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The Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime (GI), Babson College's Initiative on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) embarked on the Responsible and Ethical Private Sector Coalition against Trafficking (RESPECT). This powerful initiative serves as a platform that brings together thought leaders, practitioners, and policy makers who have a clear understanding of what issues lie ahead to consider possible solutions to public and private sector challenges surrounding human trafficking. RESPECT not only mobilises the business community as a strategic partner to put this illicit trade out of business, but also supports it with training materials, identifies good practices and positive experiences, and carves out a set of challenges to pursue with various collaborators.

Together with the business community we aim to:

- Raise awareness and build understanding on human trafficking in global supply chains;
- Provide a platform for peer exchange, to share knowledge, present and improve good practices and existing strategies for countering human trafficking in supply chains, and to develop new initiatives to implement going forward;
- Publish industry-specific case studies for use by a wide audience;
- Provide stakeholders and decision makers (mainly from the private sector) with the tools they need to identify, map, and combat human trafficking in business supply chains;
- Generate momentum amongst the business community to share knowledge in the pursuit of improved prevention and mitigation of this issue;
- Engage businesses and provide them with training tools;
- Create a forum for the business community to share its experience;
- Link businesses with the UN, NGOs, and the youth to combat human trafficking;
- Raise awareness amongst the general public of the impact they can have on the issues of human trafficking in the private sector in their role as informed consumers.



Do you want to learn more on human trafficking and responsible supply chain management? Here is what we do:

◦ Stakeholder Needs Assessment

Provides information on current gaps and challenges in an effective human trafficking engagement, and furthermore establishes a strong ownership for a joint cooperation initiative.

◦ Current Webinar Series 2018 “The Human Trafficking - Organized Crime Nexus: Intersections, Vulnerabilities, and Analysis for the Private Sector”

Transnational organised crime groups make exceptionally thorough use of private sector networks to commit, harbour, launder and facilitate crime. Human trafficking is a significant issue in consumer markets and very often aligned with other forms of organised crime, such as money laundering, environmental crime, smuggling of counterfeit goods and drug trafficking.

◦ Resource Centre for Private Sector on Human Trafficking

A web-based portal with compiled general and industry-specific publications, legislations, good practices, webinars, videos, interviews, events, reports, blogs, conference-streaming, conference reports, etc. on specific forms of human trafficking for forced labour through different sectors of the formal economy.

◦ Development of Training Materials

On industry case studies, good practices and guidance materials for regional areas where companies operate including region specific challenges.

How can you engage?

In order for RESPECT to be a success, it is critical to have the engagement of significant private sector allies in our efforts. Collaboration can take two forms:

Founding Global Business Sponsors

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The financial generosity of private sector allies is key to the development of RESPECT's core activities such as the webinar series. Our webinars were generously supported by McKenna Long & Aldridge, now Dentons. Expansion includes all of the activities listed above and will also incorporate much-needed infrastructure costs to correspond with this expansion. For example, McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP as a founding sponsor was included in all branding and promotional materials, as well as content and speaker input for the webinar series.

Global Business Ambassadors

Global Business Ambassadors are included in listings on all materials for every activity and will take a role in providing either in-kind resources or knowledge to RESPECT. Global Business Ambassadors are also enlisted to help recruit other companies to join the RESPECT efforts.

The first stage of recruitment of allies (both Founding Global Business Sponsors and/or Global Business Ambassadors) has already begun.

Please contact secretariat@respect.international for more information.



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