

Press Invitation
Media Launch of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
Southern Africa

Trafficking in Persons (TIP) has become a major global concern affecting all regions in the world, including Southern Africa. In relation to this, UNODC within the framework of the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT), conducted a study on the state of the world's response to the crime of human trafficking.

This report offers an unprecedented view of the available information on the state of the world's response to human trafficking, including steps taken to fight the issue, legal steps, and global trafficking patterns.

Over the course of a few months in 2007 and 2008, UNODC gathered information concerning 155 countries and territories. With a few notable exceptions, nearly all of the larger states participated. This report summarises this information, starting with a discussion of the global and regional figures and closing with country profiles for participating nations.

To mark the release of the report, UNODC Southern Africa will be holding a launch and discussion on **Wednesday 25 February**.

The media are invited to the launch and press briefing which will cover a range of trafficking-related issues including:

- The main forms of human trafficking;
- What is (and isn't) known;
- Conviction rates;
- Trafficking patterns – globally and in Southern Africa; and
- Better understanding the crime

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DATE: Wednesday 25 February 2009

VENUE: University of South Africa
Muckleneuk Campus
Film Auditorium
Theo van Wijk Building (3rd floor)
Pretoria

TIME: 9h45 for 10h00, until 11h00

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