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Seminar on Addressing Trafficking in Human Beings and Labour Exploitation in Supply Chains

28-29 October 2026

OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

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In collaboration with:

The Office of the Special Representative and Co-Ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings/Supply
Chains Project of the OSCE Secretariat and

Global Campus Central Asia' OSCE Academy's Master in Human Rights and Sustainability in Central Asia (MAHRS)

Trafficking in human beings (THB) remains a serious human rights violation and a persistent challenge across the OSCE area and globally. Trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation and forced labour are among the most prevalent yet often under-identified forms of exploitation. The issue is therefore not only a criminal justice concern, but also a labour rights, governance, business conduct and sustainability challenge.

The OSCE has long recognized trafficking in human beings as a multidimensional security issue and human rights concern, requiring prevention, victim protection and access to remedy, alongside effective law enforcement and cross-sector co-operation. Through its Supply Chains Project, the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings supports participating States, international organizations and the private sector in strengthening efforts to prevent trafficking for labour exploitation in supply chains, including through due diligence, ethical recruitment, public procurement and responsible business practices.

The 1.5-day seminar will bring together students and alumni of the OSCE Academy's Master in Human Rights and Sustainability in Central Asia (MAHRS) with experts from academia, the OSCE Secretariat, civil society, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders. The seminar will provide a space for critical learning, exchange and practical reflection on trafficking in human beings, with a particular focus on labour exploitation and forced labour, while also situating the discussion within broader debates on business and human rights, sustainability, and emerging due diligence frameworks.

The seminar will also help bridge academic analysis and policy practice by exposing participants to current anti-trafficking frameworks, regional and global trends, and concrete prevention tools relevant to Central Asia and the wider OSCE region.

The event is conducted in the framework of an Extra-Budgetary Project "Prevention of Human Trafficking for Labour Exploitation in Supply Chains" implemented with the financial support from the Governments of Germany, Austria, Norway, Finland and France

AGENDA

Zoom (webinar): <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87488653035>

Day I

09:30 – 10:00

Welcome coffee, registration

10:00-10:30

Opening

- **Ambassador Monika Lenhard**, German Embassy in Bishkek
- **Ambassador Volker Frobarth**, Head of Mission, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek
- **Dr. Pal Dunay**, Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek
- **Dr. Anja Mihr**, Academic Director, Global Campus Central Asia, OSCE Academy

Moderator: Fabian Bonertz, Senior Advisor, Office of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Group photo

Sessions Moderator: Dr. Anja Mihr, Academic Director, Global Campus Central Asia, OSCE Academy

10:40-11:00

Input I:

- **Supply Chains and Due Diligence**
Dr. Alexander Trautrim, Associate Director and Professor of Supply Chain Management, Nottingham University

11:00-12:00

Session I: Supply Chains in Central Asia

- **Jamshid Mamanov**, Alumnus, Uzbekistan
- **Khayotkhon Abdikulov**, EGD-Student, Kyrgyzstan
- **Amir Ishmatov**, Alumnus, Kyrgyzstan
- **Muhammad Khyjanazarov**, GCCA UWED partner, Uzbekistan

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-13:30

Input II

- *Perspectives on Victims and Trauma (online)*
Alessia Vedano, Adviser on Anti-Trafficking Issues, ODIHR-Warsaw

13:30-14:30

Session II: Forced Labour and Human Trafficking in Central Asia

- **Gulnoza Akhmedova**, Alumna, Uzbekistan
- **Shokirjon Shokirov**, Alumnus, Tajikistan
- **Umid Abdullayev**, MAHRS Student, Kazakhstan
- **Bubunur Zhamshitbek**, GCCA Ala-Too partner, Kyrgyzstan

14:30-15:00

Keynote (online or in-person TBC):

- **Mariam Bhatti**, Lived Experience Expert/Survivor, ISTAC Advisory Council, OSCE

15:00-15:30

Coffee Break

15:30-16:00	Input III: • <i>title TBC</i> Tobias Seitz , Researcher & Policy Adviser, German Institute for Human Rights
16:00-17:00	Session III: Labour Exploitation in Central Asia • Vera Zakutnyaya, Executive Director, Sana Sezim, Kazakhstan • Inomullo Mirboboev, Alumnus & OSCE POiD, Tajikistan • Dzhamshed Salomov, Alumnus, Tajikistan • Fotima Alimjanova, GCCA UWED students, Uzbekistan
17:00 -21:00	Transfer and Host Dinner at Supara Ethno Complex
Day II	
10:00 – 10.30	Welcome coffee <i>Sessions Moderator:</i> Dr. Zhyldyz Tegizbekova, MAHRS Senior Lecturer OSCE Academy
10:30 -11:00	Input IV: • <i>Youth and THB in Central Asia</i> Assel Murat , OSCE Secretariat, alumna
11:00-12:00	Session IV: Sustainable Development & Supply Chains in Central Asia • Dr. Zhyldyz Tegizbekova, MAHRS Senior Lecturer • Daniil Akaev, Students, Kyrgyzstan • Aygul Hanova, Alumna, Turkmenistan
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Panel session and wrap-up • Prof. Dr. iur. Ekkehard Strauss, Berlin School of Economics and Law (online) • Fabian Bonertz, Senior Advisor, Office of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings • Dr. Pal Dunay, Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek • Dr. Anja Mihr, Academic Director, Global Campus Central Asia, OSCE Academy