



25th ALLIANCE CONFERENCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

*Protecting Childhoods, Shaping Futures:
A Call to End Child Trafficking*

Hofburg, Vienna, Austria, 31 March -1 April 2025

AGENDA

MONDAY 31 March 2025

Registration of participants

12.30 onwards

High-level opening (13.30 – 14.30)

Formal opening

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

Welcoming remarks

Feridun H. Sinirlioglu, Secretary General, OSCE

Leena Meri, Minister of Justice, Finland

Maria Telalian, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Keynote address

Siobhán Mullally, UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially in women and children

Stephen Kavanagh, Secretary General, International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC)

Laurent Ziegler, Artist and survivor of child trafficking, Austria

Coffee break (14.30 – 15.00)

Panel 1 - The evolving landscape of child trafficking: trends and patterns (15.00 - 17.00)

Speakers:

Angela Me, Chief Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC

Derek Ray-Hill, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Internet Watch Foundation, UK

Sosa Henkoma, expert by experience, public speaker, consultant, mentor and school governor, UK

Zuzana Király, Prosecutor, Slovakia

Linda Reynolds, Senator for Western Australia, Australia

Moderator: Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, retired judge, former UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, Italy

Discussion

Side events (17.00 – 18.00)

- Orphanage trafficking: a global challenge, a shared responsibility for OSCE participating States - Bibliotheksaal, 5th floor, Hofburg
 - Evidence-Based Insights from Greece: Strengthening Protection Systems to Combat Child Trafficking and Exploitation - Ratsaal, 5th floor, Hofburg
 - Mobilizing the Private sector: Innovative Tools to Combat Child Trafficking - Room 533, 5th floor, Hofburg
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Reception sponsored by the 2025 Finnish OSCE Chairpersonship (18.00 – 19.00)

Opening remarks by Ambassador Vesa Häkkinen, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE

TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2025

Side events (09.00 – 09.55)

- Missing children and trafficking - Room 532, 5th floor, Hofburg
 - Tackling Child and Forced Marriage in the Context of Trafficking in Persons: ASEAN responses to Guide Local Action - Room 533, 5th floor, Hofburg
 - Prioritizing the Needs of Young Survivors: Children and Teens in Focus - Bibliotheksaal, 5th floor, Hofburg
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Panel 2 - From vulnerability to innovation: addressing risks in child trafficking (10.00 – 12.00)

Speakers:

Diane Schmitt, EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator

Heather Komenda, IOM Senior Regional Migration Protection and Assistance Specialist

Asadullo Zikrikhudoev, Chairman of the National Union of People with Disabilities, Tajikistan

Gabriella Kaerneku Wolfe, Survivor Advocate, Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Specialist, Founder of Not Your Whore and Board Member of WeProtect Global Alliance, Sweden

Mirjana Nikolić, Advisor to the Ombudsman of the Republic of Serbia for Anti-Trafficking, Serbia

Moderator: Robbert Hoving, President of the Dutch Safer Internet Center “Offlimits” and President of INHOPE, Netherlands

Discussion

Lunch (12.00 – 13.00)

Side events (13.00 – 15.05)

- 13.00-14.00 - Tools for Assisting Child Victims of Human Trafficking and Children of Human Trafficking Victims: Finnish Perspectives from Research and Practical Work - Bibliotheksaal, 5th floor, Hofburg
 - 13.00-14.00 - Preventing trafficking and online exploitation among displaced children of Ukraine - Room 533, 5th floor, Hofburg
 - 13.00-14.00 - Diaspora for Child Protection: Protecting Central Asian Migrant Children in Europe and at Home - Room 532, 5th floor, Hofburg
 - 14.05-15.05 - Silenced Victims: The Harrowing Link Between Child Trafficking and Drugs - Ratsaal, 5th floor, Hofburg
 - 14.05-15.05 - Empowering Youth: Education & Action to End Demand Fueling Sexual Exploitation - Bibliotheksaal, 5th floor, Hofburg
 - 14.05-15.05 - Addressing the Intersections of Trauma in Child Trafficking: Challenges and Solutions - Room 533, 5th floor, Hofburg
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Panel 3 - “It takes a village to raise a child” - and a whole society to combat child trafficking (15.15 – 17.15)

Speakers:

Ambassador Pajo Avirovikj, Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the OSCE

Holly Austin Gibbs, Member, US Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, United States

Noora Halmeenlaakso, Detective Senior Sergeant, National Bureau of Investigation, and Doctoral Researcher, University of Eastern Finland, Finland

Krista MacNeil, Executive Director, Victim Services of Durham Region & Child and Youth Advocacy Centre Durham, Canada

Marianne Neumüller-Klapper, Operations and Sustainability Director, Nespresso Austria

Moderator: Gustav Lindström, Director General, Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat

Discussion

Closing session (17.15 – 17.30)

Jeanne Celestine Lakin, Chair, ODIHR International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council (ISTAC)

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