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Wochen gegen Menschenhandel,
Oktober 2023

**LA SUISSE
CONTRE
LA TRAITE DES
ÊTRES HUMAINS**

Semaines contre la traite
des êtres humains, octobre 2023

**LA SVIZZERA
CONTRO
LA TRATTA DI
ESSERI UMANI**

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Causes of human trafficking for labour exploitation

Recruitment and protection of migrant workers

Monday, October 2, 2023

Best Western Hotel Bern, Zeughausgasse 9, 3011 Bern

This event is organized by the International Organization for Migration with the financial support of fedpol within the Action Weeks against Human Trafficking.

The demand for cheap labour and low-priced products on the one hand and the pursuit of a better life, more prosperity or more opportunities on the other, are the breeding ground for exploitative working conditions and human trafficking.

This event looks at the situation of migrant workers in Switzerland and their risk of becoming victims of human trafficking and exploitation. How can a framework be created that suits companies, workers and consumers and that, at the same time, guarantees that migrant workers are adequately protected?

A first thematic block will show the vulnerability of migrants to exploitation, then practical solutions will be presented, particularly by companies, to prevent and protect migrants, as well as an initiative on ethical recruitment. A round table will examine, in the Swiss context, the risks of human trafficking and labor exploitation that exist specifically for migrant workers, and the measures that can help improve their protection.

The event is aimed at interested persons from the private sector, experts in combating human trafficking, but also other interested participants.

Registration until September 15th:

<https://iomctweeks.aidaform.com/anmeldung-inscription> *(limited space)*

Event in French, German and English

Option of joining online



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Welcome and Introduction		
09.30 - 09:40	Welcome and Moderation	Berta Fernandez, IOM Bern (Chief of Mission)
09:40 - 09:50	Opening	Amy Pope, IOM (Director General), Video recording
09:50 - 10:00	Greeting	Nicoletta della Valle, fedpol (Director)
10:00 - 10:10	Greeting	Claudio Martelli, SEM (Deputy Director)
Migrant workers and predisposition to exploitation		
10:10 - 10:25	Risks of exploitation and human trafficking for labour exploitation (push and pull factors).	Claire Potaux-Vésy, IOM Bern (Deputy Chief of Mission)
10:25 – 10:40 Coffee break		
10:40 – 10:55	Private Sector engagement: Nestle	Nestle (tbc)
10:55 – 11:10	Private Sector engagement: Migros	Marius Lang, Federation of cooperatives Migros (Head of Social Standards)
11:10 – 11:30	Human Trafficking for Labour Exploitation in Switzerland: Concrete Case and Trends	Alexandra Sigrist, Public Prosecutor's Office (Geneva Public Prosecutor's Office)
11:30 – 12:00	Question and answer session	Participants and guests
12.00 – 13.30 Lunch break		
Migrant workers and prevention of exploitation and human trafficking		
13:30 - 13:50	IRIS: Ethical Recruitment	Pawel Szalus, IOM (Labour Migration and Development)
13:50 - 14:10	Home Instead (Private home help service for the elderly)	Hermann Mairhofer, Home Instead (CEO)
14.10 - 14:25	Question and answer session	Participants and guests
14.25 - 14:45 Coffee break		
Round table		
14:45 - 15:45	Opportunities and risks for migrant workers in the context of human trafficking: the situation in Switzerland	Moderation: Antonio Hautle UN Global Compact Network Switzerland & Liechtenstein (Executive Director) Marco Taddei, Swiss Employers Confederation (Head of the International Affairs Department,) Jael Bueno, Autonomía (Cooperative of cleaning platforms) and association FRAUEN50Plus (Co-initiator)

		Rebeca Fueyo, Autonomia (Founder and Marketing/Communications Manager) Anna Schmid, Plateforme Traite (<i>Swiss platform against human trafficking</i>), (coordinator)
15:45 - 16:15	Question and answer session	Participants and guests
16:15 - 16:30	Concluding remarks and outlook	Valérie Berset Bircher, SECO (Ambassador, Head of International Labour Affairs)

Action Weeks against Human Trafficking

This event is part of the Action Weeks against Trafficking in Human Beings. The aim of the Action Weeks against Human Trafficking is to raise public awareness of the issue of human trafficking. This is done through events and campaigns organised throughout Switzerland by a large number of partners.

This year's edition of the Action Weeks will focus on the question of why human trafficking exists (structural reasons, demand). You can find more information at www.18oktober.ch