



The Responsible and Ethical Private Sector Coalition against Trafficking

Media Toolkit

Business Coalition against Trafficking

Human Trafficking, a global phenomenon, is a gross violation of human rights and human dignity, which involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to transport, recruit, harbour and force people to provide labour or services against their will.

The **Private Sector**, knowingly or unwittingly, can get entangled in these global trafficking networks, becoming either the “facilitators” or “targets” of human trafficking. However, businesses are also uniquely positioned to prevent the use of exploitative labour practices:

"The private sector has so much to offer in terms of resources, knowledge and influence to combat human trafficking...Businesses have a moral and legal responsibility to ensure that all aspects of their operations are "traffic-free" - from employees, to suppliers, to partners"

Yury Fedotov - UNODC Executive Director

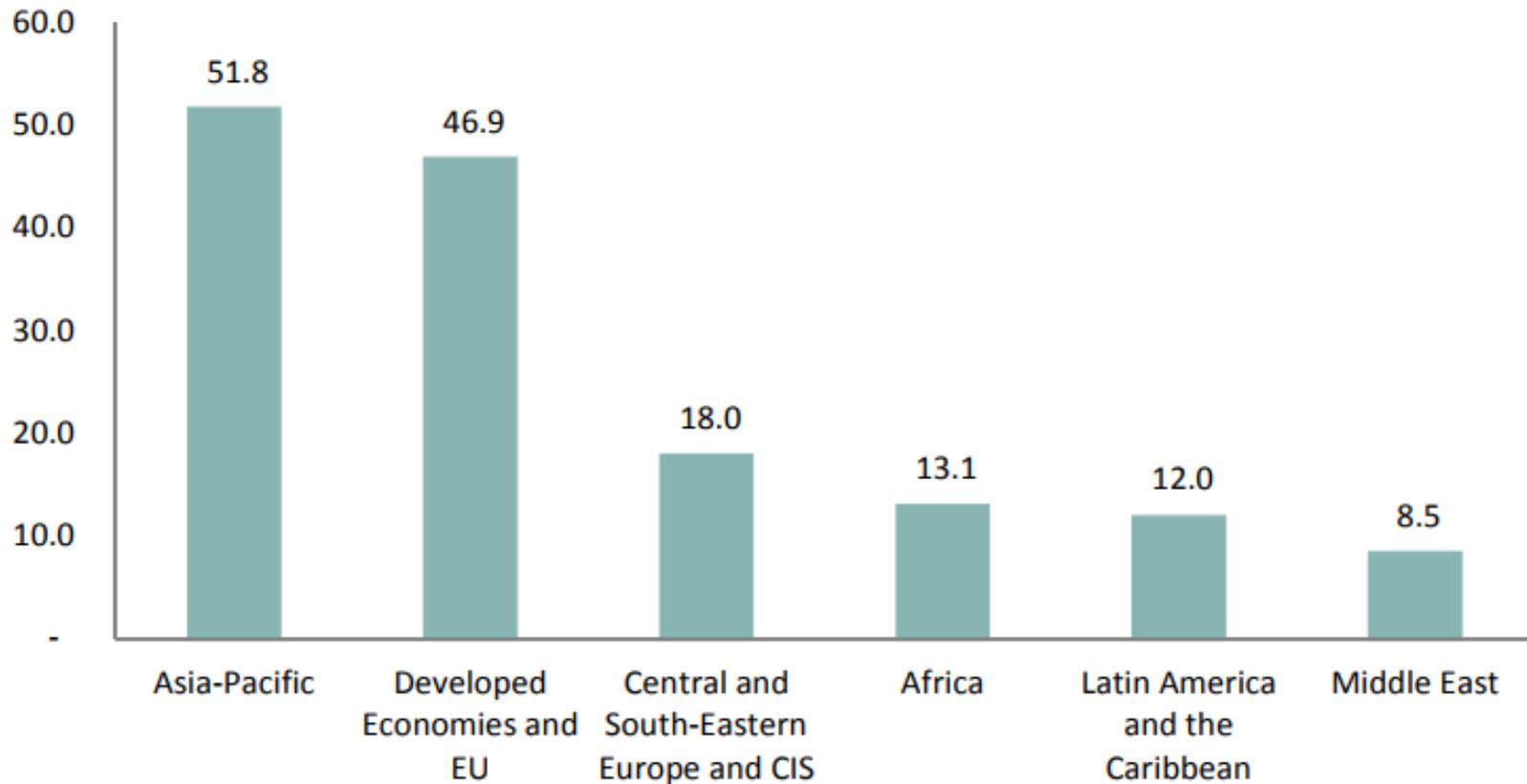
Facts on Human Trafficking

- “On any given day in 2016, **24.9 million** were in *forced labour*” – [Global Estimates, Alliance 8.7 \(2017\)](#)
- **US \$150 billion** is the estimated *value* of global human trafficking ‘industry’ – [ILO \(2012\)](#)
- Profits generated by forced economic exploitation *by sector* ([ILO, 2014](#)):
 - US\$ 34 billion in construction, manufacturing, mining and utilities
 - US\$ 9 billion in agriculture, including forestry and fishing
 - US\$ 8 billion saved by private households by not paying or underpaying domestic workers held in forced labour.



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Annual profits of forced labour per region (US \$ billion)



Source: ILO. 2014. "Profits and Poverty. The Economics of Forced Labour"

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Recognising the need to fight against this global threat, *the Responsible and Ethical Private Sector Coalition against Trafficking Initiative (RESPECT)*, partnered with [the Global Initiative against Transnational Organised Crime](#), [Babson College's Initiative on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery](#) and [the International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#), have come into existence, aiming to coordinate *a global private sector coalition* to combat human trafficking.

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The Private Sector Needs

In 2017, RESPECT reached out to about 10,000 companies and other stakeholders via [a survey](#) to assess the immediate needs of the business community. On that basis, RESPECT and its [Resource Centre](#) were designed.

As *one of the first Private Sector resource libraries* for materials addressing human trafficking and forced labour, the RESPECT Hub comprises thousands of documents, webinars, videos, interviews, events, reports, blogs and conference reports.



What RESPECT offers

Education and
Networking

Corporate
Responsibility



- *Online resource centre* for private sector on human trafficking
- A *peer exchange platform* to share knowledge, good practices, and existing strategies
- *Webinars* on human trafficking in global supply chains
- Published *industry-specific case studies* for use by a wide audience
- *Interaction among leading businesses*, including opportunities of cross-industry exchanges
- *Direct links* to the public sector, international organisations, academia, and field experts
- Dedicated *capacity building support*
- Development of *training materials*

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RESPECT Webinar Series

Since its inception, the RESPECT have concluded three webinar series over the past three years, with a total of 18 webinars, inviting 72 speakers from a diverse group of stakeholders (private sector entities, governments, international organisations, UN, NGOs). The webinars receive between 150 and 200 registrations from around the world.

In January 2018, RESPECT will be starting the fourth series of webinars: *Webinar Series 2018: "The Human Trafficking - Organized Crime Nexus: Intersections, Vulnerabilities, and Analysis for the Private Sector"*



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