

HUMAN TRAFFICKING A CALL TO ACTION

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If modern slavery were an American State, it would have the population of California and the economic output of Washington, D.C.

It would be the world's third largest producer of CO₂, after China and the United States.

Kevin Bales - *"Blood and Earth"*

50 MILLION SLAVES

**There have never been
as many slaves in history
as there are today.**

DEFINITION AND FORMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Trafficking in human beings is characterised by the **exploitation** of a human being combined with **coercion (force)** or **deception (fraud)**

Either **physical** or **psychological** violence.

The different forms of human trafficking:

Forced labour	Women, men, children, in industry, agriculture, construction, fishing, domestic work and so on.
Sexual exploitation	Forced prostitution, forced marriage, forced motherhood
Child recruitment	Recruitment of child soldiers
Purchase and theft of children	For adoption, abuse, sale, organs
Child or Over 18 non-consensual Pornography	Live and on Internet
Organ harvesting and trafficking	For transplantation
Forced Crime	Begging, theft, drug trafficking, terrorism



COOPERATION

Prevention-Protection- Reparation & Rehabilitation

INVOLVE ALL ACTORS.

Governments
& IOs

Religious
Congregations

Victims &
Survivors

Business
& Media

Research &
Training

**Together we can abolish modern slavery
Build a coalition to prevent and combat it**

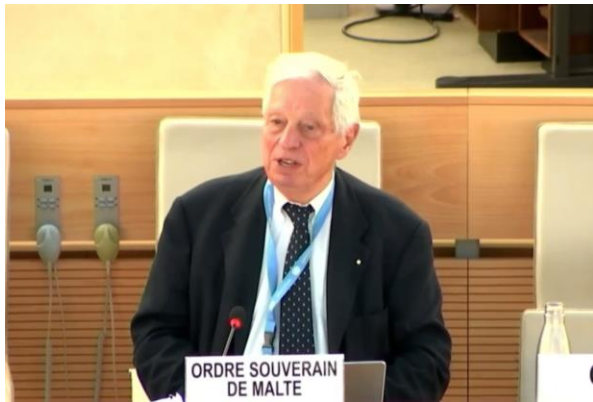
THE ORDER'S OF MALTA CONTRIBUTION



- (1) **Raising awareness** on issues and practices to prevent and combat human trafficking (HT)
Use all available platforms: in person, online, hybrid, social media, according to the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church and shared universal values
 - **Statements and events** in Geneva, New York, Rome and Vienna
 - **Webinars (45) on human trafficking** (www.adlaudatosi.org)
 - **Collecting best practices** on a website (www.christusliberat.org) to assist survivors to empower themselves, through a platform to share their stories and insights and engage themselves in support of other survivors
- (2) **Online training** for helpers with universities (Pontifical Gregorian University, UNITAR, UPEACE)
- (3) **Strengthen concrete action** to prevent and combat human trafficking & to identify and rehabilitate victims through specific medical programs and shelters for victims of human trafficking.
- (4) **Partner** with like-minded Governments, International Organizations, Academia, NGOs, Spiritual Leaders, Faith-based organizations (Caritas, COATNET, RENATE, Talitha Kum), and Survivors for advocacy & action according to the principle of subsidiarity
- (5) **Pray:** do not forget the spiritual dimension of the battle against contemporary slavery
Participating in the World Day of **Prayer** against Human Trafficking (**February 8**, S.Bakhita).
Holy Masses also on **December 2** (2014 Interreligious Appeal on Contemporary Slavery)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION & SUPPORT!

STAY IN TOUCH



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INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENTS



HUMAN RIGHTS

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women New York, 1979
- Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 1984
- **Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989**
 - **Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, 2000**
 - **Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict, 2000**
- International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, 1990
- **Convention Nr. 182 against the worst forms of child labour, 1999**
- Council of Europe (COE), European Convention on Human Rights, 1950
- **COE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, 2005**
- **COE Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, 2007**
- UE, Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, 2000
- OAS, American Convention on Human Rights, 1969
- AU, African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, 1981
- ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, 2012

LABOUR LAW

- ILO Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949
- ILO Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975
- COE, European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers, 1977
- UE, Directive 2014/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals for the purpose of employment as seasonal workers

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENTS



INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

- Geneva Conventions of the 12 August 1949 & 1977 Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), 1998
- **Human Trafficking as a war crime and a crime against humanity**

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

- International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974
- International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR), 1979
- U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT LAW

- Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, 1951
- Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees, 1967
- Convention relating to the status of stateless persons, 1954
- African Union for the protection and assistance of IDPs in Africa (Kampala Convention, 2009)

U.N. CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (UNTOC) 2000

- **Palermo Protocol** to Prevent, Suppress and Punish **Trafficking** in Persons, especially Women and Children
- **Palermo Protocol** against the **Smuggling of Migrants** by Land, Sea and Air

Do not forget **restorative justice**: rehabilitating victims & offenders through reconciliation

After 25 Years of the Palermo Protocol – The Need for Real Action



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HIGH LEVEL SIDE EVENT

58th Session of the
Human Rights Council

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After the 25 years of the Palermo Protocol, the Need for Real Action Making a Difference

Join Online



<https://bit.ly/UNITARxSMOM>

Friday, March 28th
12:00 - 13:00

Palais des Nations
Room XXII

Join in Person



indico.un.org/event/1016434

Opening: H.E. Michel VEUTHEY, Ambassador to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Sovereign Order of Malta

Introductory remarks: Mr. Rabih EL-HADDAD, Director of the Division for Multilateral Diplomacy, UNITAR

H.E. Ambassador David FERNÁNDEZ PUYANA, Permanent Representative to United Nations Office in Geneva, University for Peace

Moderation: Mrs. Anna Sabrina WOLLMANN, Training Associate, UNITAR

Keynote: Mrs. Reem ALSALEM, Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, OHCHR

H.E. Ambassador Professor Muhammadou M.O. KAH, Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Republic of The Gambia

Mr. Kevin HYLAND OBE, LL.M., Former UK Government's first Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (2014 to 2018) and Chief Executive, PRAEVENI GLOBAL

Mrs. Ena Lucia MARIACA PACHECO, LL.M., INTERPOL



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Geneva, 28 March 2025



Refugee Protection and Human Trafficking



SOVEREIGN
ORDER OF MALTA



Monday, December 11th 2023
12:00 - 2:00 pm

Palais des Nations, Geneva -Room VII

Registration at:

<https://indico.un.org/event/1008615/>



Join online at:

<https://bit.ly/RefugeeProtection-HT>



SPEAKERS

H.E. Michel Veuthey, *Ambassador to combat trafficking in persons*, Sovereign Order of Malta

Geneviève Colas, *Secours Catholique - Caritas France and COATNET*

H.E. Ambassador Jérôme Bonnafont, *Permanent Representative to the UN and Ios, France*

H.E. Ambassador Jürg Lauber, *Permanent Representative to the UN and IOs, Switzerland*

Prof. Siobhán Mullally, *Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children*

Vincent Cochetel, *Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation, UNHCR*

H.E Ms. Anna Ekstedt, *Ambassador for Combating Trafficking in Persons, Sweden*

Mr. Yitna Getachew, *Head of the Protection Division, IOM*

Belancille Mukamusigali, *Head of Anti-trafficking and Migration Sector, Caritas Rwanda*

Tory Clawson, *Director, Migration & Displacement Initiative, Save the Children*

Grainne O'Hara, *Senior Human Rights Adviser, UN OHCHR*

Devota Nuwe, *Head of Programs, Refugee Law Project - Uganda*

Francesca Pizzutelli, *Deputy Director and Head of the Refugee and Migrant's Rights Team, Amnesty International - International Secretariat*

