Measuring Progress Towards Target 8.7
Speakers’ Bios

Dr James Cockayne, Director, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research
Dr James Cockayne is Director of the Centre for Policy Research at United Nations University, an independent think tank within the UN system that combines deep multilateral experience with research rigor to develop innovative solutions to global policy challenges. He is the Project Director of Delta 8.7—the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform and leads the Secretariat of the Financial Sector Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. He also leads work at UNU on artificial intelligence and on the rule of law. Previously a visiting lecturer at Columbia University, a Hauser scholar at New York University School of Law and a University Medallist in government and public administration at the University of Sydney, Dr Cockayne has worked in public service, academia and the advocacy arena. He was Co-Director of the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation, leading their work in New York and Africa, Principal Legal Officer in the Transnational Crime and Extradition Units in the Australian Attorney-General’s Department, and Chair of the Editorial Committee of OUP’s Journal of International Criminal Justice. His latest book is Hidden Power: The Strategic Logic of Organized Crime (Hurst/OUP: 2016).

Dr Michaëlle de Cock, Head of Research and Evaluation Unit, International Labour Organization, FUNDAMENTALS
Michaëlle De Cock (Ph.D, University of Paris VI) has been a leading researcher for the ILO on methodologies to survey and estimate forced labour and trafficking of adults and children for the last 15 years and is currently Head of the Research and Evaluation Unit of the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch of the ILO. She has been actively involved in key global estimates published by the ILO, including the first estimate of the worst forms of child labour in 2002 (which included trafficking and forced labour) and two global estimates of forced labour in 2005 and 2012. In 2017, she co-led the production of the global estimates of child labour and modern slavery, including the forced labour component. For the last 10 years, Michaëlle has been developing a series of national surveys to develop national estimates of forced labour and trafficking of adults and children. The methodology used to produce these estimates was presented and discussed during an international workshop held in Kathmandu in December 2010 and the guidelines have since been published (“Hard to see, harder to count: survey guidelines to estimate forced labour of adults and children”, ILO, Geneva, 2011). She is currently co-leading the technical work of the expert working group set up by the 2013 International Conference of Labour Statisticians, with the aim of “discussing and developing international guidelines to harmonize concepts, elaborate statistical definitions, standard lists of criteria and survey tools on forced labour”, to be submitted to the next International Conference of Labour Statisticians in October 2018.

H.E. Dr Geoffrey Shaw, Australian Ambassador for People Smuggling & Human Trafficking
Dr Geoffrey Shaw is Australia’s Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking. He is based at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. Ambassador Shaw leads diplomatic engagement efforts to advance Australia’s counterpeople smuggling interests in support of Operation Sovereign Borders (OSB). Dr Shaw works closely with the OSB Joint Agency Task Force to coordinate the international elements of OSB across government. Ambassador Shaw leads Australia’s regional and international cooperation to combat human trafficking and modern slavery, including as co-chair with
Indonesia of the 45-country Bali Process, the pre-eminent regional grouping working to address these transnational crimes. Ambassador Shaw is also the current chair of the Alliance 8.7 initiative, a global partnership to end forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child exploitation. Previously, Ambassador Shaw was Assistant Secretary of DFAT’s People Smuggling and Human Trafficking Task Force (2015-2017). Before then, he served as the Representative of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to the United Nations (UN) in New York (2010-2015). Ambassador Shaw chaired the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Working Group on preventing and responding to weapons of mass destruction. Ambassador Shaw served in Vienna as the Special Assistant for Policy to the Director General of the IAEA. Within DFAT, he has also worked as Assistant Secretary of the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office and as Australia’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

Mr Federico Blanco, Senior Statistician, International Labour Organization, FUNDAMENTALS
Federico Blanco Allais is a production engineer and development economist. Since 2006, he has worked as researcher, statistician and project coordinator at the ILO’s Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch. His main area of expertise includes the development and implementation of quantitative methods to assess the extent and characteristics of child labour at the national and sectorial level. He has conducted global research on child labour in connexion with gender, education, injuries, economic shocks, violence against children and refugees.

Dr Claudia Cappa, Senior Adviser for Statistics, United Nations Children’s Fund
Dr Claudia Cappa is a Senior Adviser for Statistics in the Data and Analytics Section at the UNICEF headquarters. She is the focal point for data collection, data analysis and methodological work on early childhood development, child disability, and child protection from violence, exploitation and abuse. The support for these activities includes elaboration of survey questionnaires and data collection tools, estimations, development of methodologies, indicators, tools and normative guidelines, capacity building, data analysis, production of reports, as well as delivery and dissemination of final results. In this capacity, she has been responsible for the preparation of a number of data-driven publications, and is responsible for maintaining interagency collaborations and partnerships. Prior to joining UNICEF, she worked at the University of Geneva and the Institute for Social Studies of the ILO. Claudia holds an MA and a PhD in Development Studies from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland.

Prof Sir Bernard Silverman, Professor of Modern Slavery Statistics, University of Nottingham
Bernard Silverman has held senior established and visiting posts at various universities including Stanford and Oxford. He is a pioneer of computational statistics and has also worked in many fields of science and other applications. From 2010 to 2017 he was Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Home Office, including the period when Home Secretary Theresa May introduced the Modern Slavery Strategy and Act. He has won distinguished awards for his work and was knighted in 2018 for his public service and services to science.
Ms Maria Claudia Falcao, Technical Secretariat to the Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour

Maria Claudia Mello Falcao holds a degree in industrial engineering and is a specialist in project management. Since joining the ILO in 2004, she has been working on projects on the promotion of decent work and the prevention and elimination of child labour. Currently, she coordinates the International Program for Elimination of Child Labour in Brazil and is part of the Technical Secretariat of the Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free from Child Labour.

Mr Jason Wendle, Director of Strategy & Programs, Global Fund to End Modern Slavery

Jason Wendle is Director of Strategy & Programs at the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery, focused on developing and coordinating the Fund’s overall investment strategy, and providing strategic guidance to the Fund across areas that include research and prevalence measurement. Jason draws on a decade of international development experience in impact measurement, private sector development, inclusive growth and impact investment. He comes to the Fund as a Director at the Global Development Incubator, where he ran the Mastercard Foundation Rural and Agricultural Finance Learning Lab. He was previously an Associate Partner at Dalberg Advisors, providing strategy consulting to clients including the world’s largest private foundations, bilateral and multilateral donors, African governments and Fortune 100 firms. He holds a master’s degree in Public Administration in International Development from Harvard University.

Mr Thomas Wissing, Head of Unit for Advocacy and Partnerships, International Labour Organization

Since March 2017, Thomas Wissing has been Head of Unit for Advocacy and Partnerships at the Branch for Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work at ILO Headquarters in Geneva. He is responsible for the coordination of advocacy work, campaigns, communication and partnerships to promote and protect the rights of victims of child labour, forced labour, human trafficking, discrimination and ensure the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining. Thomas started his professional career in 1993 as academic tutor at Bonn University and the Foundation for International Development (S.I.S.). He joined the ILO in 1995 as Associate Expert in Mexico and from 1999-2001 worked as a Policy Advisor for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on microfinance and development. In 2001, he returned to the ILO, as Programme Officer (2001-2009), Deputy Director (2009-2011) and Director (2011-2017) of the Country Office for Mexico and Cuba. An expert in International Development Cooperation and Policy Development, Thomas has more than 20 years of field experience in Latin America, mainly in Mexico. He has an MA in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Bonn and a Master in Economic and Social Development by the German Development Institute and Postgraduate Programme in Local Economic Development at the ILO International Training Centre in Turin.

Mr Harry Cook, Data Management and Research Specialist, International Organization for Migration

Harry Cook is the Data Management and Research Specialist for IOM’s Migrant Assistance Division at IOM Headquarters in Geneva. He serves as IOM’s primary reference point for data on human trafficking and migrants in vulnerable situations. He leads IOM’s research agenda on these topics as well as the development of policies, procedures, tools and technology solutions for the collection, management and analysis of such data.
Harry has previously worked the Research Officer for the International Organization for Migration's Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa, where he was responsible for research into migration trends and related issues in the region and their impact on development and humanitarian objectives.

**Ms Kristiina Kangaspunta, Chief, Crime Research Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

Kristiina Kangaspunta has been involved in international crime prevention and criminal justice work for more than 25 years. For the last 19 years, she has been working with the United Nations. She is currently the Chief of the Crime Research Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). She is also heading the preparation of the United Nations Global Report on Trafficking in Persons.

**Dr Shawn MacDonald, Chief Executive Officer, Verité**

Shawn MacDonald is the CEO of Verité, a civil society organization that works with businesses to promote workers’ rights and other sustainability goals in global supply chains through research, consulting, training, assessments and policy advocacy. Before his appointment as CEO in 2016, Shawn led Verité's research, program and policy work. Shawn has broad international and domestic experience in labor rights, corporate social responsibility, social entrepreneurship, workplace health and multi-sector partnerships. Before joining Verité, he was Director of Accreditation at the Fair Labor Association, Vice President of Ashoka, Senior Advisor at Meridian Group International and co-founder of the Development and Employment Policy Project. Additionally, he worked for a variety of civil society organizations in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. He holds a PhD from George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution and an AB in History from Harvard University.

**Ms Jacqueline Joudo Larsen, Senior Research Manager, Walk Free Foundation**

Jacqueline is a criminologist and Head of Research for the Walk Free Foundation, with a technical role in the survey program. During a 15-year career in research, Jacqueline has focused on social justice and human rights issues, with a particular interest in unpacking the causes of crime, understanding vulnerability and resilience, and using that information to drive policy change. She previously led research on human trafficking, victimisation of international students, sexual assault and violent extremism at the Australian Institute of Criminology.

**Mr Maurice Middleberg, Executive Director, Free the Slaves**

Maurice I. Middleberg is the Executive Director of Free the Slaves. Free the Slaves, a pioneer and leader in the global movement to eradicate modern slavery, has helped liberate over 13,000 people from slavery and protect thousands of communities from human traffickers. Maurice has spent more than 35 years working on global health, social justice and international development, including senior and executive positions in several major organizations.

**Ms Rachael Jackson, Strategic Information and Research Specialist, International Justice Mission**

Rachael Jackson is the Strategic Information and Research Specialist at International Justice Mission and a member of METIP. In her role at IJM, Rachael designs and manages research studies and helps to build the organization's capacity for effective program monitoring, evaluation, research and learning. Prior to joining IJM, she
worked at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, partnering with vulnerable communities to create and evaluate programs aimed at improving the health outcomes of women and children.

Ms Katharine Bryant, Research Manager, Walk Free Foundation
Katharine Bryant has worked in the anti-modern slavery sector for the past decade, conducting research into policy and programmatic responses. Prior to the Walk Free Foundation, Katharine worked at various IOs and NGOs, including IOM, Save the Children and UNICEF.

Ms Yuki Lo, Senior Research & Evaluation Officer, Freedom Fund
The Freedom Fund identifies and invests in the most effective efforts to eradicate modern slavery. Yuki leads the Fund’s work to measure the impact of its investments in countries with the highest incidence of slavery and supports research and knowledge-sharing with the broader anti-slavery community. She is currently supervising research projects in Ethiopia, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Thailand on the topics of forced labour, child labour, forced marriage and sex trafficking.

Ms Andrea Nicholson, Associate Director, the Rights Lab
Andrea Nicholson is an Associate Director of the Rights Lab, a University of Nottingham Beacon of Excellence and the world’s largest academic anti-slavery research centre. Working with law enforcement, governments, NGOs and survivors of slavery, her research draws on history, cultures, literature and psychology to interpret the law and frameworks surrounding contemporary slavery, analysing what survivors’ experiences and perceptions mean for the development of legal definitions, and the effectiveness of central support mechanisms and government policies and strategies.

Dr Charita Castro, Chief of Research and Policy, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking; U.S. Department of Labor
Charita L. Castro is the Chief of Research and Policy Division at U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking. Dr. Castro has 20 years of experience conducting, funding and overseeing research on the prevalence, characteristics and outcomes of children’s work in developing countries to inform policy and program design. She manages a staff of 20 researchers and program managers who conduct research for the Department’s flagship reports on child labor and forced labor, manage grants to build the capacity of governments to address the issues and engages with businesses to reduce child labour and forced labour in company supply chains. If she hasn’t already done so, she will likely ask, “Have you downloaded the Department’s Sweat &Toil or Comply Chain mobile applications yet?”

Ms Alison Campbell, Team Leader – Modern Slavery, Migration Department, Department for International Development
Alison Campbell is the Head of the Modern Slavery Team at the UK’s Department for International Development, overseeing modern slavery policy and programming. She previously worked in the Cabinet Office developing the UK’s international modern slavery strategy and as a UK negotiator for the Paris Climate Agreement.
Prof Furio Rosati, Professor at the University of Rome, and Project Manager for Understanding Children's Work
Furio Camillo Rosati is a Professor of Public Finance at the University of Tor Vergata, Rome in the Faculty of Economics. He received a BA in Economics from the University of Rome, Faculty of Law, an MS in Economics and a PhD in Economics, both from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is also the Project Manager for Understanding Children's Work (UCW) Programme, an inter-agency research initiative on child labor involving the International Labor Organization, UNICEF and the World Bank.

Ms Julia Blocher, Project Manager, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research
Julia Blocher is Project Manager of Delta 8.7, the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform. Prior to joining the United Nations University in New York in 2016, she worked for the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) of the Norwegian Refugee Council and at UNHCR. Ms. Blocher is also a Ph.D candidate and Associate Member of the Hugo Observatory, a research centre dedicated to environment and migration phenomena (University of Liège), and has conducted field research for the International Organization for Migration (IOM)-led “Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Evidence for Policy” (MECLEP) and for the FP7 Consortium “High-End Climate Impact eXtremes” (HELIX) projects.

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
Dr Luis Fabiano de Assis is a Federal Prosecutor, Data Scientist and Chief Research & Data Officer at the Federal Labour Prosecution Office in Brazil, where he also is the head of the Smartlab Initiative and manager of the FLPO Decent Work Big Data Platform. He is also a professor of law and policy at the National School of Public Prosecutors and a Research Fellow at the Handa Center for Human Rights & International Justice, Stanford University.