

International Conference

**For Decent Work –
Practical Insights into the Combat against
Trafficking for Labour Exploitation**

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According to the 2005 report of the International Labour Organization (ILO), 12.3 million persons are affected by forced labour world wide. Roughly 2.4 million of these persons were trafficked into forced labour and unfair working conditions. Trafficking in Human Beings is a grave human rights violation and as a modern form of slavery, it constitutes a lucrative business for organized crime as well as for ruthless recruiting agencies and exploitative employers. In industrial countries, the number of persons affected is estimated at 270.000 persons, and in Berlin-Brandenburg cases of trafficking for labour exploitation have been officially registered since 2006.

Although the 37th criminal law reform in 2005 expanded the legal definition of „Trafficking in Human Beings“ to include „Trafficking for Labour Exploitation,“ comprehensive strategies that take into account both issues of control and law enforcement on the one hand and victim protection and prevention on the other hand are still scarce in Germany.

In order to develop these strategies, an integrative approach is necessary, which not only makes use of legislative instruments, but also facilitates the exchange of information and the collaboration of all relevant state and non-state actors. Hereby, all affected policy areas, such as immigration, equality, employment, social, development, foreign, asylum and visa policies must coordinate their efforts and work closely with civil society, who plays a vital role in the identification of possible situations of trafficking for labour exploitation in the first place.

Particularly in times of economic and financial crisis the combat against trafficking for labour exploitation should be accelerated in order to revitalize and reorient the economic system based on principals of decent work.

This conference aims at facilitating an exchange of expertise and experiences amongst regional and national actors and their international colleagues. For this, European and international Experts will present good practices in order to help delineate possible regional and national courses of action and discuss them jointly with their German counterparts.



The Berlin Alliance against Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation (BBGM) confederates the German Trade Union Federation (DGB) of Berlin-Brandenburg, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Berlin State Ministry for Integration, Labour und Social Affairs (SenIAS). Within the realms of this alliance attention should be called to these forms of Trafficking in Human Beings and a broad approach for combating them will be developed.



Venue:
Conference hall
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Please register for the conference until **September 9th, 2010**.

Please contact us via E-Mail if you have any questions concerning barrier-free realisation of the conference.

10.00 h	<p>Welcome Kathrine Kollenberg Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Argentina Szabados International Organization for Migration (IOM/BBGM)</p>
10.10 h	<p>Greeting Dr. Rolf Bösing Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Head of project group "For a New Culture of Work" and of the Task Force "Corporate Social Responsibility"</p>
10.15 h	<p>BBGM in Short Stefan Collm German Confederation of Trade Unions, Berlin-Brandenburg Wolfgang Schmidt International Labour Organization (ILO) Dr. Robin Schneider State Ministry for Integration, Labour and Social Affairs, Berlin</p>
	<p>The Combat against Trafficking for Labour Exploitation</p>
10.25 h	<p>An International Priority Dr. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings</p>
10.55 h	<p>A National Debate Corinne E. Dettmeijer-Vermeulen Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings (BNRM)</p>
11.25 h	<p>A Federal Perspective Dr. Eva Högl, MdB Member of the German Bundestag, Vice-Chairperson of Labour and Social Affairs Committee, Member of Committee for Affairs of the European Union</p>
11.40 h	Coffee Break
12.00 h	<p>Trafficking for Labour Exploitation in Berlin-Brandenburg – An Introduction into an explorative study on the types, causes and its extent in select industries Dr. Philipp Schwertmann Project director of the Berlin Alliance against Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation Dr. Norbert Cyrus Hamburg Institute for Social Research</p>
12.40 h	Lunch
1.30 h	<p>Role and Responsibilities of Labour Inspectors René Robert ILO Labour Administration and Inspection Program Beata Krajewska National Labour Inspectorate Poland, Legality of Employment Department Wolfgang Möller Berlin Senate for Integration and Labour and Social Affairs</p>
2.30 h	<p>Challenges and Opportunities for Law Enforcement Impulse Linda van Krimpen BNRM Discussion Rudolf Weigell Judge at District Court, Augsburg Dr. Frank Michael Heller District Attorney, Berlin Bernhard Welke Attorney-at-law, Genthin</p>
3.30 h	Coffee Break
3.45 h	<p>Prevention by Supporting Migrant Workers Virginija Petrauskaite Migrant Rights Center Ireland Frank Schmidt-Hullmann Trade Union - Construction Industries (IG BAU) Jeroen Beirnaert International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)</p>
4.45 h	<p>National and Regional Coordination in Combating Trafficking for Labour Exploitation Impulse Mick Quinn Anti Human Trafficking Unit, Ireland Discussion Dr. Helga Konrad Former OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings Prof. Dr. Karin Weiss Integration Commissioner for Brandenburg Almuth Nehring-Venus Permanent Secretary for Economics, Technology and Women's Issues N.N. Berlin Senate for Integration and Labour and Social Affairs</p>
5.45 h	<p>Résumé and Perspectives Dr. Robin Schneider Berlin Senate for Integration and Labour and Social Affairs</p>
6.00 h	<p>End of Conference Conference Moderator: Conny Czymoch, PHOENIX</p>

Conference Languages: German and English with respective simultaneous translation.