

*19th ALLIANCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN
PERSONS*

*Using Technology to Combat Trafficking In Human Beings:
Turning a Liability into an Asset*

*Side Events Programme
8-9 April 2018*

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**Harnessing Collaboration in Eradicating Human Trafficking:
the Role of ICAT from Global to Local**

Bibliotheksaal, 5th floor, English language only

The United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group against trafficking in persons (ICAT) is the most comprehensive coordination mechanism to help states end trafficking in human beings. With 23 member organizations across the UN system and its partner international organizations, ICAT has potential access to virtually every field office around the world - within the UN and beyond - to help drive knowledge-based and coordinated anti-trafficking activities and programmes at national, regional and global levels.

For the first time since its establishment, this year ICAT is co-chaired by the OSCE and UN Women. This unprecedented arrangement, which reflects the spirit of inclusiveness and inter-agency cooperation as mandated by the United Nation General Assembly, is unique in combining the expertise, reach and resources of the two organizations.

Under the broad theme of using effective multilateralism and partnership to combat trafficking in human beings, panellists and experts will discuss how ICAT can support states redress some of the most urgent and pressing human trafficking trends, especially in light of the newly released UNODC Global Report on Trafficking, as well as how states can facilitate further engagement of all stakeholders, especially civil society actors and survivors. The event will also provide an opportunity to learn about ICAT's forthcoming 2019 policy work on technology, forced labour and non-criminalization of victims.

Opening address: **Ambassador John Richmond**, United States Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, US Department of State

Ambassador Neil Bush, Head of the United Kingdom Delegation to the OSCE

Moderator: **OSCE and UN Women**, 2019 ICAT Co-Chairs

Speakers: **Mr. Ilias Chatzis**, Chief of the Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Ms. Youla Haddadin, Senior Advisor on Trafficking in Persons, OHCHR

Ms. Larysa Belskaya, Director of the Multilateral Diplomacy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus

Ms. Elisa Trossero, Head of Anti-Trafficking Programme, ICMPD

*Side event organized by the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group
against trafficking in persons (ICAT)*



Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE



UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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Countering Trafficking in Minors in the Digital Age

Room 525, 5th floor, English language only

The Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in July 2010 and the political declaration on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action reaffirmed the commitment of Member States to end the heinous crime of trafficking in persons, to protect and assist its victims, to prosecute perpetrators and to promote partnerships to strengthen cooperation for those purposes.

Unfortunately, human trafficking still flourishes worldwide despite the efforts to fight it. Tens of thousands of people, including children, are forced into labor, servitude or sex trade each year. The widespread and continuing practice of sex tourism, to which children are especially vulnerable, fuels the sale of children.

Rapid development of digital information and communication technologies resulted in growing availability of children as a subject of sexual abuse, pedophilia and other forms of sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

Under the auspices of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE and the UNODC, speakers will address the influence of digital technologies on trafficking in persons and child trafficking in particular; specific actions needed to address the challenges inherent in investigating sex trafficking; legislative developments concerning combating child trafficking; best national practices to prevent child trafficking via the Internet; the role of international and regional organisations and civil society in this process; and ideas and practical recommendations on how to improve international efforts to combat human trafficking in terms of the sale of children including via the Internet.

Welcoming: **Mr. Valiant Richey**, Acting OSCE Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Moderator: **Mr. Andrei Lozovik**, Minister-Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Belarus to the OSCE

Speakers: **Ms. Larysa Belskaya**, Head of the General Department for Multilateral Diplomacy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belarus

Mr. Ilias Chatzis, Chief of Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Mr. David Mancini, Prosecutor, District Anti-Mafia Directorates of L'Aquila, Italy

Ms. Janice Helwig, Representative of the U.S. Helsinki Commission to the U.S. Mission to the OSCE

Mr. Sacha Chan Kam, Senior Migrant Protection Specialist, Regional Office Vienna, IOM

Side event co-organized by Belarus and UNODC

TECH AGAINST TRAFFICKING

Tuesday 9 April 2019

13.30 – 14.45

Tech Against Trafficking: Mapping the Landscape of Technology Tools

Room 532, 5th floor, English language only

In June 2018, a coalition of global tech companies, civil society organizations, and anti-trafficking experts launched Tech Against Trafficking, a collaborative effort to accelerate and scale the positive impacts of technology in the fight against human trafficking.

By tapping into their technical expertise, capacity for innovation, and global reach, the company members of Tech Against Trafficking – Amazon, AT&T, BT, Microsoft, Nokia, Salesforce.org, and Vodafone – believe that technology can and must play a major role in preventing and disrupting human trafficking and empowering survivors. Together, this group has committed to working with anti-trafficking experts to identify and investigate opportunities to develop and scale promising technologies.

As a first step in this process, Tech Against Trafficking conducted a landscape analysis of the field – working to understand and map the landscape of existing tech tools currently being used in the anti-trafficking sector. Over 250 tools were identified across a wide range of geographies, target users, and focus areas, with the vast majority working on the identification of victims and traffickers. The tools cover the spectrum of technologies, from facial recognition, blockchain, artificial intelligence, to big data analysis and visualization, and basic smartphone apps.

This side event aims to showcase findings from this landscaping mapping, highlight trends and gaps across the field of technology solutions working to combat human trafficking, and officially launch the next phase of Tech Against Trafficking's efforts to support the growth and scale of these technologies. Beyond the facts and figures, during the session, three organizations will demo the tech tools they have deployed and demonstrate the impact they have had to date.

Speakers: **Hannah Darnton**, Project Lead, Tech Against Trafficking

Livia Wagner, Research Lead, Global Initiative / RESPECT Initiative

Phil Bennett, Member of Tech Against Trafficking

Chris White, Principal Researcher and Partner at Microsoft, Member of Tech Against Trafficking

Tech Tool Demos:

Andrew Wallis, CEO, Unseen

Robert Beiser, Executive Director, Seattle Against Slavery

Silvia Mera, Program Director, The Mekong Club

Side event co-organized by Tech Against Trafficking



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ICT Tools to Improve Proactive Identification of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings

Room 531, 5th floor, English language only

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Walk Free Foundation, in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), reported that more than 40 million people around the world were victims of modern slavery and trafficking in human beings in 2016. Compared to this, only 100,409 victims of trafficking in human beings have been identified worldwide in 2017, constituting less than one percent. These low figures indicate that trafficking in human beings, although happening in plain sight, remains largely hidden. Despite a growing body of knowledge about victims, their vulnerabilities and types of exploitation, identifying victims continues to be a tremendous challenge. Even more worryingly, as technology and globalization make the world more interconnected, traffickers' ability to recruit and exploit their victims, especially children, has also intensified.

To counter these developments and to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of proactive police investigations, civil society, tech companies, law enforcement as well as the public and private sector have started to co-operate in developing practical tools with the aim to detect and identify trafficking in human beings, using online applications, artificial intelligence, face recognition, satellite imagery and web-based training curriculums. The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the Transnational Threat Department/Strategic Police Matters Unit (TNTD/SPMU) joint side event will highlight ICT tools to improve proactive identification of victims of trafficking in human beings implemented by national and international law enforcement agencies, governments, corporations and civil society; promising practices and benefits of technology to identify trafficking victims for law enforcement agencies and civil society; and opportunities to strengthen international cooperation concerning the proactive identification by effective utilization of technology.

Welcoming: **Ms. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir**, Director, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Mr. Guy Vinet, Head, Strategic Police Matters Unit, Transnational Threats Department.

Moderator: **Ms. Tatiana Kotlyarenko**, Adviser on Anti-Human Trafficking Issues, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Speakers: **Mr. José Luis Pérez Fernández**, Police Inspector, Jefe del Grupo IX de B.C.T.S.H., U.C.R.I.F. Central Comisaria General Extranjería y Fronteras, Spain

Ms. Katherine Chon, Director of the Office on Trafficking in Persons at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, United States

Ms. Mykola Kuleba, Commissioner of the President of Ukraine for Children's Rights, Ukraine

Mr. Alvaro Ortega, Head of Law Enforcement Outreach and Investigations, Western Union, Spain

Ms. Bria King, Product Manager, Spotlight, Thorn, United States

Ms. Melanie Thompson, survivor leader, United States

Side event co-organized by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit of the Transnational Threats Department (SPMU)



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**Technology, trafficking and the OSCE:
Findings and conclusions of the OSCE's innovative mapping of technology
and how the OSCE can benefit from new tools**

Room 533, 5th floor, English language only

In its strategic approach to combat trafficking in persons on a large scale through innovative tools and forward-looking policies and partnerships, the Office of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (OSR-CTHB) began in 2017 a mapping of existing initiatives around the globe on the use of technology to fight human trafficking. This unique research focused on identifying the technology tools (software, applications or websites), as well as the initiatives related to the use of technology such as innovative partnerships among relevant stakeholders or policies aimed at establishing a practical framework in this space.

To date, the OSR-CTHB has identified more than 200 initiatives on the use of technology to fight human trafficking, addressing both sexual and labour exploitation of victims and focusing on all the Ps of the anti-trafficking framework: prevention, protection, prosecution and partnerships.

Based on the outcomes of the mapping exercise, the OSR-CTHB commissioned a report entitled "The role of information and communication technologies in the fight against trafficking in human beings" which explores how technology is being used by traffickers to facilitate exploitation and how it is used by public and private entities to counter trafficking in human beings. The side event will present the preliminary results of the OSR-CTHB report and highlight how the findings could be used by different stakeholders-including within the OSCE itself-in their endeavour to fight human trafficking.

The side event will also showcase practical applications of technology tools. Blockchain, data visualization and data analysis tools will be showcased in an exercise to manage human trafficking risks in supply chains. As an example, the side event will present how the OSCE is proactively identifying the risk of human trafficking in its supply chains in order to ensure that its suppliers are not delivering goods and services to the OSCE by exploiting victims, knowingly or unknowingly. It will also describe an innovative pilot project jointly implemented with the University of Nottingham which focuses on mapping the supply chains of the OSCE Mission to Serbia to better understand possible human trafficking risks. The side event will discuss the preliminary results of the mapping exercise and next steps.

Welcoming: **Mr. Valiant Richey**, Acting OSCE Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Speakers: **Mr Radu Cucos**, Associate Officer, Office of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Mr Balazs Fule, Procurement and Contracting Officer, OSCE Department for Management and Finance

Mr Selim Cakir, Research Fellow for the Rights Lab, Unchained Supply project, Nottingham University Business School

Ms Jessica Camus, Head of Partnerships and Impact, Diginex

Side event organized by the OSCE and Diginex