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DRAFT AGENDA/SCHEDULE

SEVENTH MEETING OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

(Agreed upon by the Committee on Hemispheric Security on December 7, 2023[[1]](#footnote-2)/)

Monday, February 5, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

* 1. In person
  2. Logging on to the virtual platform

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. INAUGURAL SESSION

Place: *Simon Bolivar Room, Main Building, OAS*[[2]](#footnote-3)/

1. Welcome remarks by from the OAS Secretary General
2. Welcome remarks by the US OAS Permanent Representative and the US Chair

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. Election of Officers
   * 1. Chair
     2. Vice Chair
2. Adoption of the agenda and work schedule

10:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. INTRODUCTORY SESSION

1. Report of activities from the Chair
2. Activities report of the Technical Secretariat
3. Report by member states on activities on trafficking in persons since the 6th meeting (2021-2024) [2 minutes per member state]

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. THIRD WORK PLAN ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

1. Presentation of the highlights of the Third Regional Work Plan on Trafficking in Persons
2. Report on the findings of the civil society consultation on their contribution to the implementation of the Third Work Plan on Trafficking in Persons
3. Discussion by member states on their implementation strategy of the [Third Work Plan on Trafficking in Persons](https://www.oas.org/ext/DesktopModules/EasyDNNNews/DocumentDownload.ashx?portalid=11&moduleid=1698&articleid=5584&documentid=5008&localeCode=en-EN) for the period of 2024-2026

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. BREAK

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Theme 1: The use of technology to recruit and exploit victims and to prevent trafficking in persons

Discussion points:

1. *Modus operandi* of online recruitment and exploitation of victims for both sex trafficking and forced labor)
2. Information and communications technology in furthering investigations of trafficking in persons cases while safeguarding privacy and sensitive victim information
3. The use of technology to enhance protections for victims and at-risk populations, including secure mechanisms for making reports and seeking assistance.
4. Member states’ responses to trafficking in persons through the web (technology of information and communications - TICs regulation, prevention of the expansion of criminal networks through the web, online investigations, online monitoring, regulation of industries where sex trafficking is prevalent, such as ‘webcam modeling’ etc.)

Moderator: Matthew Hickey, Deputy Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, United States Department of State

Speakers:

* Speaker 1: Expert overview - Radu Cucos, Technology and Trafficking in Human Beings Program Lead, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
* Speaker 2: Marina Bernardes de Almeida, General-Coordinator on Trafficking in Person, Ministry of Justice, Brazil
* Speaker 3: Hilary Axam, National Human Trafficking Coordinator, Department of Justice, United States of America
* Speaker 4: Member state representative
* Dialogue among member states

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Theme 2: The impacts of environmental changes on vulnerability to trafficking in persons

Discussion points:

1. How to pro-actively address increased vulnerability to human trafficking in areas affected by environmental changes
2. Member states’ responses and best practices to counter forced labor in areas affected by illicit environmental degradation.
3. Mitigating trafficking risks in industries/sectors supporting the clean energy transition
4. Disproportionate impact of environmental changes on at-risk populations and marginalized communities, and as a possible driver of migration.
5. Member states’ responses on the impacts of environmental changes on the vulnerability to trafficking in persons.

Moderator: Steven Griner, Director, Department of Public Security, OAS

Speakers:

* Speaker 1: Expert overview – Pablo Escribano, Regional Thematic Specialist Migration, Environment and Climate Chang, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
* Speaker 2: Dayra Campos, Director of the Institutional Office on Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of Security, Panama
* Speaker 3: Member state representative
* Speaker 4: Member state representative
* Dialogue among member states]

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Theme 3: Money laundering as a vector of human trafficking

Discussion points:

1. Money laundering related to human trafficking.
2. Development of financial investigations to support investigation of human trafficking cases, and financial monitoring as a tool for identifying and dismantling potential trafficking crimes.
3. Seizing assets of traffickers and allocating the proceeds of asset forfeiture to victim protection to assist victims.
4. Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAST)
5. Member states’ interventions on money laundering as a vector for trafficking in persons

Moderator: *John Grajales, Technical Specialist, DTOC*

Speakers:

* Speaker 1: Expert overview- Andy Shen, Government and Multilateral Organizations Lead, FAST
* Speaker 2: Member state representative
* Speaker 3: Member state representative
* Speaker 4: Member state representative
* Dialogue among member states

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Theme 4: Links of human trafficking with other modalities of Transnational Organized Crime

Discussion points:

1. Smuggling of migrants and other crimes against migrants in migration flows (e.g., fraudulent international labor recruitment, assault sexual violence, extortion)
2. Public and private corruption
3. Narcotrafficking
4. Member states’ interventions on the linkages between trafficking in persons and other related transnational organized crime.

Moderator: *Gastón Schulmeister, Director, DTOC*

Speakers:

* Speaker 1: Expert overview: Carlos Perez, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC
* Speaker 2: Member state representative
* Speaker 3: Member state representative
* Speaker 4: Member state representative
* Dialogue among member states

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. BREAK

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES RECOMMENDATIONS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE EIGTH MEETING OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CLOSING CEREMONY

1. Remarks by the OAS Secretariat for Multidimensional Security
2. Remarks by the Chair 

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1. . This updated version includes the names of speakers and moderators. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. . The meeting will be held on-site in the Simón Bolívar Room at the OAS Headquarters in Washington-DC, although the meeting may be followed online, in accordance with the “Recommendations on procedures for face-to-face Permanent Council meetings with virtual participation” (document [CP/INF. 9344/22](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/HIST_22/CP45816e03.docx)). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)