

## Towards international statistical guidelines on the prevalence of trafficking in persons

A side event to the 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Statistical Commission

Monday 26 February 2024, 11 am – 12 pm (EST/GMT-5)

Conference room 12

### Summary of the event

Every year, more than 50,000 people are identified as victims of trafficking in persons. Among them, many are supported, but little is known about those who remain in trafficking and exploitative situations, beyond the reach of authorities and protection services. SDG Indicator 16.2.2. on “Number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population, by sex, age and form of exploitation” aims at tracking the world’s progress in reducing the prevalence of trafficking in persons, but no universal statistical standard yet exists to collect robust and comparable data on the actual scale of the phenomenon. The new STATIP (Standard Tools for Analysis of Trafficking in Persons) project, conducted jointly, at the UN level, by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) aims to close that gap, by creating a statistical framework to define trafficking in persons for prevalence surveys, with submission to the UN Statistical Commission expected in 2026. This framework will facilitate the measurement of prevalence by improving the quality and consistency of local, national, regional and global estimates, and thereby providing reliable evidence to devise more effective and refined anti-trafficking policies.

This side event will support the agenda item on “data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development”, notably SDG Indicator 16.2.2, by providing a first opportunity to discuss the challenges of prevalence estimates at a global level.

### Agenda

<b>11.00 - 11.05</b>	<b>Keynote speech</b> by the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Ms. Cindy Dyer
<b>11.05 – 11.10</b>	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> by Mr. Rafael Diez de Medina, Director, Department of Statistics and Chief Statistician, ILO
<b>11.10 – 11.35</b>	<b>Roundtable on the current need and operational challenges on measuring trafficking in persons</b> <b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Angela Me, Chief, Research and Analysis Branch, UNODC <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Adoum Gagoloum, Chief Economics Statistics/ African Union Institute for Statistics, STATAFRIC</li> <li>• Mr. Adrian Franco Barrios, Vice President of the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), Mexico</li> <li>• Ms. Meredith Dank, Research Professor and Director of the Human Exploitation and Resilience Initiative, Marron Institute of Urban Management, New York University</li> <li>• Ms. Minh Dang, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Survivor Alliance (online)</li> </ul>
<b>11:35 – 11:50</b>	Q&A
<b>11:50 – 11:55</b>	Presentation of the STATIP Project by Mr. Gady Saiovici, Senior Economist, ILO
<b>11:55 – 12:00</b>	Closing remarks by Ms. Sarah Craggs, Senior Policy and Liaison Officer, IOM