



**"Taking Collective Action to End Human Trafficking - the practitioners' perspective"
Wednesday, May 13, at 1.15pm**

The United nations - Conference Room 7

Within the framework of the General Assembly Thematic Debate on Human Trafficking, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Labour Office (ILO) in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations will be co-hosting a side event on Human Trafficking. The event will take place on Wednesday, May 13 at 1.15 in Conference Room 7.

Although the global scale of human trafficking is difficult to quantify, as many as 800,000 people may be trafficked across international borders annually, with many more trafficked within the borders of their own countries. Organized criminal groups are earning billions of dollars in profits from trafficking and exploiting people, many of whom suffer severe violations to their human rights. Common abuses experienced by trafficked persons include rape, torture, debt bondage, unlawful confinement, and threats against their family or other persons close to them as well as other forms of physical, sexual and psychological violence. The demand for cheap labour, sexual services and certain criminal activities are root causes of trafficking. Poverty of opportunity and resources, as well as a lack of social power are other contributing factors.

This side event will add the practitioners' perspective to the high-level panel presentations and policy discussions of the General Assembly's Thematic Debate, to offer a view of the tools and mechanisms for technical cooperation to address this scourge.

We trust the discussion will offer an occasion to share interesting insights and practical experiences.

Presentations by the following speakers:

1. Dr. Stefano Mogini, Legal Advisor, Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations
2. Mr. Jonathan Martens, Counter Trafficking Specialist, IOM Geneva
3. Ms. Zohreh Tabatabai, Director of Communication and Public Information, ILO Geneva