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# ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AEPC</b>	Apparel and Export Promotion Council of India
<b>BSEC</b>	Black Sea Economic Cooperation
<b>CCEM</b>	Committee Against Modern Slavery
<b>CCPCJ</b>	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
<b>CSOs</b>	Civil Society Organizations
<b>ECPAT</b>	End Child Prostitution Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes
<b>EHTN</b>	End Human Trafficking Now
<b>ECOSOC</b>	Economic and Social Council
<b>EXIT</b>	Verein zur Bekämpfung von Menschenhandel aus Africa (Association Combating Human Trafficking from Africa)
<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Organization
<b>IOM</b>	International Organization for Migration
<b>IPU</b>	Inter-Parliamentary Union
<b>LEFOE</b>	Lefö-Counselling, Education and Support for Migrant Women
<b>MBE</b>	Member of the British Empire
<b>MDGs</b>	Millennium Development Goals
<b>NAPTIP</b>	National Agency for Prohibition of Traffic in Persons
<b>NGO</b>	Non-governmental organization
<b>OHCHR</b>	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
<b>OSCE</b>	The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
<b>PSAs</b>	Public Service Announcements
<b>SC</b>	Steering Committee
<b>TVRI</b>	Televisi Republik Indonesia
<b>UAE</b>	United Arab Emirates
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>UN.GIFT</b>	Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking
<b>UNF</b>	United Nations Foundation
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>UNIFEM</b>	United Nations Development Fund for Women
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund
<b>UNODC</b>	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
<b>WISE</b>	Women's International Studies Europe
<b>WLC</b>	Women Leaders' Council
<b>WOTCLEF</b>	Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation
<b>ZDF</b>	Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (Second German Television)

# 1. UN.GIFT OVERVIEW

## THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING (UN.GIFT)

*“I therefore applaud the UN-led Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking - also known as UN.GIFT - that was launched in the House of Lords at the end of March... Let us take action to prevent any more victims from having their dreams of a better future turn into nightmares of exploitation and servitude.”*

*Statement by Kofi Annan, Former UN Secretary-General to both Houses of Parliament  
London, 8 May 2007*

The Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT) was designed to produce a turning point in the fight against human trafficking. The aim is to increase awareness and momentum to stimulate an international campaign to stop the worldwide trade of human beings.

UN.GIFT has been made possible by the financial contribution from the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

### UN.GIFT mission statement

The Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT) aims to mobilize state and non-state actors to eradicate human trafficking by:

- reducing both the vulnerability of potential victims and the demand for exploitation in all its forms;
- ensuring adequate protection and support to those who do fall victim, and
- supporting the efficient prosecution of the criminals involved, while respecting the fundamental human rights of all persons.

In carrying out its mission UN.GIFT will increase the knowledge and awareness on human trafficking, promote effective rights-based responses, build and develop capacity of state and non-state actors, and foster partnerships for joint action against human trafficking.

### UN.GIFT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the UN.GIFT are:

1. to foster awareness, global commitment and action to counter human trafficking in partnership with different stakeholders including governments, the international community, non-governmental organizations and other elements of civil society and the media; and
2. to create and strengthen support structures for victims of trafficking.

The work of UN.GIFT includes:

1. A preparatory phase with the carrying out of a series of regional events designed to strengthen anti-trafficking networks and to generate coordinated activities and build momentum for a global campaign and conference on human trafficking.
2. A stocktaking phase, a centrepiece of UN.GIFT, with the organization of a major global event, the Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, aimed to raise awareness, facilitate coop-

eration and foster partnerships among various stakeholders; and a global data collection exercise on the state of human trafficking worldwide.

3. An implementation phase that builds on the political will, the partnerships and global network generated by the preparatory and stocktaking phases to drive forward a results-oriented agenda and support capacity building projects.

The core areas of UN.GIFT's work are:

1. Global and **collective advocacy** efforts to help raise awareness to human trafficking;
2. **Evidence-based knowledge** on human trafficking to feed into national, regional and global policy-making;
3. Greater **coordination** among international organizations and **innovative public-private partnerships**;
4. System wide, institutional and individual **capacity development** of stakeholders through the delivery of technical assistance.



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## 2. UN.GIFT RESULTS

### AWARENESS RAISING

Global and collective advocacy efforts to help raise awareness to human trafficking

#### REGIONAL EVENTS

Understanding the multi-dimensional nature of human trafficking is fundamental to designing and implementing adequate response measures at the national and regional levels, including drafting new legislation and action plans.

Throughout 2007 and leading up to the Vienna Forum, a number of UN.GIFT events took place around the world to build momentum and raise awareness on the many geographic and thematic dimensions of human trafficking. All events helped identify technical assistance needs of countries in the implementation of the United Nations Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

#### Uganda

The first UN.GIFT regional event was held in Uganda, in June 2007, where the main aspects of a regional action plan including prevention, legislative measures and law enforcement techniques were elaborated. The regional action plan was later adopted by Eastern Africa police chiefs in August 2008 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

#### Brazil

Held in October 2007, the event focused on the challenges faced in the implementation of the

country's policy and action plan, developed by a multi-stakeholder task-force composed of government and civil society representatives. The event helped share good practices on the effective implementation of anti-human trafficking action plans in countries with federative structures.

#### Thailand

The regional event focused on criminal justice responses to trafficking. Held in October 2007, under the leadership of the Government of Thailand and supported by the Government of Australia, experts looked at the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of trafficking cases in the framework of international standards and emerging good practices.

#### South Africa

In October 2007, a major event took place in South Africa with religious leaders from around the world to identify and propose measures to help fight human trafficking. In the Cape Town Declaration, the religious leaders committed themselves to promoting a rights-based plan of action with practical cost-effective strategies and programmes to both combat trafficking and support victims.

## India

In India, new partnerships were forged with the private sector, media and artists to raise awareness to human trafficking. The conference led to the Delhi Declaration which recognises the need to identify inter- and intra-state origin, transit and destination routes for trafficking for forced labour, and to prevent child labour together with industries, trade unions and employers' associations. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) contributed to this conference.

## Cote d'Ivoire

In November 2007, a regional conference in Cote d'Ivoire addressed conflict and post-conflict zones, focusing on child trafficking for their exploitation in armed conflict. Among the recommendations was the setting up of a trust fund for child victims. A financial contribution from the Government of Canada enabled the roll-out of a regional pilot project to implement the recommendations from the event.

## Lithuania

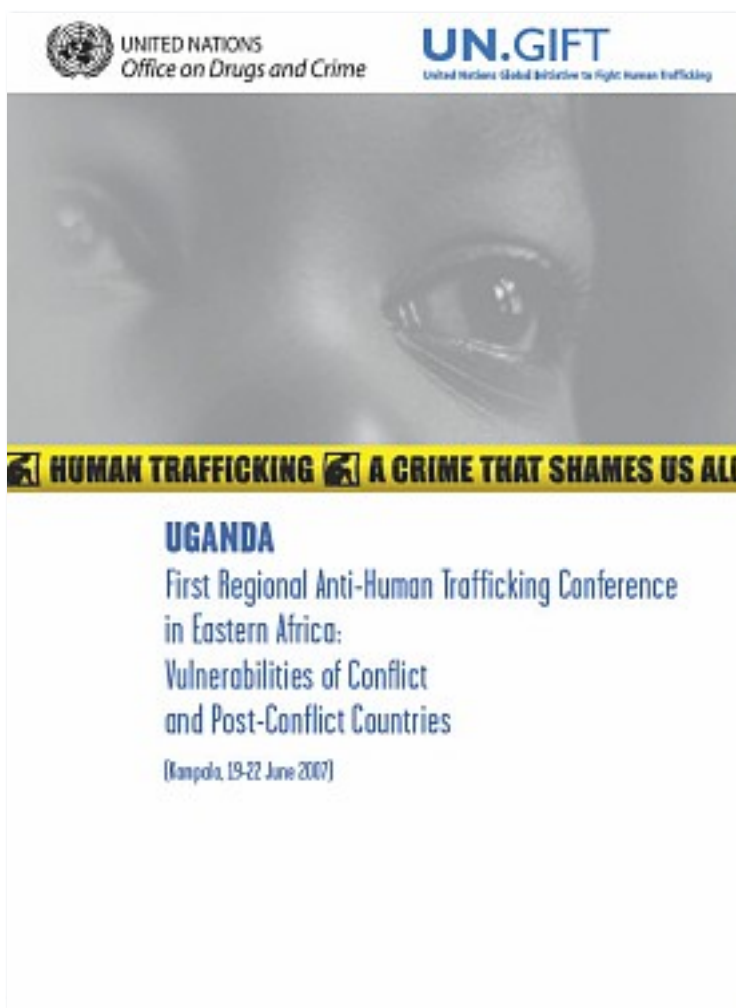
In October 2007, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the Government of Lithuania, in cooperation with UNODC, hosted an event in which attending OSCE member countries discussed common strategies to prevent trafficking. Participants emphasized the role of the media in prevention efforts and encouraged other partners, the business community and education institutions in particular, to become more involved.

## Turkey

In October 2007, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey chaired the conference on "Trafficking in Human Beings in the Black Sea Region" to identify ways of improving cooperation between law enforcement and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for the referral of victims of trafficking. The conference took place within the context of the Budapest Process and was co-organized by the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and UNODC.

## Egypt

In October 2007, the League of Arab States led an event in Egypt to review the status of Arab anti-trafficking legislation. The conference provided first hand information on how far countries have progressed in combating trafficking in persons with a specific focus on legislation. A regional action plan to combat human trafficking was discussed to promote a unified vision and action plan to fight human trafficking by Arab States.



## Kyrgyzstan

In December 2007, the OSCE and the Government of Kyrgyzstan, in cooperation with UNODC, led a round table aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and coordination amongst stakeholders in Central Asia and other Commonwealth of Independent States (Belarus, Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine).



## UN.GIFT and the arts

### UN.GIFT Film Forum “Let us not close our eyes”

As part of the Vienna Forum, UN.GIFT, the Austrian Filmarchiv and the City of Vienna hosted a Film Forum on human trafficking. A total of 19 films were screened, including films by independent filmmakers such as Ric Esther Bienstock (SEX SLAVES), Nick Broomfield (GHOST), Newton Aduaka (EZRA), Anna Salomonwitz (KURZ DAVOR IST ES PASSIERT) and Mohamed Ismael (ET APRES), along with Hollywood blockbusters including TRADE (Marco Kreuzpaintner), BLOOD DIAMOND (Edward Zwick) and DIRTY, PRETTY THINGS (Stephen Fears), all of which present human faces to the anonymous numbers in global human trafficking reports.

A film catalogue was produced containing 70 films and documentaries from around the world, dealing with every aspect of human trafficking. The production counted on partnerships with film producers, distributors, television networks, cinema programmers, directors, actors, non-governmental organizations and governments from around the world. The catalogue has become a resource to help people understand not only “why” and “how” human trafficking occurs but also the consequences of human trafficking to victims.

### Hollywood and Bollywood

In September 2007, the United Nations Headquarters in New York rolled out the red carpet hosting the world premiere of the feature film “Trade” spotlighting the horrors of human trafficking, a multi-billion dollar industry whose primary victims are women and girls.



The premiere of Trade was co-hosted with the film distribution company Roadside Attractions and international human rights organization Equality Now. Based on “The Girls Next Door,” a 2004 New York Times Magazine article by Peter Landesman, the film features Academy Award-winning actor Kevin Kline as a police officer in Texas who becomes involved with a young Mexican boy who is looking for his abducted sister. After New York, the film was also premiered in Berlin.

Bollywood actors, singers, artists, producers and directors publicly pledged their support to UN.GIFT to fight human trafficking. Leading Bollywood luminaries like John Abraham, Amisha Patel, Pre-







ity Zinta, Mita Vashisht, and Sharmila Tagore, as well as singer Penaz Masani and musician Gautam Ghosh took up the fight against human trafficking through their arts, songs, poetry and dance. International Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan lent his voice to UN.GIFT with a powerful message of endorsement.

*“No human person should be enslaved. Let us break our silence and break our tolerance to such a crime and strengthen the hands of those fighting this battle. Come, join me in this global fight against human trafficking”*  
*(Amitabh Bachchan).*

Two directors have committed to making movies on human trafficking to help raise the profile of the issue. In India, UN.GIFT commissioned a seven-minute film entitled “One Life, No Price” to sensitize people to human trafficking and galvanize support against it. The film was produced by Prajwala, an NGO working on trafficking issues. A two-minute clip of the film was included in the mainstream feature film “Welcome”, produced by Base Industries Ltd., and showcasing major names such as Akshay Kumar and Darina Kaif. The film has been screened in over 1,100 theatres globally.

In Nepal, with the support by UN.GIFT, celebrities and journalists came together in Kathmandu to map out a plan of action for the involvement of popular culture in the fight against human trafficking. Several public service announcements (PSAs) were recorded and are now being used as awareness raising tools.

Oscar-winning actress, Emma Thompson, joined forces with UN.GIFT to raise awareness to human trafficking. The actress is Chair of the Helen Bamber Foundation and also the driving force behind the art installation “The Journey”, which shows the harrowing experience of a trafficked victim.

### Films on human trafficking Filme zum Thema Menschenhandel

<p><b>A Woman Alone – La Femme seule</b>      A documentary based on the story of a woman who was trafficked from her home in India to France. The film explores the complex and often hidden world of human trafficking, the role of the media, and the impact of globalization on the issue.</p>	<p><b>Kurz davor ist es passiert – It Happened Just Before</b>      A documentary that tells the story of a woman who was trafficked from her home in India to France. The film explores the complex and often hidden world of human trafficking, the role of the media, and the impact of globalization on the issue.</p>	<p><b>Amazing Grace</b>      A documentary that tells the story of a woman who was trafficked from her home in India to France. The film explores the complex and often hidden world of human trafficking, the role of the media, and the impact of globalization on the issue.</p>
<p><b>Blood Diamond</b>      A documentary that tells the story of a woman who was trafficked from her home in India to France. The film explores the complex and often hidden world of human trafficking, the role of the media, and the impact of globalization on the issue.</p>	<p><b>Snakeheads</b>      A documentary that tells the story of a woman who was trafficked from her home in India to France. The film explores the complex and often hidden world of human trafficking, the role of the media, and the impact of globalization on the issue.</p>	<p><b>China Blue</b>      A documentary that tells the story of a woman who was trafficked from her home in India to France. The film explores the complex and often hidden world of human trafficking, the role of the media, and the impact of globalization on the issue.</p>



## UN Goodwill Ambassadors and advocates

UN.GIFT has had the pleasure of working with a number of artists committed to the fight against human trafficking.

**Julia Ormond**, actress and UNODC Goodwill Ambassador to combat human trafficking, has advocated for the rights of victims. She is the founder and president of the Alliance to Stop Slavery and End Trafficking that addresses the causes of slavery and trafficking. In 2008, she spoke at the UN.GIFT Parliamentary Forum and became a member of the Women Leaders' Council.



**Mira Sorvino**, Oscar-winning actress, was appointed UNODC Goodwill Ambassador to combat human trafficking in February 2009. She is a critically acclaimed actress and accomplished human rights advocate. She was appointed during the launch of the UNODC/UN.GIFT Global Report on Trafficking in Persons.



**Ross Bleckner**, acclaimed American painter, was appointed UNODC Goodwill Ambassador to combat human trafficking. He has helped prevent victimization and discourage demand by using art as a means for balanced anti-human trafficking and victim support initiatives. He will continue to use art to share information about human trafficking and victims' experiences, and seek to raise funds for victim support programmes.



**Steve Chalke**, Chair of the Stop the Traffik coalition, a global movement of more than 1000 member organizations in over 60 countries, was appointed UN.GIFT Special Adviser on Community Action to Combat Human Trafficking. Steve Chalke was awarded an MBE (Member of the British Empire) by the Queen for his services to social inclusion.



**Ruslana**, singer and member of the Vital Voices' Global Partnership, was appointed UN.GIFT Regional Advocate for Eastern Europe. She is also a member of the Women Leaders' Council and donated the single "Not for Sale" as the Vienna Forum theme song.



## Exhibitions

### Different Strokes

In India, the exhibition “Different Strokes” displayed art valued at 10 million rupees, which was pledged to a non-governmental organization working on anti-human trafficking. Under the UN.GIFT South Asia conference, commitments for public service announcements were secured from directors and popular artists; and trafficked survivors, who have been using art as therapy, shared their work with mainstream performers, securing bookings for future performances.

### Images of Vulnerability

A photograph exhibition providing a snapshot on human trafficking around the world was presented at the Vienna Forum. The exhibition, which was also shown in New York, features the photography of Howard G. Buffett, President of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation; Academy Award nominated director Robert Bilheimer; and international photojournalist Kay Chernush.

### Borderless Captivity

In May 2008, the World Bank, UNODC, the Ricky Martin Foundation, the International Justice Mission and Free the Slaves launched the exhibition “Borderless Captivity: Exploitation and Human Trafficking.” The exhibit was designed as a visual narrative to tell a story of abuse and despair caused by trafficking, but also of education, hope and redemption.



Photograph by Pete Pattison

## Domestic Slavery

Many victims of human trafficking are often made to work in households around the world without pay. They are humiliated and kept in bondage and isolation for years. In December 2009, UN.GIFT will bring a photo exhibition on domestic slavery to Vienna, showing the very places where these human rights violations occur. UN.GIFT and the Committee Against Modern Slavery (CCEM), one of the most active civil society organizations fighting domestic servitude, will produce an awareness raising campaign to educate UN and diplomatic staff about the issue. (Photograph by Raphael Dallaporta).





## The Gulu Gala

### Healing art for Uganda's child soldiers

In January 2009, American artist Ross Bleckner, joined UNODC and the International Criminal Court Trust Fund for Victims on an official mission to Gulu, northern Uganda, to assist in the rehabilitation of former child soldiers and abducted girls through art therapy.

In May 2009, the United Nations Secretariat hosted "Welcome to Gulu" an exhibition and benefit sale of 200 paintings created by the former child soldiers and abducted young girls who benefited from the art therapy project.

Academy Award winning actor Nicolas Cage and a host of celebrities (from Donna Karan, Alec Baldwin, Calvin Klein, Famke Janssen, Joy Behar) joined UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in honouring Ross Bleckner, who was appointed UNODC Goodwill Ambassador to combat human trafficking, during the gala event.

*"Opening this exhibition at the UN provides a unique opportunity to implore others to join us in our fight against the conscription of children, other forms of human trafficking and modern day slavery", said Bleckner.*

The Gulu children's paintings were later exhibited at the prestigious Lehmann Maupin Gallery in Manhattan and at the Donna Karan's store in the Hamptons. The UN.GIFT Gulu Gala project helped raise awareness to child soldiers and to rehabilitation programmes targeting child victims of trafficking. The proceeds generated to date amount to almost USD100,000 and will go towards helping the children of Gulu.



## UN.GIFT and the media

UN.GIFT has worked actively with journalists worldwide. Around 150 journalists attended the Vienna Forum, which was covered by over 250 media outlets, resulting in more than 6,000 separate reports in print, broadcast and online. Some of the in-depth reports were featured in Newsweek, Al Jazeera, the BBC, the South China Morning Post, Televisi Republik Indonesia (TVRI), among others.

Newsweek highlighted a comment piece on behalf of Emma Thompson for the 'Turning Point' section. This was published in the international editions of the magazine, which have a combined readership of over four million people. The South China Morning Post article "End of Line: more women who flee poverty in northeast China are becoming trapped in a world of exploitation in Europe" featured interviews with ILO and UNODC held at the Vienna Forum.

The New Times of Rwanda published "Human Trafficking on the increase in Eastern Africa" and TV5 of France produced a "Human Trafficking Report" by journalist Armelle Charrier, incorporating much of the footage provided by UN.GIFT.

UN.GIFT produced "Unaware", a public service announcement that portrays a man walking through a market without realising human trafficking crimes happening around him. It calls for people to open their eyes to this crime.

UN.GIFT also produced a public service announcement featuring Emma Thompson interpreting the voices of victims of human trafficking.

Both PSAs have been aired by CNN, Al Jazeera and Deutsche Welle. From February to June 2008, Al Jazeera alone reported over 450 airings of the "Unaware" PSA.



## NewsXchange 2008

UN.GIFT was invited to NewsXchange, a not-for-profit conference targeting broadcast news organizations from around the world. UN.GIFT participated in the session on investigative reporting, entitled "Undercover: the risks and rewards of investigative journalism". The conference took place in Valencia, Spain, in November 2008, with over 400 journalists from more than 50 countries.

The session examined the difficulties of getting investigative journalism to air, the risks involved, conducting investigations on a tight budget and the roles of freelance journalists, government agencies and pressure groups. The session also examined the challenges in exposing tales of injustice and political corruption, human trafficking, among other stories in today's news agenda. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) represented UN.GIFT at the session, chaired by Stephan Hallman of Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (ZDF) German television. UN.GIFT's participation resulted in a story on human trafficking and the media, featured in December 2009 on Al Jazeera's Listening Post spot.

## The UN.GIFT portal

A dedicated UN.GIFT portal has been launched to support UN.GIFT's advocacy efforts and to serve as a clearing house for information on human trafficking. Its content includes publications from all Steering Committee members as well as other stakeholders and regular stories on human trafficking. On average, the portal receives 7,000 unique viewers per month. In February 2008, it reached 15,000 unique visitors with the launch of the UNODC/UN.GIFT Global Report.

The website also contains a special Steering Committee corner that is password secured and where members can find all information on UN.GIFT's work plan, Steering Committee meetings and other working documents.



## INCREASED KNOWLEDGE

Evidence-based knowledge on human trafficking to feed into national, regional and global policy-making

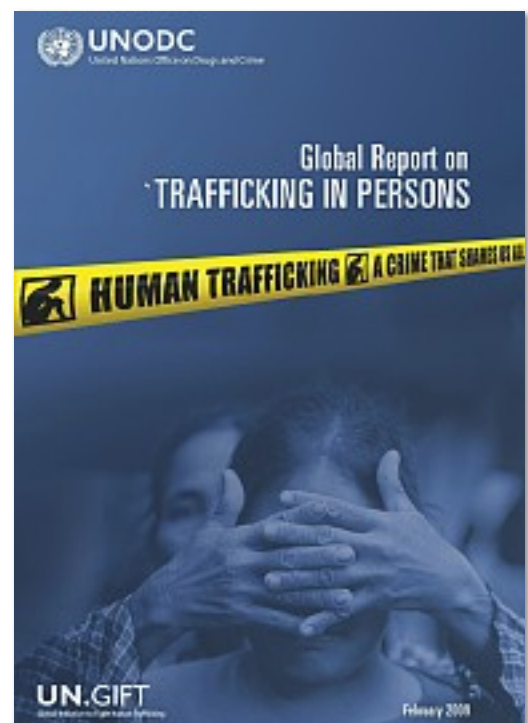
### The Global Report on Trafficking in Persons

UN.GIFT carried out a major data collection exercise, covering 155 countries and territories. The research focused on countries' legislative and administrative frameworks to prevent and combat human trafficking, on the criminal justice response (number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions conducted against traffickers) and the services provided to victims (number of victims identified and assisted by competent authorities and the profile of offenders and victims).

The analysis of the data is reflected in the UNODC/UN.GIFT Global Report on Trafficking in Persons launched in February 2009. The Report represents an important landmark in the cooperation between UNODC and UN Member States in data sharing and reporting on crime issues.

The basic principles of using official statistics and avoiding ranking countries resulted in a product that has enhanced the knowledge on the issue of human trafficking and, at the same time, has creat-

ed consensus among the international community on the knowledge gaps and importance of a UN led data collection exercise.



## 155 Countries and territories covered in the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons



Source: UNODC/UN.GIFT

## Status of the legislation on trafficking in persons - the push of the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol

The status of national legislation, by country (Nov. 2008)



Source: UNODC/UN.GIFT

Findings from the Global Report show that:

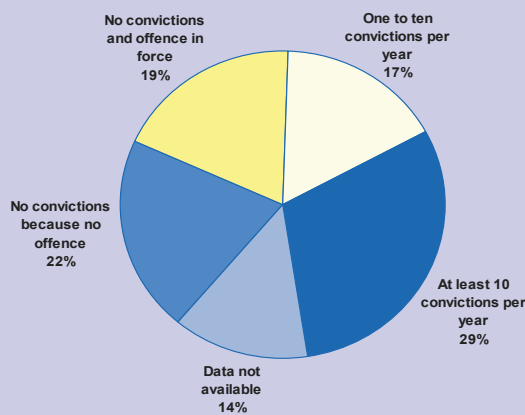
- Before 2003, only 35% of the countries had legislation on human trafficking.
- As of November 2008, 80% of the countries had enacted legislation.
- By November 2008, 17% of countries had a specific offence criminalizing only some forms of trafficking.
- At least 20% of the countries with a specific offence on trafficking in persons use systematically other offences to prosecute trafficking cases.

### The criminal justice response to trafficking in persons - a large area of impunity

Findings from the Global Report show that:

- 32% of the countries recorded no prosecutions from 2003 to 2007.
- 40% of the countries recorded no convictions from 2003 to 2007.
- 19% of the countries that had a specific offence on trafficking in persons recorded no convictions from 2003 to 2007.

Distribution of all countries according to the number of convictions recorded for the specific offence of trafficking in persons during the reporting period



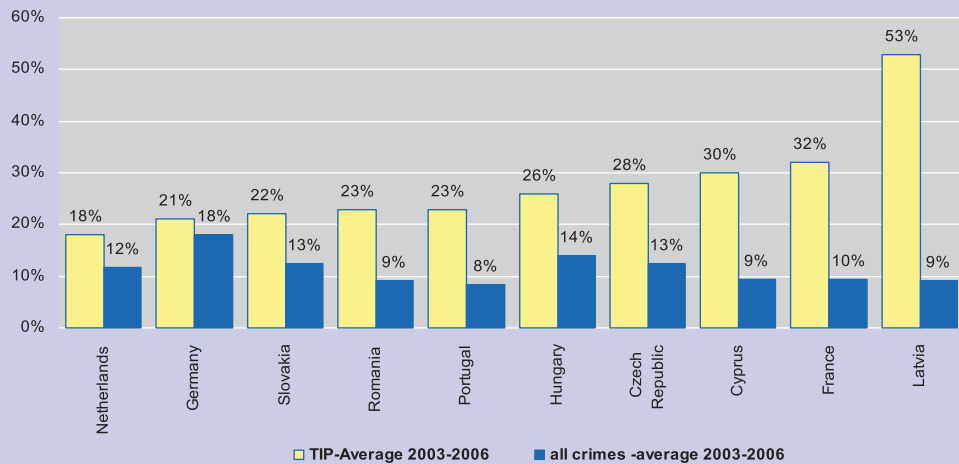
Source: UNODC/UN.GIFT

### Trafficking in persons patterns - a new gender perspective

Data from the Global Report shows that:

- Female offenders have a more prominent role in trafficking in persons than in other crimes.
- In 30% of the countries where the gender of the offender was known, more women were convicted than men.

Ratio of females convicted for trafficking in persons and for all offences in selected countries



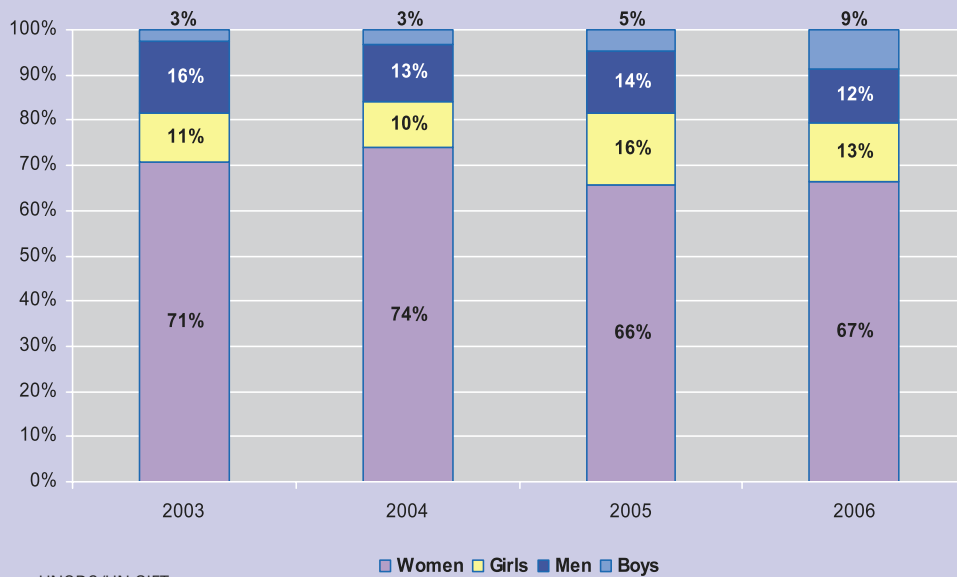
Source: UNODC/UN.GIFT



Data from the Global Report shows that:

- Female victims represented, globally, between 80 and 84% of all victims detected; child victims between 13 and 21%; and male victims around 16-21%.

Profile of victims identified by State authorities where information was collected, aggregated for the years under analysis



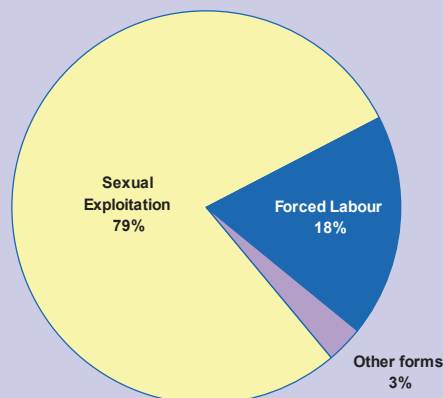
Source: UNODC/UN.GIFT

### Exploitation patterns

Data from the Global Report shows that :

- Victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation accounted, globally, 79% of the victims detected, and victims of forced labour for about 18%.
- Trafficking for forced labour was frequently detected in West Africa, South Asia and South America.
- Also in Europe and North America a relevant numbers of forced labour cases have been detected (35% in Europe and 63% in the USA).
- Trafficking in persons for forced labour is likely under-detected because it is less visible.

Distribution of victims identified by State authorities according to the form of exploitation (2006)

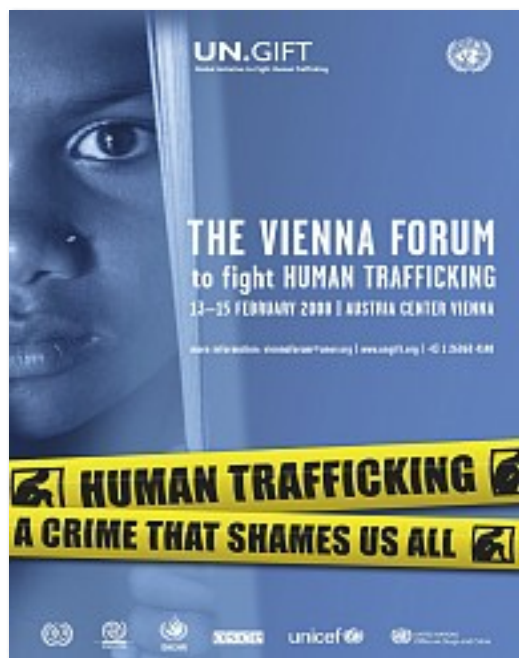


Source: UNODC/UN.GIFT

## COOPERATION AND INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Greater coordination and cooperation among international organizations and innovative public-private partnerships

### THE VIENNA FORUM TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING



The UN.GIFT Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, held from 13-15 February 2008, raised awareness, promoted cooperation and fostered worldwide partnerships.

The Forum gathered over 1,600 participants from across the world, with over 130 countries represented. 41% of participants were government officials, 19% came from civil society organizations, 15% from international organizations, 9% were parliamentarians, 9% were from the media, 4% from academia, and 3% from the private sector.

Within the three themes of vulnerability, impact and action, keynote speakers contextualized the various dimensions of human trafficking and its relation to security, development and human rights. Speakers from various sectors emphasized the importance of addressing human trafficking and the convening power of the Vienna Forum.

The 20 sessions of the Forum, panels and workshops, all went beyond capacity in participation. Each session was led by an international organization, member of the UN.GIFT alliance. In addition to the formal sessions and debate, special events were organized featuring parliamentarians, women leaders, artists, youth, the private sector and the film industry.

### The Journey



During the week of the Vienna Forum, 5,000 visitors attended Emma Thompson's "Journey Against Sex Trafficking", a unique art installation that maps the journey of a trafficking victim. The interactive exhibition is based on a real-life story of a young woman who leaves her home country in search of a better life but is deceived and coerced by traffickers and forced to work in the sex industry.



Latin pop star Ricky Martin, who created a Foundation to support international efforts for the elimination of child trafficking and to influence policy makers in the war against the exploitation of minors, spoke at the opening of the Vienna Forum asserting that "human trafficking has no place in our world today."

*"The Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking of the UN Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking was very successful in terms of raising awareness and elevating the profile of this subject at the international level"*

*Statement by the Ambassador Claude Heller, Permanent Representative of Mexico at the General Assembly, Thematic Debate on Human Trafficking, June 3rd 2008*



The Vienna Forum concluded with the summary of the Chair, delivered by Renuka Chowdhury, Minister of State of Women and Child Development of India. She stressed the need to broaden the debate on human trafficking and address other forms of exploitation such as forced labour. She emphasized the need to monitor progress of the implementation of the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol and the importance of UN.GIFT to continue to build alliances.

The summary set the tone for the follow up to the Forum, by calling for the implementation of anti-human trafficking activities on the ground, for the realisation of the ideas and partnerships generated at the Forum, and for the expansion of the broad alliance of stakeholders facilitated by UN.GIFT.

The full report of the Vienna Forum, including its findings and recommendations, were presented to United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in April 2008; to the Thematic Debate at the UN General Assembly, in June 2008; and to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols, in October 2008.

### **Human Trafficking at the Crossroads, Bahrain**

As a follow up to the Vienna Forum and recognizing the magnitude of the problem of human trafficking, the Kingdom of Bahrain held a conference in March 2009 to foster public-private partnerships. The conference was hosted by Her Highness Sheikha Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa of Bahrain and concluded with the Manama Declaration on Human Trafficking at the Crossroads which calls for zero tolerance to human trafficking.



The high-level participation at the conference was a testimony of the region's commitment to the fight against human trafficking, emphasizing the role of businesses in taking action and encouraging corporate responsibility.



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## UN.GIFT AND GOVERNMENTS

UN.GIFT has featured highly in the UN political agenda. United Nations Member States approved various resolutions on UN.GIFT at the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and at the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ).

In April 2007, at the CCPCJ, Member States stressed “the utmost importance of international cooperation against trafficking in persons and welcomed the efforts of UNODC in fighting that form of crime, and in particular, the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT)”. The Commission expressed its appreciation for the financial contribution of the United Arab Emirates, welcoming also the participation of relevant regional and international organizations, the private sector and civil society entities in UN.GIFT.

Several speakers made reference to UN.GIFT and agreed that there was an urgent need for action to reduce demand, prevent victimization, target criminals involved in trafficking in persons and protect the victims of trafficking. They welcomed

UNODC’s initiatives, such as countering trafficking in persons, providing a comprehensive and concerted international response to the problem and collecting data on such trafficking.

In April 2009, at the CCPCJ, several speakers welcomed the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, published by UNODC and UN.GIFT in February 2009. Some speakers reiterated their support for UN.GIFT and the activities carried out aimed at raising awareness and creating a conducive environment for sharing information, experiences and building partnerships.

In July 2008, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) welcomed the work carried out under UN.GIFT and encouraged UNODC to continue to cooperate with relevant international organizations outside of the United Nations system.

In December 2008, the General Assembly welcomed the holding of the Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, as a part of the awareness raising efforts to fight human trafficking, and requested UNODC to continue consultations with Member States, to ensure that UN.GIFT is carried out as a technical assistance project within the mandates agreed to by the relevant governing bodies and to brief Member States on the work plan of UN.GIFT.



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*“I would also like to underline that Austria fully supports the excellent work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and very much welcomes the important contribution of the UN Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT).”*

*Austria, General Assembly, Interactive Thematic Dialogue on “Taking collective action to end human trafficking”, New York, May 13th 2009*

UN.GIFT helped build momentum and contributed to the policy debate at two General Assembly Thematic sessions in 2008 and 2009. In 2008, the General Assembly “Thematic Debate on Human Trafficking” highlighted UN.GIFT’s efforts to collectively address human trafficking in a multi-faceted manner by bringing together partners from within as well as from outside the UN.

*“We are particularly glad that this discussion is taking place less than four months after the historic Vienna Forum which took place in February this year, following the launch of the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT). [...] The UAE has contributed actively to this initiative and pledges continued support based on our belief in working together under a single banner to eliminate human trafficking.”*

*Speech of HE Dr. Anwar Mohammed Gar-gash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking at the United Nations General Assembly, Thematic Debate on Human Trafficking, June 3rd 2008*

In 2009, the General Assembly Interactive Thematic Dialogue “Taking collective action to end human trafficking” was organized in consultation with Member States and members of UN.GIFT. The interactive dialogue focused on the consideration by the General Assembly of the adoption of a United Nations Global Plan of Action on Trafficking in Persons. Member States and international organizations as well as NGOs presented their arguments, both in favour and against the Global Plan of Action.

*“I would like to reiterate the Ukraine’s strong support for the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, as well as the relevant activities carried out within the framework of the Initiative and aimed at raising awareness and creating a conducive environment for sharing experience and information as well as for building an effective partnership to combat this crime. [...] We hope that the launching of the Global Initiative will contribute to the creation of an effective mechanism, without a standing bureaucracy, for an unprecedented international cooperation in this important and sensitive area.”*

*Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Yuriy Sergeyev, Permanent Representative of Ukraine at the General Assembly, Thematic Debate on Human Trafficking, June 3rd 2008*

## UN.GIFT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### The alliance

*“The Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, known as UN.GIFT, has done invaluable work.”*

*Remarks by the United Nations Secretary-General at the General Assembly, Thematic Debate on Human Trafficking, May 13th 2009*

*“[...] the EU welcomes the contribution of ICAT and UN.GIFT to the coherence and coordination of all actors involved in the fight against human trafficking, in particular in the field of technical assistance.”*

*Czech Republic, General Assembly, Interactive Thematic Dialogue on “Taking collective action to end human trafficking”, New York, May 13th 2009*

The UN.GIFT alliance is composed of the six major international organizations providing technical know-how and expertise to Governments and non-governmental entities in addressing the human trafficking challenge.

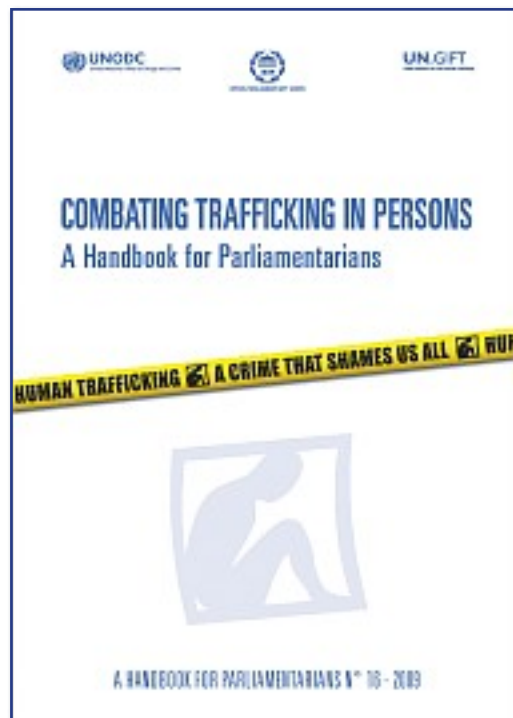
The Steering Committee consists of representatives from its founding members: the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and a representative of the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.

The UN.GIFT Steering Committee coordinates UN.GIFT activities among its members, complementing their respective networks and alliances. It aims to create synergies and avoid duplication to ensure the most efficient and effective delivery of anti-trafficking activities.

UN.GIFT fosters the development and implementation of multi-agency joint programmes to make the most of the expertise available among its partner organizations and provide quality technical support to State and non-state actors.

## UN.GIFT AND PARLIAMENTARIANS

UN.GIFT and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) have reached out to the parliamentary community worldwide. As a prelude to the Vienna Forum, UN.GIFT, IPU and the Austrian Parliament hosted the Parliamentary Forum to Fight Human Trafficking. The Forum provided an opportunity for over 150 parliamentarians from around the world to discuss and share good practices in anti-human trafficking legislative review, and to clarify the critical role parliamentarians and parliaments have in national and international efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking.



UN.GIFT and IPU developed a handbook for parliamentarians containing a compilation of international laws and good practices developed to

combat trafficking in persons. It offers guidance on how national legislation can be brought in line with international standards and outlines measures to prevent the crime of trafficking in persons, to prosecute the offenders and protect the victims.

In April 2008, the final version of the publication "Combating Trafficking in Persons: A Handbook for Parliamentarians" was launched at the IPU Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with over 1,000 parliamentarians present. The Handbook is intended to inspire them to enact sound laws and adopt good practices that will strengthen national responses to human trafficking.

## UN.GIFT AND WOMEN LEADERS

UN.GIFT launched a Women Leaders' Council (WLC), an innovative partnership forged to fight human trafficking with 33 prominent women leaders from around the world, and serves as its secretariat.

The objective of the Women Leaders' Council is to positively influence action in the fight against human trafficking by promoting a high-level of professional outreach, with a wealth of knowledge and experience in women's issues and human rights.

The WLC demonstrates women's leadership role in countering human trafficking and establishes connections across sectors and regions to mobilize sustainable resources, knowledge and experience. It serves as a catalyst to strengthen the capacity and contribution of women's leadership towards preventing, suppressing and punishing trafficking in persons, especially of women and children.

The Council is chaired by Dr. Aleya Hammad, Member of Board of The Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement and Baroness Mary Goudie, Member of House of Lords of the United Kingdom.



## UN.GIFT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

### Delivering through shared responsibility

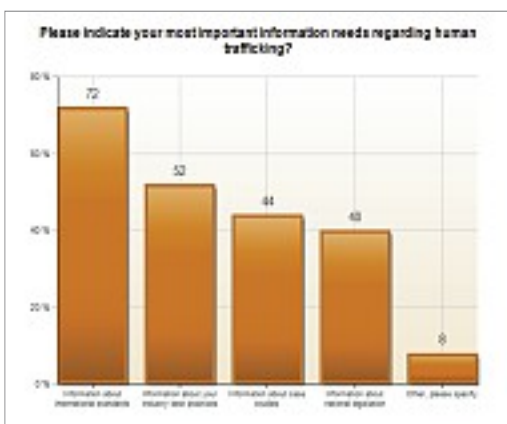
UN.GIFT South Asia initiated a pilot initiative with the Ministry of Women and Child Development of India and Apparel and Export Promotion Council of India (AEPC), a group of nearly 8000 private garment and textile exporters, to address human trafficking as part of their corporate social responsibility efforts.

At the AEPC training centre, 30 young men and women ranging from 22 to 25 years of age considered vulnerable to being trafficked are being meticulously trained on apparel tailoring. Close supervision by production experts ensure that participants learn rapidly on the job.

Skill rotation is integrated into the system and students are trained in all stages and aspects of tailoring, increasing their chances of ensuring a sustainable livelihood from the apparel business. The participants are also capable of setting up their own independent units and also develop a variety of skills in line the market demand.

### Human trafficking "Everybody's business"

UN.GIFT conducted a private sector survey on addressing human trafficking in global supply chains, carried out in partnership with the UN Global Compact and the ILO.



While companies indicated that they were aware of human trafficking and there was a general consensus amongst participants that human trafficking is morally unacceptable, the relationship between business and human trafficking proved less evident to those who took the survey.

Since conducting the survey, human trafficking has been included as a "corporate dilemma" in one of the UN Global Compact projects and considered an emerging issue deserving greater attention by the private sector community. A UN.GIFT publication targeting businesses will be released by the end of 2009.



### Human trafficking as a human right dilemma for multi-national corporations

The Human Rights Solutions Forum, launched by the UN Global Compact and Maplecroft, has identified human trafficking as a human rights dilemma for multi-national corporations. The project team worked on the identification of an initial set of 30-plus human rights themes and dilemmas for business and how each theme affects different sectors, geographies, industries or sections of the "value chain".

The forum aims to enhance the collective understanding of human rights themes and identify practical solutions to real-world dilemmas that challenge responsible business. The forum, with the support by UN.GIFT, will engage and invite feedback on solutions from different stakeholders including business, international organizations, civil society, academics, local communities and more.

### Code of conduct for the tourism sector

The non-governmental organization WISE, the Welcome Heritage Hotel Association, ECPAT and UNODC agreed to join forces to create a specific code for the tourism sector in India to combat human trafficking and child sexual exploitation.

The tourism industry in India has shown considerable support to the human trafficking cause by looking at the issue within their industry. Prominent individuals are dedicated to helping UN.GIFT in this fight and have offered help in raising awareness and in developing projects to combat human trafficking and reduce vulnerability.

## **Employment opportunities for victims of trafficking**

Hilton Hotels in Vienna, LEFOE (Lefö-Counselling, Education and Support for Migrant Women) and UN.GIFT are piloting a project to promote awareness of travellers on human trafficking and provide direct victim support by assisting the reintegration of victims of human trafficking into the regular labour market.

Under the pilot project, a former victim of human trafficking will be offered a job placement at the Hilton Hotels Vienna and LEFOE will conduct monitoring and counselling on a regular basis for the first 12 months of the contract in coordination with UN.GIFT.

## **World Economic Forum**

As a follow-up to the Vienna Forum, human trafficking was included in the "Hot Topic" session of World Economic Forum in the Middle East, as one of the region's most pressing, uncertain and challenging topics of the day.

The Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) led the trafficking session in collaboration with UN.GIFT and as part of the activities of the Women Leaders' Council.

The session entitled 'Human Trafficking and Labour Exploitation' was moderated by John Dettorios, from CNN Marketplace in the Middle East. Designed as a town-hall meeting, it focused on good practices and success stories in eradicating trafficking for labour exploitation and illustrated efforts undertaken by the public and private sector to eliminate this scourge within their respective areas of influence.

The session included an interactive voting segment on priority actions that participants considered important in fighting human trafficking for labour exploitation. With 52% of the votes, partnership with the media for public awareness campaigns came first, followed by the establishment of quality certification processes to guarantee clean work forces (with 25% of the votes), strengthening the security sector (13%) and the introduction of an incentive scheme for corporation best practices (9%).

## **Business Leaders' Award**

In an effort to encourage and spur businesses to take action against human trafficking, the Executive Director of UNODC invited H.E. Suzanne Mubarak to jointly launch a Business Leaders Award at the World Economic Forum in the Middle East.

The Award was also announced at the Bahrain Conference 'Human Trafficking at the Crossroads', held in March 2009 and, since then, the UN Global Compact and BBC World News have come on board as key partners.

As a biennial initiative, the Business Leaders' Award will recognize tangible achievement and acknowledge the vision, creativity and contribution of business leaders in identifying, preventing and combating human trafficking. It will highlight innovation in labour policies, supply chain management and corporate social responsibility initiatives. The Award will be presented for the first time at an event in Luxor, Egypt, in 2010.

## **BBC World News**

In cooperation with the End Human Trafficking Now Campaign (EHTN) and UN.GIFT, BBC World News will develop a series of half hour programmes on human trafficking to raise awareness and to showcase positive examples of corporate engagement in tackling the crime and assisting victims.

The BBC will use the programmes to call for nominations for the Business Leaders' Award and to garner public opinion. A public response platform will be developed including a community voting system. Each programme of the human trafficking series will be followed by a 'call to action' encouraging the nomination of business leaders as achievers in the fight against human trafficking. The call to action will include short illustrative vignettes developed by the BBC.

The BBC will cover the Award nomination event in Luxor and feature a special programme highlighting the successful cases of business involvement. UN.GIFT and all involved organizations will be referenced in all material produced.

## **Vignettes on human trafficking and the business community**

UN.GIFT and the Suzanne Mubarak Foundation have commissioned CNN to develop short PSAs on human trafficking and the business community. The PSAs will be developed along the lines of CNNs Heroes, with a series of interviews of leading personalities from the private and public sector. UN.GIFT is supporting the selection of the speakers based on moral strength, geographic diversity, and involvement in finding solutions to preventing and combating human trafficking within their own area of specialization. Interviews are confirmed with Richard Branson and Mohamed "Mo" Ibrahim and filming is planned from July to August for the PSAs to be aired in September 2009.



## Public Transport and human trafficking

Negotiations with OBB, the Austrian Railway Company, are ongoing regarding a pilot project to utilize local and national public transport to reach possible victims of human trafficking, to sensitize the professionals working in the transport system, and to educate the general public on the issue. After a first implementation phase, this initiative will be expanded to the eastern and western European systems of transport including international bus and train services.

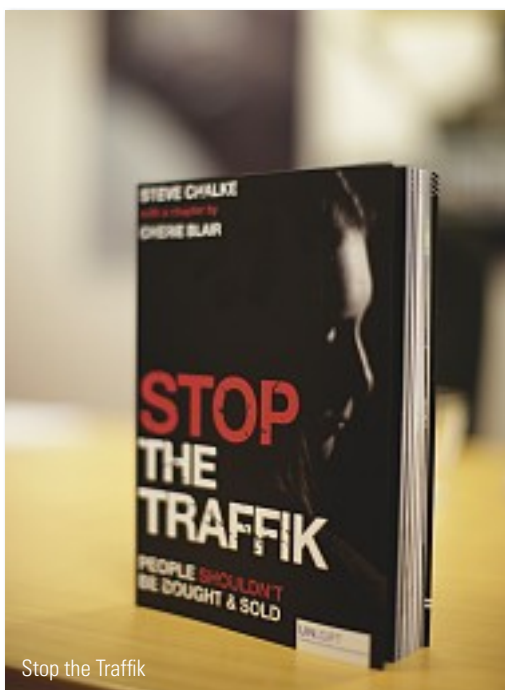
## The Body Shop

UN.GIFT will organize a press conference on 31 August 2009 to support a project against child trafficking led by the non-governmental organization ECPAT International and the private sector company The Body Shop. The conference will allow UN.GIFT to explore the work of The Body Shop's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) network and might present an opportunity to engage in a larger joint initiative next year.



## UN.GIFT AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Civil society organizations (CSOs) have a particularly important role to play in the fight against human trafficking. They engage in a broad variety of activities from lobbying and advocating for the issue to providing direct support to the victims.



Stop the Traffik

CSOs are critical partners in prevention and protection efforts, but also in the area of prosecution, starting with the identification of victims of trafficking, support and care throughout court proceedings, including the provision of legal assistance, medical and psychological aid, as well as in contributing to a dignified process of repatriation (if such is desired by the victim) and reintegration, or the process of integration into society if a residency status is granted.

Acknowledging the importance of civil society in the fight against human trafficking, UN.GIFT has involved CSOs in number of its activities from the start. In April 2007, nineteen non-governmental organizations (NGOs) met in Vienna to collaborate and examine actions to be undertaken in the course of UN.GIFT.

During the preparations for the Vienna Forum, particular emphasis was put on ensuring a large CSO representation at the Forum and as a result 20% of all speakers and participants were civil society representatives. In addition, a CSO Knowledge Exchange Centre was designed to provide organizations with the opportunity to exhibit and present their counter-trafficking activities to all participants of the Forum. More than 50 CSOs used the Centre to showcase their work, publications and expand their networks and partnerships.

Since the Vienna Forum, UN.GIFT has established a broad network with some of the most prominent CSOs active in fighting human trafficking around the world. To support this network, a database was created with more than 1000 entities.

UN.GIFT continues to draw on CSOs' expertise and experience to advise other stakeholders on promising practices and connects organizations across continents. CSOs contribute with knowledge and insight from the ground, which is then used to design and implement projects in the field.

The UN.GIFT projects developed and carried out in partnership with CSOs are often small scale but innovative. They are intended to serve as pilot projects which can be scaled-up either in size or geographical outreach. Projects range from supporting local NGOs in their advocacy work to implementing global awareness raising campaigns and victim support activities.

## UN.GIFT AND YOUTH

### Cartoon Competition

UN.GIFT recognizes the role of young people in global efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking.



UN.GIFT and Stop the Traffik launched a worldwide cartoon competition to engage young people and raise awareness to the issue. Kristof Colle, a noted Belgian cartoonist, contributed with three of his cartoons to inspire youth from around world to create their own. The winning cartoon (left) from Zane Applegate from the United Kingdom calls for human trafficking to be stopped.



### UN.GIFT and Facebook

A virtual community group entitled "Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking" is live on Facebook. The group has now over 5,000 subscribers and is administered by volunteers. The group has become an example of how social networking can help the anti-human trafficking cause.

### Start Freedom

UN.GIFT developed educational material with the Stop the Traffik to raise awareness to human trafficking. The material will be used in schools around the world as part of their regular curriculum. Two sets of materials were developed, one for children from 12 to 14 and another for 15 to 18 year-olds, explaining what human trafficking is, the different forms of exploitation, in particular sexual and labour exploitation. It also explains what young people can do to fight this global crime in their own communities.

The material has been translated into the six official UN languages as well as Hindi and Dutch. All material will be launched through a live webcast and available by the end of 2009.

Stop the Traffik and UN.GIFT are now seeking to engage youth and the public at large in an awareness raising campaign leading up to the Soccer World Cup in South Africa 2010 and the London Olympics in 2012.

## CAPACITY BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

System-wide, institutional and individual capacity development of stakeholders through the delivery of technical assistance

### International cooperation

#### Joint programmes

Joint programming is a collective effort by which UN organizations and national partners work together to carry out activities to help countries achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other international commitments.

Joint programming contributes to making UN support to national goals more coherent, effective and efficient. It is meant to avoid duplication, reduce transaction costs and maximize synergies among the national partners and the differing contributions of UN system organizations.

UN.GIFT is supporting countries in the development of six joint programmes so that technical assistance is effectively delivered by international organizations. The programmes are currently being developed in six regions: East Africa, Southern Europe, Latin America, South Asia, East Africa, Middle-East/North Africa and Central Asia.

In East Africa, a joint programme proposal in Rwanda and Burundi has been developed by IOM and UNODC, following extensive consultations in both countries. The programme will initially address systematic research and data collection and later address the drafting and implementing of anti-trafficking legislation, targeted awareness raising, capacity-building in prevention and prosecution and enhanced assistance for victims of trafficking.

In Southern Europe, the finalized joint programme proposal for Serbia has received the endorsement of the Serbian Interior Ministry, in which the Ministry emphasizes the importance of this project, especially as its activities aim at implementing the National Action Plan for Anti Human Trafficking that was adopted by the Serbian Government in April 2009. The partner organizations of the programme are UNODC, UNCHR and IOM.

In Latin America, the joint programme document addressing trafficking on the border between Argentina and Bolivia has been finalized and presented to potential donors. The partner organizations of the programme are IOM, UNICEF and UNODC.

In South Asia, the joint programme proposal for Pakistan has been finalized after extensive stakeholder consultations. The joint programme was developed by UNICEF and UNODC, with contributions from IOM, UNIFEM and ILO. The programme objective is to strengthen the capacity of Government agencies and other stakeholders to address both cross border and internal human trafficking in line with the international protocols, conventions and other legal instruments.

In the Middle East/North Africa, work continues in Egypt on a comprehensive study on human trafficking, jointly funded by seven agencies active in the anti-trafficking field (UNODC, IOM, UNDP, ILO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNIFEM and ILO) and conducted by the National Centre for Social and Criminological Research. The results of the study will feed into the development of the joint programme.


In Central Asia, ILO and UNODC are developing a joint programme focusing on the issue of forced labour trafficking within the region.

#### Study Exchanges

To increase support to victims of trafficking through NGOs and other service providers, UN.GIFT conducted its first one-week study exchange for practitioners from Nigeria and Austria in December 2008. Representatives from the National Agency for Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP) and the Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WOTCLEF) met with a number of different stakeholders, such as government officials from Austria and international organizations such as IOM and UNODC, and local NGOs such as LEFOE, EXIT (Association Combating Human Trafficking from Africa) and ECPAT (End Child Prostitution Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes).

Based on the successful exchange of experiences and promising practices, NAPTIP developed a training curriculum for a number of three-day workshops on victim support and shelter management to take place in 2009 in various states in Nigeria.

Also, as a follow up to the study exchange, a series of meetings with UN.GIFT's stakeholders such as NAPTIP and law enforcement representatives from Switzerland and Austria were held to discuss how to advance mutual assistance in the field of human trafficking. Agreement was reached about the urgent need to improve operational cooperation between law enforcement agencies in Europe and Nigeria.



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UN.GIFT is currently developing a project proposal focusing on improving international cooperation among countries. Once piloted, it can be used as a good practice to improve cooperation between countries of origin and destination. The project will be presented to potential donors by the end of 2009.

### Study Visits

In May 2009, Mrs. Sara Shuhail, Executive Director of the Abu Dhabi Shelter for Women and Children and Ms. Maitha Ganem Al Mazroui, the Coordination and Follow-up Officer at the Shelter, came to Vienna for a two-day study visit. UN.GIFT facilitated discussions with IOM and UNODC staff on identification and referral, interviewing of victims, psychological consequences of trafficking, and NGO-law enforcement cooperation.

A day was spent visiting local NGOs and a government institution providing direct victim support and shelter to women and children, victims of human trafficking. Contact was also established with civil society organizations active in the Middle East.

### Victims helpline

UN.GIFT contributed to the set up of the Geneva helpline for victims of trafficking, as part of the End Human Trafficking Now! campaign and Friends of Humanity as well as to the evaluation of its pilot phase. The aim of the helpline is to detect victims of human trafficking and provide them an opportunity to contact specific services needed. An awareness raising campaign disseminated the

helpline and helped educate the general public and involve them in helping to identify and assist victims. During the six months of operation, the helpline received calls from 16 potential victims of human trafficking, either directly or through intermediaries, and was able to offer assistance to 12 of them in partnership with relevant service providers (shelters, psycho-social counselling services, police, etc). The helpline was awarded a special prize by the Philiat Foundation as an outstanding example of a public-private partnership.

### MP3 messages for victims of trafficking

UN.GIFT, in partnership with the Austrian Criminal Intelligence Service and the Austrian NGO LEFOE, has developed key encounter messages addressing victims of trafficking. The original idea conceptualized by UNODC is to support law enforcement officials who are often confronted with suspected victims of human trafficking who do not speak the language of the country they are in. In order to provide them with initial information, basic audio messages were developed and recorded so that they can be played for the victim.

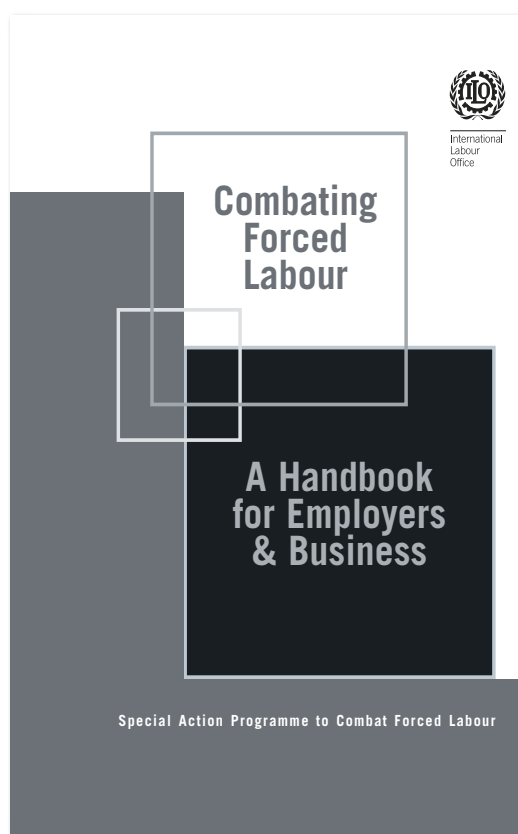
The innovation is that former victims of human trafficking have been consulted to ensure that a victim's perspective is incorporated in the encounter messages. The messages will be available in 40 languages. INTERPOL has welcomed this initiative and will utilize the messages globally in its work with national police forces. The finalised material will be available in the last quarter of 2009.



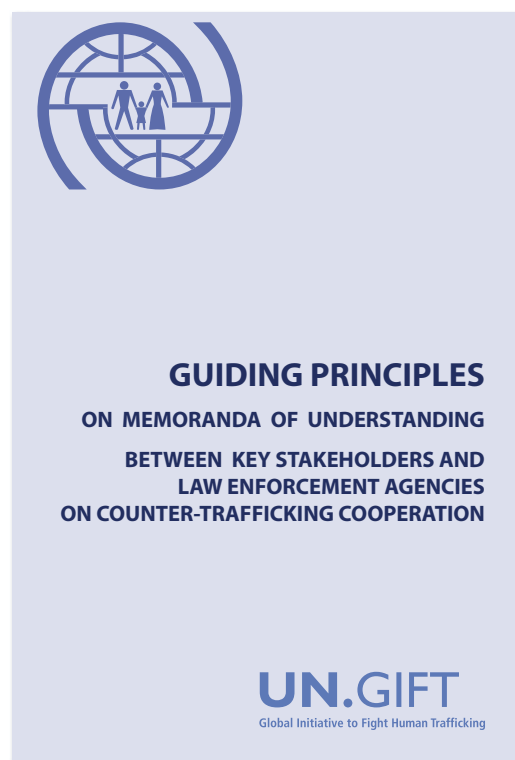
## Capacity building tools

UN.GIFT is supporting the elaboration of guiding material and capacity building tools developed under ten multi-agency Expert Group Initiatives. They provide guidance to practitioners on the ground and draw on the expertise of the Steering Committee members of UN.GIFT and other experts who contribute with their hands on experience.

1. A **“Model law on trafficking in persons”**, developed by UNODC, promotes and assists States in implementing the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children. It facilitates the provision of legislative assistance, the adoption by Member States of new legislation as well as the revision and amendment of existing ones.
2. **“Combating forced labour: A handbook for employers and business”**, developed by ILO, gives guidance for employers organizations and individual companies worldwide as to what forced labour is, how it can affect business operations and what business actors can do to tackle the problem.

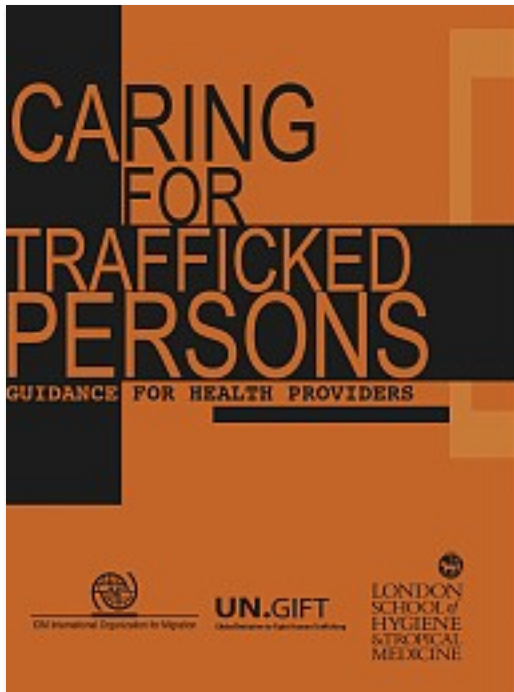


3. The **“Guiding Principles on Memoranda of Understanding between Key Stakeholders and Law Enforcement Agencies on Counter-Trafficking Cooperation”**, developed by IOM, contributes to more effective cooperation between stakeholders, through the development and implementation of formalized cooperation agreements on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings.



4. **“Decreasing vulnerability to trafficking in persons as an effective tool to prevent the crime and human rights violations”**, under development by the OSCE, will provide an analysis of the business and socio-economic causes of trafficking in human beings in order to decrease vulnerabilities of human trafficking and to better prevent the crime.
5. An **“Advanced Training Manual for Law Enforcement, Judges, Prosecutors”**, developed by UNODC, helps strengthen the technical judicial and law enforcement capacity in effectively identifying and protecting victims of trafficking as well as in investigating and prosecuting offenders.

6. A handbook "**Caring for Trafficked Persons**", developed by IOM, provides practical advice to help a concerned health provider understand the phenomenon of human trafficking, recognize some of the associated health problems and consider safe and appropriate approaches.



7. A "**Law Enforcement First Aid Kit**", under development by UNODC, will be a user friendly tool to inform law enforcement first

responders on the most practical level which vital first steps to take to detect and deal with trafficking cases and to protect victims.

8. A training resource "**Child Trafficking**", developed by ILO and UNICEF, helps capacity building and training on child trafficking for governments, workers representatives, employers representatives, social workers, employees of child protection agencies, international organizations, NGOs, civil society and media. It also provides guidance on prevention, protection and reintegration efforts.
9. The OHCHR will develop a handbook on the "**Rights of Victims of Human Trafficking**" that aims to support the implementation of the OHCHR Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking.
10. The "**Needs Assessment Toolkit on the Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking**", under development by UNODC, will comprise a set of questionnaires designed for experts from international organizations and national development agencies, interested in conducting comprehensive or specific assessments of selected aspects of a country's criminal justice response to human trafficking. The toolkit helps in the identification of gaps and the formulation and development of technical assistance projects that adequately respond to the identified needs.

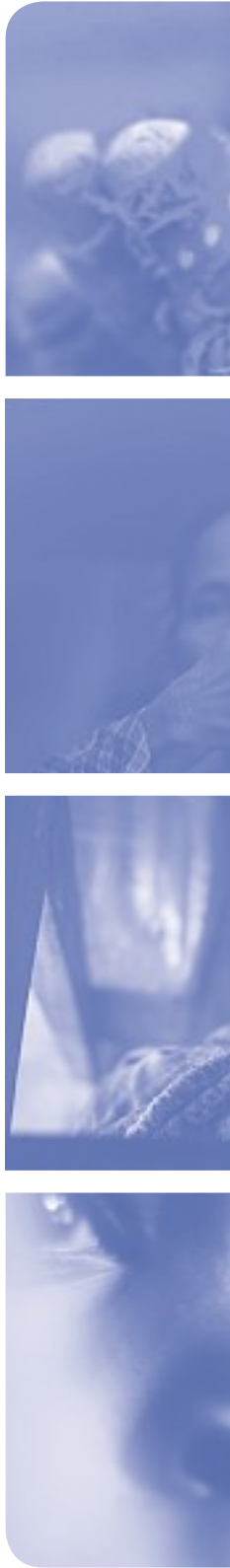


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