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Measuring Progress Towards Target 8.7

Background & Agenda

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

UN Conference Building, Room 5

Thursday, 19 July 2018

BACKGROUND

In September 2015, all UN Member States adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals: 17 interrelated goals and 169 associated targets to promote economic, social and environmental development. In Target 8.7 all countries committed to:

Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.

This shared commitment presents a unique opportunity for collaborative efforts to bring about a world free of forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour. Current estimates of the number of people facing these types of exploitation tell a story of suffering on a daunting scale. Yet, while there has been a notable reduction in the incidence of child labour in the last two decades, there is little evidence of a serious reduction in the number of people exposed to forced labour, modern slavery, or human trafficking over that period. In fact, measuring progress towards Target 8.7 is difficult. Many of these populations are hard to find, let alone count.

Co-organized by the United Nations University Centre for Policy Research (UNU-CPR) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), this one-day symposium aims to help stakeholders working towards Target 8.7 increase their understanding of measurement of forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour and improve monitoring of progress towards their eradication. It brings together expert working-level government representatives and relevant stakeholders to discuss challenges and successes in national, international and civil society measurement activities around Target 8.7. This event will provide a venue to share experiences on measuring prevalence and what works in addressing forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour. The discussions will also feed into the ongoing development of Delta87.org, the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform.



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AGENDA

10:00

Welcome

- Dr James Cockayne, Director, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research
- Dr Michaele de Cock, Head of Research and Evaluation Unit, International Labour Organization / FUNDAMENTALS

10:15

Scene Setting

- H.E. Dr Geoffrey Shaw, Australian Ambassador for People Smuggling & Human Trafficking

10:30

Panel 1: National Level Measurement, Estimates and Analysis

Moderated by Dr James Cockayne, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research

- Mr Federico Blanco, Senior Statistician, International Labour Organization / FUNDAMENTALS
- Dr Claudia Cappa, Senior Adviser for Statistics, United Nations Children's Fund
- Prof Sir Bernard Silverman, Professor of Modern Slavery Statistics, University of Nottingham
- Ms Maria Claudia Falcao, Technical Secretariat to the Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour
- Mr Jason Wendle, Director of Strategy & Programs, Global Fund to End Modern Slavery

11:45

Panel 2: Global data and evidence

Moderated by Mr Thomas Wissing, Head, Advocacy and Partnerships Unit, International Labour Organization

- Mr Harry Cook, Data Management and Research Specialist, International Organization for Migration
- Ms Kristiina Kangaspunta, Chief, Crime Research Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Dr Shawn MacDonald, Chief Executive Officer, Verité
- Ms Jacqueline Joudo Larsen, Senior Research Manager, Walk Free Foundation
- Dr Michaele De Cock, Head of Research and Evaluation Unit, International Labour Organization / FUNDAMENTALS



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Panel 3: Measuring Project Impact

Moderated by Mr Maurice Middleberg, Executive Director, Free the Slaves

- Ms Rachael Jackson, Strategic Information and Research Specialist, International Justice Mission
- Ms Katharine Bryant, Research Manager, Walk Free Foundation
- Ms Yuki Lo, Senior Research & Evaluation Officer, Freedom Fund
- Ms Andrea Nicholson, Associate Director, the Rights Lab

16:30

Panel 4: Connecting measurement to better policies

Moderated by Dr Charita Castro, Chief of Research and Policy, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking; Bureau of International Labor Affairs; US Department of Labor

- Ms Alison Campbell, Team Leader – Modern Slavery, Migration Department, Department for International Development
- Prof Furio Rosati, Professor at the University of Rome, and Project Manager for Understanding Children’s Work
- Ms Julia Blocher, Project Manager, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research
- Dr Luis Fabiano de Assis, Prosecutor, Chief Research & Data Officer at the Federal Labour Prosecution Office in Brazil, and Manager of the Decent Work Smartlab

17:50

Closing Remarks

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