



## CONCEPT NOTE

### **High-level Event on the UN Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons** 14th UN Crime Congress, Kyoto, Japan

***TUESDAY, 8 March 2021***

11.30 to 13:30 a.m.; Venue: Conference Room RoomA

#### **Title of the Event:**

**The UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons (UNVTF) 10 Years Since Inception: Achievements and Best Practices**

#### **Summary:**

This event will mark the 10-year anniversary of UNVTF established by UN General Assembly in 2010 as an important component of the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons. It is a milestone presenting substantial and collective achievements of the Trust Fund with global support from Member States, the private sector and our NGO partners who provide comprehensive support to victims of human trafficking.

In this event, UNODC's Executive Director will set the stage in highlighting the importance of providing direct assistance to victims/survivors of trafficking in persons, in particular in the context of armed conflict, and consequent large movements of refugees and migrants.

The Chair of the Board of Trustees will present the major achievements of the Trust Fund over the last decade of its existence with focus on its victim-centred approach and the grant cycles, highlighting achievements and challenges of NGOs in the provision of assistance to victims of trafficking, especially women and girls.

Interventions by government representatives from Belgium and Sweden on their country positions will discuss the importance of assisting victims of human trafficking, not only as a humanitarian act, but as a necessary part of the overall fight against trafficking in persons.

NGOs implementing projects funded by the Trust Fund in Tunisia and Viet Nam will present their experiences and achievements in assisting victims arising from armed conflict and among current flows of refugees and migrants, as well as women and girls trafficked for sexual exploitation. Finally, the speakers will call for increased and sustained financial support, in order to address the growing need for assistance to victims of trafficking in persons worldwide.

This also marks the 10-year anniversary of the Blue Heart Campaign (BHC), a global awareness raising initiative aimed at fighting human trafficking and its impact on society. The event will provide States with an opportunity to announce their interest and commitment to joining the BHC. All proceeds to the Blue Heart campaign go directly to the Trust Fund in support of trafficking victims.



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Chair of the Panel of Speakers:

- **Chairperson, Board of Trustees of the UNVTF (TBC)**

Panel of Speakers:

- **Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, UNODC Executive Director (TBC)**
- **High Level Representative of Belgium (TBC)**
- **Per-Anders Sunesson, Swedish Ambassador at Large for Combating Trafficking in Persons**
- **Ms. Caitlin Wyndham, Programme Manager & Resources and Partnerships Leaders – NGO Blue Dragon Children’s Foundation (implementing UNVTF-supported project in Viet Nam)**
- **Ms. Christelle Leon, Coordinatrice Générale, NGO Médecins du Monde – Belgique (Doctor of the World Belgium, implementing UNVTF-supported project in Tunisia)**

Agenda:

The event will feature a short video clip on the 10-year anniversary of the Trust Fund and a video message from Human Rights Activist, UNODC Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking and the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Ms. Nadia Murad Bassee Taha with a call to action. This will also include mention of the Blue Heart Campaign. The event will showcase a series of short interventions by the speakers. NGO speakers will display a PowerPoint presentation to showcase their projects. A short session for statements (Member States pledging to the Trust Fund) and questions from the floor is planned and the event should end with a call to everyone to support the Trust Fund.

- 9:00 – 9:05: Welcoming Remarks, Executive Director Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, UNODC (TBC)  
*Present overview of the global situation, objective and the agenda of the event.*
- 9:05 – 9:07: Keynote Video Address – Ms. Nadia Murad  
*Commend UNVTF on 10 year anniversary of Trust Fund and Blue Heart Campaign; call to action.*
- 9:07 – 9:13: Introduction to the Trust Fund – Chair of the Board of Trustees (TBC)  
*Briefly introduce the speakers. Provide information on the current state, financial situation and achievements made by the Trust Fund.*



- 9:13 – 9:17: Video on the Trust Fund  
*Introduce the achievements of UNVTF over the past decade through emphasising victim-centred approach, highlighting good practice from the field, and present new lives of survivors assisted by UNVTF-supported projects.*
- 9:17 – 9:22: High-level representative of Belgium (TBC)  
*Each PM will make a statement on their country position and make call to action. Belgium will speak on the relevance of supporting the UNVTF and NGOs to provide direct assistance to victims of trafficking in persons, within the overall context of the fight against human trafficking.*
- 9:22 – 9:27: High-level representative of Sweden  
*Each PM will make a statement on their country position and make call to action. Sweden will speak on the relevance of supporting the UNVTF and NGOs to provide direct assistance to victims of trafficking in persons, within the overall context of the fight against human trafficking.*
- 9:27 – 9:32: Statement by Co-sponsor/Group of Friends Against Human Trafficking (TBC)  
*Each PM will make a statement on their country position and make call to action.*
- 9:32 – 9:47: Presentation of Ms. Caitlyn Wyndham, NGO Representative of Blue Dragon  
*Present achievements and challenges to victims assistance in Viet Nam and how the Trust Fund grant has helped the work of the organization.*
- 9:47 – 10:00: Presentation of Christelle Leon, NGO Representative of Médecins du Monde - Belgique/ Mission  
*Present achievements and challenges to victims assistance in Tunisia and how the Trust Fund grant has helped the work of the organization.*
- 10:00 – 10:20: Statements and interventions from the floor, pledges and commitments to join the Blue Heart campaign, Q&A session moderated by Chair (TBC).  
*Possible statement by other cosponsors; possible pledge announcements and/or possible statements/pledges from other Member States to join the Blue Heart Campaign.*
- 10:20 – 10:30: Concluding remarks by the Chair  
*State challenges for the future, Call on Member States to support the Trust Fund. Thank speakers, call all on participants to find out more on the Trust Fund on the Trust Fund website, call on everyone to contribute to the Fund through the online donation portal on the website, announce fourth call results, announce/distribute new annual report/brochure.*