

**THE VIENNA FORUM TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING
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**TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME – IMPACT FROM SOURCE TO
DESTINATION**

BACKGROUND

The Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking to be held at United Nations Headquarters in Vienna from 13 to 15 February 2008 will focus on the three overriding themes of vulnerability, impact and action. It will offer plenary sessions and a series of panels and workshops on different aspects of the three themes.

This event is part of the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT). The Global Initiative aims to mobilize state and non-state actors to eradicate human trafficking by i) reducing the vulnerability of potential victims and the demand for exploitation in all its forms, ii) ensuring adequate protection and support to those who do fall victim, and iii) supporting the efficient prosecution of the criminals involved, while respecting the fundamental human rights of all persons.

UN.GIFT is part of a wide partnership by the UN-System and other international and regional organizations (ILO, IOM, OSCE, OHCHR, UNICEF, UNODC). These organizations, which form part of UN.GIFT Steering Committee, are responsible for the organization of the panels and workshops of The Vienna Forum.

The workshop on transnational organized crime and human trafficking is organized by UNODC.

CONTEXT

For some years the link between transnational organized crime groups and human trafficking has been assumed by many without sufficient evidential facts and research on the topic. This workshop aims at getting a better overview of the issue.

OBJECTIVES

The workshop aims at establishing the link between different selected organized crime groups and human trafficking through presentations of

ongoing and completed investigations and prosecutions of these groups. The objective is on one hand to verify a link for some groups and on the other hand to deny the link for other groups using empirical data and intelligence. The approach will be a global one focusing – amongst others – on the Chinese Triads and Vietnamese groups in Asia, Albanian groups in Europe, Columbian organized crime groups and the biker community, such as Hells Angels and Bandidos.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

A summary of the workshop presentations and discussions will be prepared by the UNODC Rapporteur and be incorporated into the final outcome document of the Vienna Forum. The summary will also provide the basis for development of new UNODC projects on human trafficking and transnational organized crime as well as serve as a tool to be used in training courses for criminal justice officers under UNODC projects.

STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

The workshop will take place on 15 February, for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

The first part of the workshop will comprise of an introduction by the moderator, followed by 2 presentations on different organized crime groups' involvement in human trafficking. The second part of the workshop will provide an open platform for discussion of the presentations given, the workshop background paper and cover additional information about transnational organized crime in relation to human trafficking.

THEMES

During the workshop a number of themes will be addressed:

- Human trafficking and transnational organized crime
- Money-laundering
- International police cooperation
- Implementation of the TOC and Trafficking Protocol

WORKING LANGUAGE

English

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