



24<sup>th</sup> ALLIANCE CONFERENCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

***Beyond Awareness-Raising: Reshaping Human Trafficking Prevention***

*Hofburg, Vienna, Austria, 15-16 April 2024*

**AGENDA**

MONDAY 15 APRIL 2024

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**Registration of participants**

13.30 onwards

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**High-level opening**

14.30 – 15.30, Neuer saal, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

*Formal opening*

Dr. Kari Johnstone, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

*Welcoming remarks*

Helga Maria Schmid, OSCE Secretary General

Ian Borg, OSCE Chair-in-Office, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta (online)

Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

*Keynote addresses*

Dominique Hasler, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Sports, the Principality of Liechtenstein

Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director General, International Organization for Migration

Rafael Bautista, Member of the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking

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**Coffee break**

15.30 – 16.00

## **Panel 1: Targeting vulnerabilities and overlooked forms of human trafficking**

16.00 – 18:00, Neuer saal, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

In order to effectively implement targeted and impactful prevention strategies against human trafficking, it is imperative to have a comprehensive understanding of the diverse vulnerabilities within the human trafficking landscape, particularly those that are often overlooked in anti-trafficking responses. This includes recognizing the intersectionality of gender, social, and economic inequalities that contribute to trafficking crimes; understanding how traffickers exploit these vulnerabilities; and acknowledging the prevalence of underreported forms of trafficking. These themes will be the focus of the panel during which anti-trafficking experts from OSCE participating States, civil society, and international organizations will analyse various vulnerabilities and underreported forms of human trafficking.

### *Speakers:*

Sofia Voultepsi, Deputy Minister of Migration and Asylum, Greece

Elizabeth Tan, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

Heba Hagrass, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

Elżbieta Mirga-Wójtowicz, Researcher, Centre for Migration Research Warsaw University, Foundation Jaw Dikh, Poland

Samir Rizvo, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Bosnia and Herzegovina

*Moderator: Malaika Oringo, Founder and CEO of Footprint to Freedom*

### *Discussion*

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## **Reception**

18:00-19:00

TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024

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## **Panel 2. Bridging gaps for more impactful prevention**

09.00-11.00, Neuer saal, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Prevention strategies require a data-driven approach that guides collective action across national authorities, civil society, academia, and the private sector. Several comprehensive efforts have been taken by various disciplines that prompt both operational and conceptual enhancements in prevention approaches, including through promoting evidence-based strategies, wide-ranging safety measures in the digital space, pro-active responses to new trends, and targeting financial flows. The panel will explore ways to reduce divergences between data and action for more impactful prevention of all forms of trafficking through offering solutions that address gaps in collecting quantitative and qualitative data to inform prevention strategies and measures.

*Speakers:*

Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Member of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Contemporary Forms of Slavery and Trafficking, United States

Valentin Vătăjelu, State Counsellor, Chancellery of the Prime Minister, President of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Strategic Intersectoral Coordination of the Fight against Trafficking in Persons, Romania

Cathy Zimmerman, Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

Anu Leps, National Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinator, Estonia

*Moderator: Ilias Chatzis, Head of Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC*

*Discussion*

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**Coffee break**

11.00 – 11.30

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**Moderator- led talk: Up close on prevention**

11.30 – 12.30, Neuer saal, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Convergence of human trafficking with other crimes has been gaining momentum amid the emergence of new forms of human trafficking that blur the lines between victims and perpetrators. The panel will feature interactive discussions with panelists to critically examine challenges and what this means for current anti-trafficking responses, particularly for prevention efforts. The panel will also discuss how strategies and policies can take a public health approach to understand the complex links between individual, relational, and societal contexts that increase risk of human trafficking in its various forms. It will highlight promising prevention practices, including those that address the underlying causes of human trafficking such as stereotypes, social behaviours, and norms. Particular focus will be made to examine the methods that aim to bolster prevention efforts at different levels to stop human trafficking before it occurs and mitigate its lasting effects.

*Speakers:*

Sandra Norak, Founder of GE-STAC, Germany

Katherine Chon, Director of Trafficking in Persons Office, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Nick Hobbs, Head of Advice and Investigations, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, UK

William Legge, Programme Co-ordinator, Policy, Partnerships & Capacity Development, Regional Support Office, The Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime

*Moderator: Ambassador Hatun Demirer, Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the OSCE*

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## **Lunch (co-hosted by the United States Mission to the OSCE) and Side Events**

12.30 – 15.00

13:00 – 13:55 - The Nexus between Disabilities and Human Trafficking, Bibliotheksaal, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Hofburg

13:00 – 13:55 - Collective story-telling: Women for women, youth & diaspora engagement in reshaping human trafficking prevention, Room 532, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Hofburg

14:00 – 14:55 - Addressing the Dynamics of Trafficking in Persons Belonging to Minorities, Bibliotheksaal, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Hofburg

14:00 – 14:55 - Child Rights and Global Supply Chains: Understanding the Nexus Between Children's Rights and Human Rights Due Diligence, Room 533, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Hofburg

14:00 – 14:55 - Private Data Exchange: Leveraging advanced technology to prevent trafficking in human beings, Ratsaal, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Hofburg

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## **Panel 3: Beyond awareness-raising: Reshaping prevention for the future**

15.00 – 17.00, Neuer saal, 2nd floor

How can we forge stronger and impactful measures to effectively prevent human trafficking in all its forms while also preempting and preventing emergence of new forms of trafficking? To address this question, the panel will offer actionable recommendations to shape impact-driven prevention policies and practices aimed at empowering vulnerable groups, fostering co-operation to tackle emerging trafficking forms, and building resilience. The panelists will showcase targeted actions to effectively prevent human trafficking through structural government-led efforts; data-informed, evidence-based measures; impact journalism; and comprehensive policy and law development and independent oversight.

### *Speakers:*

Marat Bashimov, Deputy of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Pedro Assares Rodrigues, Head of Unit, Enforcement & Analysis, European Labour Authority

Mariaam Bhatti, Co-founder of the Great Care Co-op, Community development and social policy practitioner, member of OSCE/ODIHR ISTAC, Ireland

Leif Coorlim, Executive Editor, The CNN Freedom Project

*Moderator: Naile Tanış, Head, Independent National Rapporteur Mechanism on trafficking in human beings, Germany*

### *Discussion*

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## **Closing session**

17:00 – 17.15, Neuer saal, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Dr. Kari Johnstone, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings