



Wilton Park

## Provisional programme

# Combating human trafficking: business and human rights

Thursday 10 October 2013 | WP1270

Held in the Locarno Suite, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

### Purpose and format of meeting

A one day, off the record, roundtable discussion bringing together a broad spectrum of actors to consider the most effective ways of combating human trafficking in the business supply chain, both internationally and in the UK.

The meeting will provide a forum to:

- raise awareness of human trafficking and labour exploitation in the context of business
- facilitate the sharing of good practice, drawing on existing strategies, in particular the UN (Ruggie) Guiding Principles on business and human rights
- consider practical ways forward in order to tackle human trafficking
- encourage greater dialogue and collaboration between actors
- develop and promote new networks towards future cooperation

Participation at this invitation only meeting will include senior UK officials, diplomatic representatives from key countries, business leaders, international organisations, human rights groups, non-governmental organisations and other experts.

### In association with:

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office

## Thursday 10 October

0845-0915

Participants arrive, tea/coffee available

0915-0925

### Welcome and introduction

**Julia Purcell**

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

0925-1000

### 1. Combating human trafficking in business: challenges and opportunities for the future

What is the scale and extent of concern and why it's important; what are the difficulties and what are the opportunities?; highlighting the need for coordinated responses and how to build on the current momentum. What is the vision for the future?

#### Keynote speech

**Hugo Swire**

Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1000-1100

## 2. Turning policy into practice: engaging the business community

Operationalising the Ruggie Principles. What are the incentives for corporates to engage with and adhere to principles? What are the challenges and how to overcome? What's needed to promote further engagement? How to expand to include corporates who are not engaged with discussion? Effecting change in corporate culture; examination of incentives and disincentives; understanding the impact of not putting into practice- 'know and show'; promoting race to the top; consumer demand/voices- and avoiding race to the bottom of negative publicity. What are the success stories? What can be learned from them? Identifying and addressing impact and acting on it. How to communicate good practice to maximise impact and increase awareness.

### **John Morrison**

Executive Director, Institute for Human Rights and Business, London

### **Charlotte Wolff**

General Manager, Group Head, Corporate Responsibility, ArcelorMittal, London

1100-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

## 3. What frameworks are needed to promote and ensure compliance with human rights principles?

Regulations and standards, investigations; sanctions and penalties, reporting procedures, training (for corporates/work force and for public sector workers); ensuring joined up policies (HMG and corporate), criteria, operating principles, codes of conduct, framework agreements, training and education. Transparency- values/equity. Review mechanisms, benchmarking, how to remain responsive to changing business-global environment. Ensuring ongoing learning.

### **Session Chair: Rae Lindsay**

Partner, Clifford Chance LLP, London

### **Maria Grazia Giammarinaro**

Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna

### **Luis CdeBaca**

Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, US Department of State, Washington DC

1245-1330

Buffet lunch

1330-1345

### **Remarks by: Lynne Featherstone**

Parliamentary Under Secretary, Department for International Development (DFID), London

1345-1515

## 4. Supporting victims of trafficking: increasing upstream prevention and raising the profile

Tackling supply chains from source to destination. Greater transparency of practice re eg recruitment drives, awareness raising—in source, transit and destination countries; public information campaigns – understanding the impact of human trafficking (linked to consumer demand for ethical practice) Early warning indicators (capacity building?) and ensuring confidence in procedures (reporting grievances/prosecutor etc). Building trust (victims and wider public). Addressing particular victim vulnerability; ensuring safe access to remedy; how victims are heard and protected, how to support victims return to work. How to amplify survivor/victim voices.

### **Session Chair: James Sharp**

Director, Migration Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

### **Houtan Homayounpour**

Senior Programme and Operations Officer, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva

**Veronica Umaru**

National Coordinator, Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WOTCLEF), Abuja

**Suzanne Hoff**

International Coordinator, La Strada International, Amsterdam

**1515-1530**

Tea/coffee

**1530-1630**

**5. How to strengthen responses, enhance collaboration and promote common platforms for action: roles and responsibilities- who needs to do what?**

How to bring international companies on board? In what ways should the UK communicate work on this internationally to maximise impact? Promoting common platform for action, role of regional/international bodies. What are the next steps?

Parallel facilitated discussion groups

**1630-1715**

**6. Feedback from discussion groups**

**1715-1745**

**7. Concluding remarks and ways forward**

**Louise de Sousa**

Head, Human Rights and Democracy Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

**1745-1845**

Drinks reception

**This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.**

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