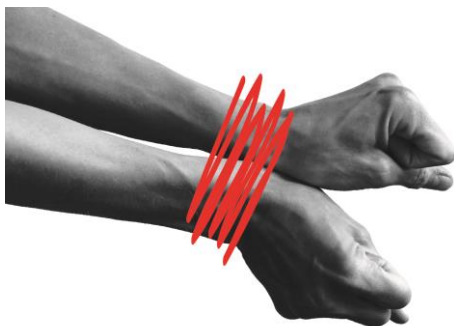


# How can aviation contribute to combatting human trafficking?

International Round Table

27<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Dorint Airport-Hotel Zürich



Die Schweiz gegen Menschenhandel  
La Suisse contre la traite des êtres humains  
La Svizzera contro la tratta di esseri umani

## **Background**

Globalization and cheaper transport options have implied a multiplication of travels across the globe. Whereas this increased mobility signifies more freedom of movement, it can also have negative consequences, such as the facilitation of transnational criminal activities. Thousands of victims of human trafficking are transported across transnational borders annually, making airports major hubs of entry and exit for both perpetrators and victims. Switzerland is no exception: each year, dozens of women, men and minors are trafficked to our country by air. Yet, only a very small number of them are identified.

In October 2015, the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) published its first evaluation report on Switzerland. With its recommendation n°14, GRETA invites the Swiss authorities to continue their efforts towards the detection of trafficking in human beings in the context of border controls<sup>1</sup>. At the international level, the aviation industry's role in combating human trafficking is increasingly recognized. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has recently published *Guidelines for Training Cabin Crew on Identifying and Responding to Trafficking in Persons*, in which civil aviation authorities are requested to invite operators to “develop policies, procedures, training and guidance for the employees, specifically to raise awareness on trafficking in persons and appropriate responses”. In the United States for instance, the *Stop Trafficking on Planes (STOP) Act* introduced by two senators in 2016 requires training for airlines employees to recognize and report suspected cases.

In Switzerland, there is currently no standardized practice in place to raise awareness of and train cabin crew, airport ground staff and pilots, nor are there established procedures (referral mechanism) for them to report to law enforcement authorities in case of suspicion.

## **Main themes**

**Part I** of the round table seeks to demonstrate the relevance of involving the aviation industry in the fight against human trafficking. While the first guest speaker will introduce human trafficking and present current global trends, subsequent presentations will afford an insight into what is put in place at the international level to include airlines and aviation personnel in counter-trafficking efforts.

**Part II** focuses on concrete actions that can be implemented by airlines. Good practices from other countries and international airlines that have included counter-trafficking in their internal policies and procedures will be presented and discussed.

**Part III** addresses the issue of the communication channels and procedures needed to ensure that suspicions can be reported to the relevant law enforcement authorities and counter-trafficking stakeholders in a quick and effective way, to guarantee a possible reaction while the potential victim is still available. Following a presentation on successful referral in the United Kingdom, the aim is to launch a platform to discuss concrete processes at the Swiss level and more specifically at Zurich airport.

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<sup>1</sup> Council of Europe, Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, Report concerning the Implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by Switzerland, 14 October 2015.

## Objectives

The international round table will bring together state, interstate and non-state stakeholders involved in counter-trafficking in Switzerland as well as representatives of the aviation industry and airport border police. International experts will be invited to present their work and promising practices. The main goal is to set up a platform for multidisciplinary exchange and networking between stakeholders who have a role to play in identifying victims at airports and during flights. Good practices and strategic lines of actions shall be identified. They will feed into standardized procedures of identification and reporting at Swiss airports, which shall be elaborated by the cantonal round tables.

The round table will facilitate the informal exchange of knowledge and experiences in a forum under Chatham House Rules. It is organised by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in Bern in cooperation with the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) as foreseen in the Action 27 of the Swiss National Action Plan (NAP) to Fight Human Trafficking (2017-2020).

## Agenda

8:30 – 9:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Registration</b> <i>Dorint Airport-Hotel, Riethofstrasse 40, 8152 Opfikon-Glattbrugg, Switzerland</i></li> <li><b>Visit of the information bus on human trafficking (itinerant exhibition)</b> More information on <a href="http://www.18oktober.ch/en/bus">http://www.18oktober.ch/en/bus</a></li> </ul>	
9:15 – 9:35	Welcome and Opening Address	<p><b>Pier Rossi-Longhi</b> Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Bern</p> <p><b>Barbara Schedler Fischer</b> Deputy Head of Human Security Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)</p>
<b>Part I - Involving the aviation industry in the fight against human trafficking: international developments</b>		
9:35 – 9:50	Human trafficking: definition and global trends	<b>Claire Potaux-Vésy</b> Counter-Trafficking Focal Point, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Bern
9:50 – 10:15	ICAO-OHCHR Guidelines for Training Cabin Crew on Identification and Responses to Trafficking in Human Beings	<b>Youla Haddadin</b> Advisor on Trafficking in Persons, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in cooperation with ICAO
10:15 – 10:40	Supporting Governments and Airlines to Combat Trafficking in Persons	<b>Linda Ristagno</b> Manager, External Affairs, IATA
10:40 – 11:00	Questions and Answers	Moderation: International Organization for Migration (IOM), Bern
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	

<i>Part II - The way aviation can contribute to detecting victims</i>		
11:30 – 11:50	“Recognize It, Report It”: Human Trafficking Awareness Training for Airport/Airline Personnel in the United States (TBC)	<b>Sherry Saehlenou</b> Trainer Human Trafficking Awareness, Airline Ambassadors (US)
11:50 – 12:10	(TBC)	<b>Noel Houlihan</b> Aer Lingus
12:10 – 12:30	Human Trafficking Awareness Training: a different approach	<b>Christian Fridell</b> Head of SEP and First Aid Training, Lufthansa Aviation Training Switzerland
12:30 – 12:45	Questions and Answers	Moderation: International Organization for Migration (IOM), Bern
12:45 – 14:15	<b>Buffet lunch</b>	
<i>Part III – Referral between aviation and law enforcement/victim assistance</i>		
14:15 – 14:35	A successful case study from the United Kingdom: aviation reporting to law enforcement	<b>Rachelle Freeguard</b> Senior Officer, Gatwick Safeguard and Modern Slavery Team, UK Border Force
14:35– 16:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion: The way forward in Switzerland and more specifically at Zurich Airport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What should aviation staff do/not do if they have suspicions?</i></li> <li>- <i>How should aviation report suspicions and to whom?</i></li> <li>- <i>What practical steps are required to create a referral mechanism between aviation and law enforcement/victim assistance?</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Patrick Benz</b> Head of section Migration, Swiss Border Guard (SBG)</li> <li>• <b>Patrick Céréda</b> Head of section Human Trafficking/Migrants smuggling, Cantonal Police Zurich</li> <li>• <b>Swiss International Air Lines</b></li> <li>• <b>Susanne Seytter</b> Head of the Advocacy and Support for Migrant Women and Victims of Trafficking (FIZ)</li> </ul> <p>Moderation: <b>Claire Potaux-Vésy</b> Counter-Trafficking Focal Point, International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p>	
16:00 – 16.10	Concluding remarks	<b>Carmela Bühler</b> Human Security Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

**Registration:**

To register, please send an email including your name, job title and company name to Ms Emilie Ballestraz ([eballestraz@iom.int](mailto:eballestraz@iom.int), +41 (0)31 350 82 22), who is also available to answer any questions.

Places are limited and **registrations must be received no later than 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018**.

The presentations and discussions will be held in English and German with simultaneous translation.