakers: **Peter McAllister**, Executive Director, Ethical Trading Initiative, UK
Laura Germino, Anti-Slavery Program Director, Coalition of Immokalee Workers
Mercia Silva, Executive Coordinator, the National Pact Institute for the Eradication of Forced Labor (InPacto), Brazil
Anders Lisborg, Senior Advisor, Center against Human Trafficking, National Board of Social Services, Denmark
Mariëlle van der Linden, Coordinating Policy Advisor, International CSR Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands
Norzin Grigoleit-Dagyab, Senior Policy Officer, Division 115 - Sustainability Standards, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

The way forward

Moderator: **Ruth Freedom Pojman**, Senior Adviser, OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings

Speakers: The Rapporteurs from each session will make recommendations based on the discussions from their previous panels. Final interventions will be collected from countries/organizations/individuals on next steps for the development of a strategy for adoption and implementation of relevant measures that could be incorporated into draft model guidelines to be elaborated under the project, as well as on collaboration, networking, and an overview of upcoming events.

12:30 – 13:00

Concluding remarks

The concluding remarks will include recommendations to the OSCE, Chairmanship-in-Office and the OSCE participating States to consider in terms of strengthening of commitments and cooperation.

Representative of the Federal Foreign Office, Germany (TBC)

Georg Schnetzer, Head of Unit for Residency and Border Issues and Coordinator of the Austrian Task Force on Combating Human Trafficking, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration, and Foreign Affairs, Austria

Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

13:00

Departure