Promoting multi-agency responses to combat trafficking in persons:
Accomplishments and milestone initiatives of the UN Inter-agency Coordination
Group Against Trafficking in Persons

When
26 September, 16:00 – 17:30, in the margins of the High-Level segment of the United Nations General Assembly

Where
Conference Room A, UN Headquarters in New York

Why
The UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons released in January of this year provides an even richer understanding of the pernicious crime of trafficking in persons, its manifestations and its impact. It shows that more victims are being identified and more offenders are being punished.

This is due, in part, to the sustained work of those tackling trafficking in persons in countries around the world, including civil society organizations, criminal justice officers and governmental officials. However, unquestionably more needs to be done, especially to address the needs of the populations most affected by this crime, as well as the persistent and emerging forms of the crime and the impunity of traffickers.

ICAT was established by the General Assembly in 2007 (GA res. 61/180), “to enhance cooperation and coordination, and facilitate a holistic and comprehensive approach by the international community to the problem of trafficking in persons”. ICAT’s objective and work have been regularly commended and reiterated in resolutions since (see, for example, GA resolutions 61/180, 63/194, 64/293, 67/190, 68/192, 70/179 and 72/195), with multiple calls for ICAT to contribute to the elaboration and dissemination of data, research, information, policy guidance, recommendations.

What
As the UN’s leading coordination vehicle and policy forum on trafficking in persons, ICAT now brings together 24 organizations and partners across the UN system and other relevant
international and regional organizations while contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, including 5.2, 5.3, 8.7, and 16.2.

The high-level panel will present ICAT achievements and strategic initiatives, including under its 2019-2020 UN Women-OSCE co-chairpersonship. By highlighting its recent work and products, including in the area of technology, forced labour, procurement and supply chains, the event will provide an opportunity to discuss how ICAT can further support collaborative efforts between the UN system, Member States, NGOs and practitioners in the fight against trafficking in persons. The event will also be an opportunity for leading Member States in the global efforts to end human trafficking to share lessons learned and best practices, including in the area of public-private partnerships and research.

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PROGRAMME

Moderation
Ms. Simone Monasebian, Director UNODC New York Liaison Office

Panelists

- H.E. Mr. Nikos Dendias, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece, welcoming remarks
- Mr Yury Fedotov, UNODC Executive Director and ICAT Coordinator
- Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women and 2019 ICAT Co-chair
- Ambassador Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General and 2019 ICAT Co-chair
- Ambassador John Cotton Richmond, Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, United States of America
- Representative of the Republic of Belarus (TBC)
- Ms Myria Vassiliadou, EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator

To RSVP, please email Michelle Mendes Meireles Silva at michelle.silva@unwomen.org by the 20th of September. Information on where to pick up your pass on the day of the event will be sent to you after registration. For any other inquiry, please email Stavros Christodoulidis at christodoulidis.stavros@mfa.gr