

## Alliance 8.7 sets course to achieve SDG Target 8.7

*Key stakeholders discussed strategic priorities for eradicating forced labour, modern slavery, and human trafficking by 2030 and ending child labour in all its forms by 2025.*

**9 February 2017** – Representatives of more than 40 governments and organisations gathered in early February for a three-day workshop at Wilton Park to discuss the strategic priorities to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 8.7, one of 169 targets world leaders agreed to as part of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The workshop drew on the experience of a diverse group of stakeholders engaged under Alliance 8.7, a global strategic partnership to achieve Target 8.7, and brought together governments, international and regional organisations including members of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking, UN special rapporteurs, representatives of workers', employers' and business organisations, and NGOs.

Over the course of the three days, participants deliberated on priority areas the Alliance could focus on via Action Groups, including the following:

- Conflict and humanitarian settings;
- Rule of law and governance;
- Migration;
- Commercial sexual exploitation;
- Rural development, social protection and education; and
- Supply chains.

The Action Groups will support gender responsive initiatives at national, regional and global levels to promote implementation of agreed policies and international standards aimed at combatting forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour. Participants also discussed the creation of a global knowledge sharing and data platform. The Alliance will work with a broad range of partnerships to ensure connections are made with those working on other SDGs. The Alliance will also aim to build on the experience and advances in combatting child labour around the world.

Launched by world leaders in September 2016 at the time of the United Nations General Assembly, Alliance 8.7 is a global partnership designed to align the efforts of those working towards the achievement of SDG Target 8.7, and related Targets 5.2, 8.7, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.a. A global consultative process on the structure and role of the Alliance was initiated in 2016, with further consultations planned throughout 2017 in the lead up to the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour (including forced labour and quality youth employment), which will be held in Argentina from 14 to 16 November.

Further details on Alliance 8.7 are available at [www.Alliance87.org](http://www.Alliance87.org).

### Note to editors

Alliance 8.7 is a global strategic partnership committed to achieving Sustainable Development Goal Target 8.7, which calls on the world to “take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms”. Alliance 8.7 seeks to achieve Target 8.7 and related Targets 5.2, 8.7, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.a through the alignment of global, regional and national efforts, and by focussing on accelerating timelines, sharing knowledge, driving innovation and leveraging resources.

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### **The following organisations participated in the Strategy Workshop:**

Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action

American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Anti-Slavery International

Argentine Industrial Union

Bureau for Employers' Activities (ACT/EMP)

Cambodian Federation of Employers and Business Associations

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

ECPAT International

Education International

European Commission

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Force Ouvrière (France)

Freedom Fund

Ghana Trades Union Congress (GTUC)

Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW)

Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children

Government of Argentina

Government of Australia

Government of Brazil

Government of Indonesia

Government of Mexico and Focal Point of the Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean free of child labour

Government of the Netherlands

Government of the United Kingdom

Government of the United States of America

Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, United Kingdom

International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

International Labour Organization (ILO)

International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

International Transport Workers Federation (ITF)

Movement of the Enterprises of France

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Solidarity Center

Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (OHCHR)

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (OHCHR)

Trades Union Congress (TUC)

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

United Nations, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children

United Nations University

United States Council for International Business