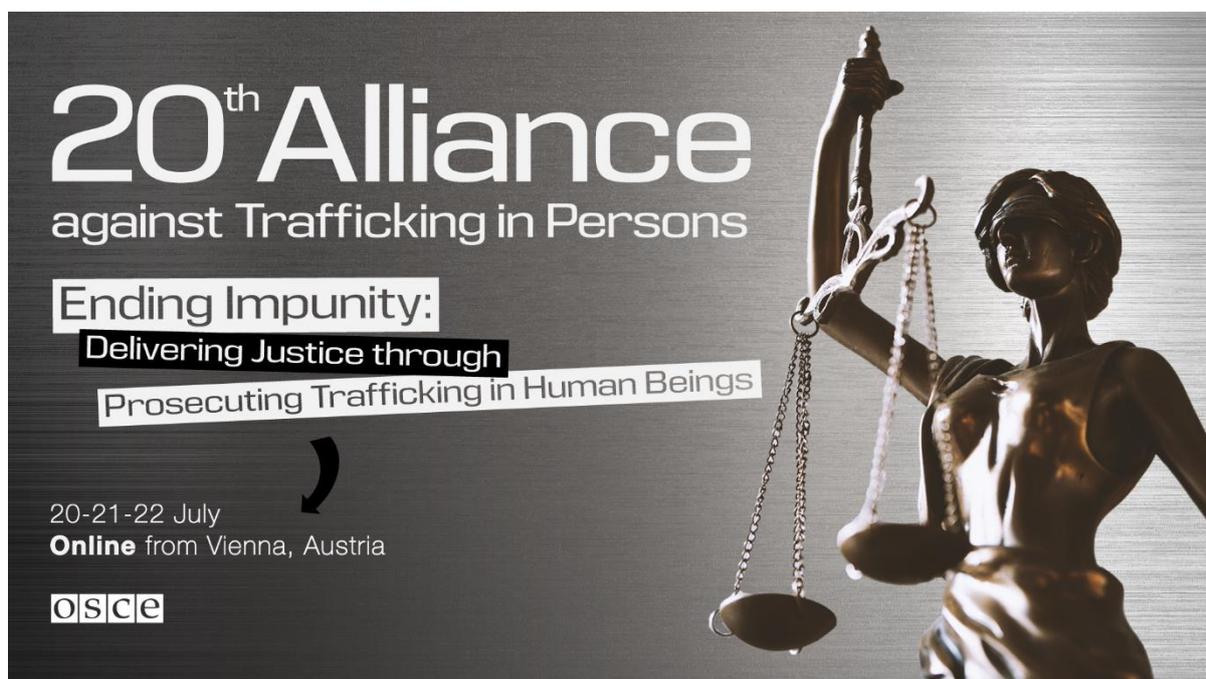


## Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator  
for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

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*20<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons*

## Ending Impunity

*Delivering justice through prosecuting trafficking in human beings*

**20-22 July 2020**

Hofburg (Vienna, Austria) and via teleconference (upon registration)

## ONLINE SIDE-EVENT PROGRAMME

*(Please note that the following schedule is based on Vienna time, GMT+2)*

### Tuesday 21 July

**11:30-13:00**

***Towards resilient and cohesive societies: community policing to prevent and combat human trafficking***

Online side-event organized by the Transnational Threats Department/Strategic Police Matters Unit in collaboration with High Commissioner on National Minorities (via WebEx)

**18:00-19:00**

***Presentation of Findings of the ODIHR and UN Women Policy Survey Reports and Recommendations “Addressing Emerging Human Trafficking Trends and Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic”***

Online side-event organized by ODIHR and UN Women (via Zoom)



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**Title:**           **Towards Resilient and Cohesive Societies: Community Policing to Prevent and Combat Human Trafficking**

**Date:**            21 July 2020

**Time:**           11:30 – 13:00 (Vienna time)

**Convenor:**      Transnational Threats Department/Strategic Police Matters Unit (TNTD/SPMU) in collaboration with High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM)

**Description** - Building trustful relationships at local level between law enforcement agencies and the wider society is key to establish a community fabric that displays greater resilience to the infiltration of criminal groups. Human trafficking becomes particularly flourishing in those socioeconomic environments where traffickers can display their intimidating power, taking full advantage of the lack of trust between the public and the police. Individuals and groups in vulnerable situations, such as women and youth, and including with minority background, are particularly at risk of being targeted by traffickers. Promoting effective community policing strategies is therefore an essential tool to prevent criminal organizations from becoming irrevocably rooted in the communities, while creating a safer environment for fragile groups that need protection and additional economic, social and care support. Particularly, border regions where minority-related vulnerabilities require specific attention would benefit the most from enhancing such policing approach. In addition to socio-economic support, promoting cross-border cooperation on the community policing level would foster an enabling environment towards effective prevention of trafficking in human beings and investigations that would put the victims at the centre.

**Objectives** - Organized by the OSCE Transnational Threats Department's Strategic Police Matters Unit (SPMU), in collaboration with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM), the side event "*Towards resilient and cohesive societies: community policing to prevent and combat human trafficking*" will discuss how to leverage the potential of community policing towards improving the prosecution track records of human trafficking cases by decreasing the rate of impunity cases. Special attention will be devoted to border communities and minority-related vulnerabilities, building on the HCNM recommendations "the Ljubljana Guidelines on Integration of Diverse Societies"<sup>1</sup>, "Recommendations on Policing in Multi-Ethnic Societies"<sup>2</sup> and the SPMU's long term engagement in promoting community and democratic policing as well as human trafficking investigation and prosecution approaches that place victims' protection and socio-economic needs as a core principle. Law enforcement practitioners, experts and policy-makers will provide promising practices and expertise so to encourage the OSCE participating States to take positive actions towards countering minorities' marginalization and promote trust between police and the wider society.

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<sup>1</sup> See HCNM's recommendations "the Ljubljana Guidelines on Integration of Diverse Societies", page 58. <https://www.osce.org/hcnm/ljubljana-guidelines>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.osce.org/hcnm/policing-recommendations>

**Format and Audience** - This event is organized as a side event of the 2020 OSCE Alliance “*Ending Impunity: delivering justice through prosecuting trafficking in human beings*” that will discuss challenges and opportunities towards more effective investigation and prosecution of human traffickers, while preserving and protecting victims’ rights.

The side event will be open to the delegations of OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation, OSCE executive structures, including field operations, as well as long-lasting HCNM’s and SPMU’s partners, up to a limit of 200 participants. The working language of the side event will be English.

**Registration and participation:** Interested participants are requested to register online through the link below:



<https://events.osce.org/2020-aat-side-event/registration>

A **WebEx link** will be provided to all registered participants to attend the online webinar.

## Programme

### Opening Remarks:

- **Ambassador Alena Kupchyna**, OSCE Co-ordinator, Transnational Threats Department

### Speakers:

- Mr. Allan Clark, Senior Investigator, Office of The Prosecutor (OTP), International Criminal Court, formerly Metropolitan Police and Serious Organised Crime Agency (UK), The Hague, The Netherlands
- Ms. Tihana Leko, Senior Political Adviser, High Commissioner on National Minorities, The Hague, Netherlands
- Mr. Mohammed Yahia Mattar, Professor, Law Department, Clinical Professor of Law & Head of the Legal Skills Department, Qatar University College of Law
- Representative of local authorities

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

### Discussion



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**Date:** 21 July 2020

**Time:** 18:00 – 19:00 (Vienna time)

**Convenor:** ODIHR and UN Women

### *Background*

Emergency situations, including the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, heighten the vulnerability to THB<sup>3</sup> and impact the ability of pSs to effectively respond to this crime by implementing anti-trafficking measures in the areas of prevention, prosecution and protection, including NRMs, National Anti-Trafficking Plans of Action (NAPs), legislative and other measures aimed at effective prevention and combatting trafficking in human beings (CTHB) and protection of victims of trafficking (VoTs). This poses significant concerns for the effective response to THB, from identification of VoTs, their access to services, protections, redress, reintegration/social inclusion and overall prevention efforts.

Emerging THB trends and consequences due to the COVID-19 pandemic are highly gender and age-specific and are further compounded by already existing gender inequality issues. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, women and girls constituted the majority of detected victims of THB and it is likely that this trend will continue during and in the aftermath of the pandemic,<sup>4</sup> especially impacting marginalized communities. The increase of domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic is a well-documented THB push factor.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, the pandemic highlights that the dynamics of trafficking for sexual exploitation, especially impacting women and children, are currently shifting from the more traditional formats of exploitation to various forms of trafficking online, including webcam and pornography production.<sup>6</sup> The COVID-19 pandemic particularly affected the vulnerability of children to THB,<sup>7</sup> especially online. Law enforcement agencies reported increased

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<sup>3</sup> See OHCHR (2020), COVID-19 Position paper: The impact and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on trafficked and exploited persons. <https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Trafficking/COVID-19-Impact-trafficking.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Wagner L. & Hoang T. (2020), Aggravating circumstances: How coronavirus impacts human trafficking. <https://globalinitiative.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Aggravating-circumstances-How-coronavirus-impacts-human-trafficking-GITOC-1.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> NNEDV (2017), The Intersections of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking. [https://nnedv.org/latest\\_update/intersections-domestic-violence-human-trafficking/](https://nnedv.org/latest_update/intersections-domestic-violence-human-trafficking/)

<sup>6</sup> Kara, S. (2020), How traffickers exploit the covid-19 pandemic. [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/340428231\\_How\\_traffickers\\_exploit\\_the\\_COVID-19\\_pandemic](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/340428231_How_traffickers_exploit_the_COVID-19_pandemic).

<sup>7</sup> United Nations Sustainable Development Group (2020), Policy Brief: The Impact of COVID-19 on children. [https://unsdg.un.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/160420\\_Covid\\_Children\\_Policy\\_Brief.pdf](https://unsdg.un.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/160420_Covid_Children_Policy_Brief.pdf)

grooming and exploitation of children through the Internet, as well as an exponential growth of child sexual exploitation material shared online.<sup>8</sup>

In order to evaluate and develop appropriate responses based on empirical evidence to address the impact of COVID-19 related emerging trends and consequences on combatting trafficking in human beings, especially on VoTs and survivors of trafficking, ODIHR and UN Women launched a survey of non-governmental anti-trafficking stakeholders and survivors of trafficking. The survey results have been utilized in coordination with a high-level panel of experts to inform the development of policy recommendations on addressing the impact of COVID-19, as it relates to addressing emerging trafficking dynamics and their consequences to CTHB and ensuring a victim-centred, trauma-informed, gender-sensitive and human rights-based approach to victims and survivors of trafficking in human beings. The side event will provide the space to present key findings of the empirical data collected from the surveys and discuss the upcoming report and recommendations on addressing emerging human trafficking trends and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### *Speakers*

With welcoming remarks from Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, First Deputy Director of ODIHR, and Kalliope Mingeirou, Chief of the Ending Violence against Women Section of UN Women

**Moderator:** Alethia Jimenez, Policy Specialist, Ending Violence Against Women Section, UN Women

**Presentation of Key Findings:** Tatiana Kotlyarenko, Adviser on Anti-Trafficking Issues, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

### **Speakers:**

- Congressman Christopher H. Smith, OSCE PA Special Representative on Human Trafficking Issues (tbc);
- Ambassador Per-Anders Sunesson, Swedish Ambassador at Large for Combating Trafficking in Persons;
- Dalia Leinarte, Chair of CEDAW Committee for General Recommendations Trafficking of Women and Girls in the Context of Global Migration;
- Kevin Hyland, Former first United Kingdom Anti-Slavery Commissioner and Member of Council of Europe GRETA; and
- Shandra Woworuntu, Founder & Vice President of Mentari and survivor leader.

*Registration for the side event:*

[https://unwomen.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_L74ztCD4R2Kgvtd3aF\\_W\\_A](https://unwomen.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L74ztCD4R2Kgvtd3aF_W_A)

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<sup>8</sup> EUROPOL (2020), Exploiting Isolation: Offenders and victims of online child sexual abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic, 19 June 2020. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/publications-documents/exploiting-isolation-offenders-and-victims-of-online-child-sexual-abuse-during-covid-19-pandemic>