The Responsible and Ethical Private Sector Coalition against Trafficking (RESPECT) initiative

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC), Babson College's Initiative on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, and International Organization for Migration (IOM) were the founding organizations of the RESPECT initiative. As of July 2019, the GI-TOC is continuing the hosting of the RESPECT initiative and its activities, such as being the research lead of the Tech Against Trafficking Initiative and expanding the Modern Slavery Map.

RESPECT is hosting one of the first private sector’s resource libraries for materials addressing human trafficking, child labour and forced labour, comprising webinars, videos, legislations, standards and codes of conduct, good practices, blogs, conference reports, etc.

40.3 million people enslaved worldwide

Among which, 25 million people in forced labour

US $150 billion: estimated value of global human trafficking ‘industry’

Thousands of everyday products result from forced labour — from sugar to smart phones

Human trafficking and modern slavery impact businesses’ ability to:
- Manage supply chains
- Source labour ethically
- Comply with labour regulations
- Maintain human rights standards

It also negatively affects how customers, clients, partners, and investors perceive a company.

Business leaders are uniquely positioned to prevent the use of exploitative labour practices and raise awareness among workforces, peers, and consumers. However, global supply chains sorely need a coordinated strategy to fight human trafficking and modern slavery.

Filling this critical need is RESPECT (Responsible and Ethical Private Sector Coalition against Trafficking), which assembles key thought leaders, practitioners, and policy makers to identify solutions to public and private sector challenges surrounding modern slavery.
Interactive Map for Business of Human Trafficking
Stakeholders

Given the wealth of stakeholders and collaborative initiatives developed to aid business in the fight against modern slavery, we have seen the urgent need to provide a unified resource of information on stakeholders on the front lines of the global fight against human trafficking:

This map serves as a resource for companies in the first place, but also for organisations from the anti-trafficking community and the general public.

Tech Against Trafficking (TAT) initiative

Tech Against Trafficking, launched in June 2018, is a coalition of technology companies collaborating with global experts to help eradicate human trafficking using technology. The current member companies include Amazon, AT&T, BT, Microsoft, Nokia, Salesforce.org, and Vodafone. RESPECT has been appointed as the Research Lead to guide TAT, alongside Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), acting as the TAT secretariat.

As of 2019, RESPECT has conducted the global mapping of 305 technology tools developed to fight human trafficking worldwide. These tools range from simple mobile apps informing potential trafficking victims of the risks of sexual / labour exploitation to tools using more advanced technology such as geospatial information to track down fishing vessels engaged in illegal activity.