

**THE VIENNA FORUM TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
13-15 February 2008**

**Vienna, Austria**

**AIDE MEMOIRE**

**New Research Approaches to Trafficking in Persons**

**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 objective of the panel is to discuss the current status of research on human trafficking and to consider new ways in which the phenomenon may be investigated and quantified. The panel will take as examples global, regional and national statistics that have been collected by different agencies and academia.*

*The panel is organized by UNODC, in partnership with ILO and IOM.*

**CONTEXT**

*The panel will be an opportunity to debate the gaps, challenges and opportunities concerning research to quantify human trafficking, its impact and the response to it. Presentations will be made by national and international organisations.*

## **OBJECTIVES**

*The panel will try to identify new research approaches to the study of trafficking in persons. In light of the importance of a quantitative approach to assessing trafficking in persons, the main question the panel will consider is whether it is possible to draw a baseline against which human trafficking trends can be measured, at local and global level.*

## **EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

*Identify and discuss relevant research approaches to quantifying trafficking in human beings, its impact and the response to it.*

## **STRUCTURE AND CONTENT**

*The panel will take place on 15 February, at 11.30 am in Room M in the Austria Centre. The panel will last for 1.5 hours.*

*In order to allow for a highly participatory and dynamic session in order to add value to the anti-human trafficking efforts, ample time will be devoted to discussions.*

## **THEMES**

*During the panel a number of themes will be addressed: Challenges of researching human trafficking at local and international level; The identification of new approaches to measuring and quantifying trafficking.*

## **PARTICIPANTS**

*Approximately 50-70 participants are expected, including government officials, parliamentarians, and representatives of the private sector, civil society, academia and international organizations.*

## **WORKING LANGUAGE**

*English*

## **PROGRAMME**

**Moderator (tentative): Kauko Aroma (HEUNI) - Confirmed**

**Rapporteur (tentative): Steven Malby (UNODC)**

### **Presenters:**

**Ms. Gergana Danailova Trainor (US Government Accountability Office)**

*Evaluating the impact of Trafficking - Referral mechanisms in the United States of America - Confirmed*

**Mr. Thomas Stainfatt- (University of Miami - School of Communications)**

*Quantifying Trafficking in Persons for sexual exploitation in Cambodia - Confirmed*

**Mr. Patrick Belser/Ms. Michelle de Cock - (International Labour Office)**  
Conceptualizing and Quantifying forced labour at local level - *Confirmed*

**Mr. Frank Lacko (International Office for Migration)** - A Research Forum for  
Trafficking research, the Outcome of the Cairo Meeting - *Confirmed*

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