



## Draft Agenda

### **21st Alliance against Trafficking in Persons Conference**

### **“Confronting Demand: Tackling a root cause of trafficking in human beings”**

**June 14-16 2021**

Hofburg, Vienna and via Zoom (upon registration)

#### **Monday**

**14:00 – 14:45**

#### **Welcoming Remarks**

Valiant Richey, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Helga Maria Schmid, OSCE Secretary General

#### **Opening Remarks**

Anna Ekstedt, Ambassador at Large for Combating Trafficking in Persons, Sweden

Matteo Mecacci, Director of ODIHR

**14:45 – 15:30**

#### **Keynote Addresses**

Ylva Johansson, European Union Commissioner for Home Affairs

Erkin Mukhitdinov, First Deputy Minister of Employment and Labour Relations of Uzbekistan

Arancha González Laya, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain

**15:30 – 16:00**

Coffee Break

**16:00 – 17:30**

#### ***Panel 1 – What is ‘Demand’ and why must it be discouraged***

*The obligation for States to discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation resides in various international instruments, including most significantly Article 9(5) of the Palermo Protocol.*

*Before States can effectively implement measures to discourage demand, there must first be an understanding of what constitutes demand and its role in fostering trafficking in human beings. This requires unpacking the financial relationships that motivate trafficking in human beings, as well as recognizing that demand manifests differently depending on the form of exploitation, with each form of exploitation possessing unique market characteristics that alter the role played by end users of goods and services produced by or extracted from trafficking victims. To shed light on these relationships and characteristics, this panel will explore the nature and scale of demand within the context of trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation, outline international obligations, and articulate the importance of demand as a means of prevention.*

**Moderator:** Dalia Leinartė, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, CEDAW, Professor at Vilnius University, Lithuania

**Speakers:** Yvan Sagnet, Activist and Founder of No Cap, Italy

Siobhán Mullally, UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

Taina Bien-Aimé, Executive Director, Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, United States of America and Switzerland

Dante Pesce, Chair UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, Chile

*Discussion*

## **Tuesday**

### **14:00 – 14:05      Opening statement for Day 2**

Bukola Oriola, Member of ODIHR International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council, United States of America

### **14:05 – 15:35      Panel 2 – Tackling the demand that fosters trafficking for forced labour**

*Discouraging the demand that fosters trafficking for forced labour requires States to enact and enforce laws and regulations, including in public procurement, that reduce and prevent the purchase of goods and services produced by or extracted from trafficked labour. Understanding the tools and policy options at their disposal, as well as their strategic benefits in preventing demand, will help States do*

*this effectively. Panel 2 will therefore discuss promising initiatives, outline existing resources on strengthening protection measures, highlight the role of cross-border collaboration and the harmonization of procurement principles, describe the path to adopting national due diligence legislation, and discuss the benefits of collaboration with civil society actors.*

*Moderator:* Houtan Homayounpour, Technical Specialist on Forced Labour, Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch, ILO

*Speakers:* Lucienne Manton, Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking, Australia

Natalia Ollus, Director of HEUNI, Finland

General Philippe Thuries, Chief of the Central Office for Fighting Illegal Labour, France

Darryl Dixon, Director of Strategy, Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority, United Kingdom

*Discussion*

15:35 – 16:00 Coffee Break

**16:00 – 17:30 Panel 3 – Tackling the demand that fosters trafficking for sexual exploitation**

*Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation is the most common form of THB within the OSCE region, and generates nearly two-thirds of all profits from trafficking globally. The scale of this crime, as well as its unique gender and market characteristics, elevate the need for States to prioritize combating the demand that fosters sex trafficking within their prevention strategies. To help States improve their national responses, this panel will introduce some existing promising practices on how to prevent, deter, disrupt, and penalize the demand that fosters THB for sexual exploitation, including methods of targeting online forums that facilitate the exploitation of trafficking victims; codes of conduct that prohibit activities which foster sexual exploitation; education programmes for buyers and young adults; and effective legislative measures that target the impunity currently enjoyed by users of sexual services from victims.*

*Moderator:* Dobryana Petkova, Acting executive secretary, Bulgarian National commission for combating trafficking in human beings

**Speakers:** Christiana Erotokritou, Member of the Cypriot House of Representatives, and Eleni Michael, Head of the Cypriot National Police Anti-trafficking unit

Robert Beiser, Strategic Initiatives Director for Polaris, United States of America

Clare Hutchinson, NATO Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security

Are Saastad, CEO, Resource Center for Men, Norway

*Discussion*

## **Wednesday**

### **14:00 – 14:05      Opening statement for Day 3 – survivor perspective**

Diane Martin, Member of ODIHR International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council, United Kingdom

### **14:05 – 15:35      Panel 4 – Pathways for implementation**

*Policies and procedures are only as strong as their level of implementation. Through enhanced implementation States can challenge the impunity currently enjoyed by the creators of demand and reduce the financial incentives for THB while also protecting victims. To improve the ability of States to enact and implement the prevention measures highlighted throughout the conference, this panel will outline pathways for States on how to generate political will and take concrete next steps in combating demand. The panel will also discuss how to create and execute action plans that discourage the demand that fosters trafficking for both forced labour and sexual exploitation through State-led initiatives and collaboration with civil society and survivor-led groups.*

**Moderator:** Maximilian Nicolae, Director, National Agency against Trafficking in Persons, Romania

**Speakers:** Elisabeth Moiron-Braud, Secretary General of the Interministerial Mission for the Protection of Women against Violence and the Fight against Human Trafficking, France

Helga Gayer, President of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), Germany

Ben Gauen, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, United States of America

Ricardo Seoane, Associate Director Strategic Policy Sector, Acquisitions Branch, Public Services and Procurement, Canada

*Discussion*

15:35 – 16:00      Coffee Break

**16:00 – 16:30      Closing Remarks**

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