



The Freedom from Slavery Forum
Enabling Local Engagements and Global Synergies for Addressing
Modern Slavery

August 22 to 23, 2022

8am-11:00am Tegucigalpa
9am-12:00am Ciudad de México
10am-13:00pm Santo Domingo
11am-2:00pm Río de Janeiro

SCHEDULE

Day 1. Monday August 22: Climate Justice vs extractivist development models in Latin America.

9:50 am-10:00 am

Forum opening

The Forum will open 10 minutes in advance to allow participants to enter the platform and can present themselves to other participants.

10:00 am-10:05 am

Welcome and introduction:

Bukeni Waruzi. *Executive Director of Free The Slaves (FTS). Washington D.C.*

Moderator:

- **Carolina Rudnik.** *Director Legal Area and Companies. LIBERA Foundation against Human Trafficking and Slavery in all its forms.*

10:05 am-10:30 am

PANEL 1. Climate change, environmental destruction and modern slavery.

- **Christopher O'Connell.** *Lawyer, researcher and postdoctoral scholar of Caroline ascribed to Anti-Slavery International of Dublin City University. Ireland.*



10:30 am-10:50 am

PANEL 2. Forced labor and labor migration with indigenous populations in Central America.

- **Noortje Denkers.** *Specialist in labor migration and mobility of the ILO. Costa Rica.*

10:50 am-11:25 am

PANEL 3. Risks of forced labor in the extraction of raw materials from Latin America.

- **Quinn Kepes.** *Senior Program Director of Verité. Mexico.*
- **Alberto Arenas.** *Lawyer. Independent consultant. Free The Slaves (FTS). Peru.*

11:25 am-12:00 am

PANEL 4. Is justice fair?

- **Helena de Souza Rocha.** *Co Director of Brazil and Southern Corn Program.*
- **Santiago Inchausti.** *Federal Judge of the Argentine Republic. Argentina.*

12:00 am-12:15 am

Questions and answers session.

12:15 am-12:55 pm

Day 1. Work groups.

Objectives:

- Prioritize actions and strategies at the national and regional levels to contribute to climate justice.
- Identify key actors and their role in the achieving of actions/strategies.

Dynamic:

- Brainstorming and open discussion on creative and innovative proposals at the national and regional levels.
- Classification and prioritization of key actors and their role.

12:55 am-1:00 pm

Closing of the event.



Day 2. Tuesday, August 23: Human mobility and forced labor. An intersectoral response.

9:50 am-10:00 am

Forum opening.

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10:00 am-10:05 am

Welcome and introduction.

Gemma Bardají Blasco. *Latin America and Europe Regional Manager of Free The Slaves (FTS). Barcelona, España.*

Moderator:

- **Fernando Garcia Robles.** *Independent expert. Specialist in the Fight against Trafficking in Persons and Human Rights. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants. Organization of American States (OAS). Washington, DC.*

10:05 am-10:30 am

PANEL 1. Human mobility and forced labor.

- **Águeda Marin.** *Senior Regional Specialist in Assistance to Migrants of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Argentina.*

10:30 am-11:00 am

PANEL 2. Practices of reference.

- **La Alameda.** *Argentina.*
- **Caribe Afirmativo.** *Colombia.*

11:00 am-11:30 am

PANEL 3. The role of companies against forced labor.

- **Dante Pesce.** *Founder and Executive Director of the VINCULAR Center of the Catholic University of Valparaíso and former member and President of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights (2015-2021) Chile.*
- **Mary Prieto.** *Founder and Director of Kombu Cha Chá. Chile.*



11:30 am-12:00 am

PANEL 4. The role of trade unions against forced labor.

- **Joseph Voytenco.** *General Secretary Union leader. Argentine Union of Rural Workers and Stevedores (UATRE). Argentina.*
- **Carlos Eduardo Silva.** *Lawyer and advisor to the National Confederation of Rural and Salaried Workers (CONTAR). Brazil.*

12:00 am-12:15 am

Question and answer session.

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1:00 pm-1:05 pm

Closing of the event.

The Executive Director of Free The Slaves, Bukeni Waruzi, will deliver a thank you message at the end of the day outlining the next steps.





DAY 1

Welcome and introduction	
	<p>Bukeni Waruzi is Executive Director of Free the Slaves. Previously, he formed the non-profit grassroots group AJEDI-KA/DRC Child Soldiers Project to confront widespread slavery and the use of child soldiers by militias and armed forces. In Kenya, Waruzi worked for the Porticus Foundation, overseeing projects on human rights, civic engagement, education, and climate change. For nearly a decade he was the director of programs for WITNESS in New York, a group that empowers victims around the world to collect evidence to bring the guilty to justice. Waruzi has spoken before high-level audiences, including the United Nations Security Council, the International Criminal Court, and the US Congressional Children's Caucus. She currently represents anti-slavery groups as a civil society member of the Global Coordination Group of Alliance 8.7, the global initiative to achieve sustainable development goal 8.7, an end to child and forced labor worldwide.</p>



Moderator	
	<p>Caroline Rudnick. Lawyer from the Universidad de Concepción, Master in Criminal Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and Fulbright Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow from the American University, specializing in human trafficking, corruption and international human rights law. A member of the Capra Course Network, he has completed postgraduate courses in constitutional law and fundamental rights at the Carlos III University of Madrid, moral philosophy studies at the University of Concepción, and philosophy of science studies at the IFICC. She worked as a lawyer in the Organized Crime Department of the Ministry of the Interior and Public Security of Chile, from where she coordinated the Intersectoral Table on Trafficking in Persons and its 2013-2014 national action plan. During 2016-2018 he was in charge of International Affairs of the Financial Analysis Unit (UAF), from where he led the construction of the Second National Strategy against money laundering and the financing of terrorism 2018-2020. She served as head of international relations for the Chilean Ministry of Women and Gender Equity in 2022. She co-founded and chaired Fundación Libera, a non-profit organization against human trafficking and contemporary forms of slavery. She has been a professor at various Chilean universities, a consultant for the Inter-American Commission of Women and Eurosocial+, and a researcher at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.</p>



Speakers	
	<p>Dr Chris O'Connell is a Research Fellow at Dublin City University School of Law and Government. His most recent research project was co-funded by the European Commission and the Irish Research Council and was developed in collaboration with Anti-Slavery International. The project focused on the relationship and responses to climate change, environmental degradation, and contemporary forms of slavery in Peru and Bolivia. He is the author of the groundbreaking report entitled “From a vicious to a virtuous circle”. Chris has a PhD in Political Science from Dublin City University.</p>
	<p>Noortje Denkers is a specialist in Labor Migration. Dutch. Sociologist. Graduated from Cardiff University. Master's degree in Sociology from the London School of Economics and Political Science and is currently studying a Master's degree in forced migration and refugees from the University of London. She served as an ILO child labor expert for Latin America and the Caribbean (2008-2021). She worked at the ILO headquarters in Geneva at PARDEV before joining the ILO Office in San José in 2008. Before joining the ILO, she worked as an independent consultant with NGOs, academic institutions, UN agencies, the World Bank and USDOL in Latin America, Africa and Europe. He assumed the current role in March 2021.</p>



Quinn Sandor Kepes is the Senior Program Director in the Raw Materials Programs Department at Verité, where he has worked for more than 14 years providing companies, governments, investors, intergovernmental organizations, workers and civil society with the knowledge and tools they need to eliminate human and labor rights abuses by global supply chains. He oversees Verité's programming and research on raw materials in the Americas. He is also co-author of reports for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Special Rapporteurs on Trafficking in Persons and Contemporary Forms of Slavery, and the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime. Kepes has conducted and directed field investigations on human trafficking and other human rights and labor risks in illegal gold mining and agriculture (coffee, palm oil, sugar, cattle, corn products, peanuts, Brazil), shellfish (shrimp, tuna, illegal fishing) and the clothing sector. Quinn Kepes has investigated links between organized crime and human rights abuses for Verité and other organizations.



Alberto Arenas. Lawyer (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú), postgraduate studies on public policies and children's rights (Universidad Diego Portales - Chile), master's degree in management of social programs and projects at the (Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia), master's degree in management and administration (Polytechnic University of Madrid). I work as an independent consultant for private and public entities, United Nations agencies at a national and international level. I have conducted various research on human trafficking and forced labor.



Helena de Souza Rocha is a professor and a lawyer. Codirector of the Program for Brasil and the Southern Cone of the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL). LLM in International Human Rights Law at the University of Essex and e MSc in Forensic Psychology at the Universidade Tuiuti de Paraná, where she coordinates the Human Rights Clinic. She is also vice-president of the Commission for the Defence of Human Rights of the Bar Association in the state of Paraná, Brazil.



Santiago Inchausti (Argentina, 1975) has been a federal judge since 2009. He is currently

in charge of the Federal Court No. 3 of Mar del Plata. As a judge, he has handled numerous cases of

human trafficking and complex crimes (against humanity, drug trafficking, money laundering).

University professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires and at the

Faculty of Law of the National University of Mar del Plata. He is the author of various publications and has been a speaker at conferences, seminars and conferences on criminal law



National and international. He participated in the Summit of judges on trafficking in persons in the

Vatican in 2016. Recently, he has received special recognition for his

performance in the fight against human trafficking by the CIPDH-UNESCO.





DAY 2

Welcome and introduction	
	<p>Gemma Bardají Blasco Social and Cultural Anthropologist. Diploma in Culture of Peace. Master in Gender and Development. He currently works as Manager of Free the Slaves in Latin America and Europe. In the last 25 years she has worked in different organizations, both NGOs, United Nations Agencies and government institutions, always in favor of human rights and gender equality. He has worked in different countries such as Spain, Guatemala, Bolivia and the Dominican Republic. She has been a collaborator of the Network of Gender Experts of the United Nations Development Program in Latin America for four years. In recent years he has specialized in the subject of human trafficking, first from the academic field and in the last 3 years he has been working directly with communities in vulnerable situations.</p>
Moderator	
	<p>Fernando García-Robles is a specialist in human rights and combating human trafficking. Career diplomat and Coordinator for more than 15 years of the Program for the Prevention, Prosecution, and Protection of Victims of Trafficking in Persons of the Organization of American States (OAS). In 2019, he joined the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) from where he has collaborated in the promotion of technical cooperation and public policies on human rights. She is currently part of the team of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants from where she contributes to the</p>




	<p>development and strengthening of the fight against human trafficking for the Americas with a human rights approach. Academically, he supports two master's degrees, one in Development of Public Policies for Latin America from Johns Hopkins University and the other in International Studies for Peace from the University of Notre Dame in the United States of America. He has two diplomas, one in Conflict Resolution from Uppsala University in Sweden and the other in Development and Peace Studies from the European University for Peace in Austria.</p>
<p>Speakers</p>	
	<p>Águeda Marín, Senior Regional Specialist for Migrant Protection and Assistance at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Regional Office for South America. Ms. Marin has a Master's in International Development from Clark University, Massachusetts. For more than 20 years, from the IOM, he has implemented projects related to human trafficking and assistance to migrants in vulnerable situations, focusing on institutional strengthening, direct attention and multilateral coordination throughout the continent.</p>
	<p>Ximena Rattoni is a social and trade union activist. He is part of the management and founding member of La Alameda, a social and political organization whose aim is to contribute to the construction of a fair, inclusive, and sustainable world. Among its branches, there is the NGO Fundación Alameda that fights against human trafficking and exploitation. She is also a union leader, currently Union Secretary of the Association of Hierarchical</p>



	<p>Personnel of the Natural Gas Industry, a sector where she has worked for twenty-seven years.</p>
	<p>Camilo Gallego Pulgarín is a sociologist from the University of Antioquia and an audiovisual communicator from the Jaime Isaza Cadavid Colombian Polytechnic, with studies on gender perspective, diversities and sexual dissidence from the University of Antioquia and the University of Chile. He currently works as a Psychosocial Professional in Caribe Afirmativo in the area of Human Mobility, for the full exercise of human rights of LGBT social sectors. He has been in the leadership of research exercises on human trafficking in Colombia with victims of the LGBT sectors, and has participated in research with the Electoral Observation Mission, the National Center for Historical Memory and the Institute of Regional Studies of the University of Colombia. Antioch; In addition, at this same University he was the founder and coordinator of the Gender and Power Research Seedbed between 2018 and 2020.</p>
	<p>Mr. Dante Pesce has a Master's Degree in Political Science from the Catholic University of Chile and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. He is Founder and Executive Director of the VINCULAR Center for Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development of the Catholic University of Valparaíso, Chile (2001-present), working in 14 Latin American countries in extension services, capacity building and consulting related to sustainability and responsibility. business practices including business and human rights, sustainability reporting, corporate sustainability strategy. His work involves interactions and projects with public sector organizations, private companies and business associations. Mr. Pesce is a Special Advisor on Public Policy to the United Nations Global Compact, a member of the</p>



	<p>Stakeholder Council of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), and a member of the Strategic Advisory Group within ISO26000. At the national level, it is a member of the Chilean Council of Social Responsibility for Sustainable Development that established the first Chilean National Action Plan 2015-2018. In the late 1980s he was active in the restoration of democracy in Chile and during the 1990s he was the leader of a grassroots NGO.</p>
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	<p>María Prieto is the Founder and Director of Kombuchacha, the only certified organic kombucha in Chile, and the largest in the national market. Kombuchacha is also distinguished by its three ambitious pillars that guide the company to be of social and environmental impact, from Araucanía. With two careers, several successful ventures in environmental issues, an entrepreneur since her adolescence, and with 24 years living in different countries of the world; María has a global vision of the South of Chile. María believes that many changes are possible from ventures and companies, by counting on consumers as allies, and she believes in the power of change for a happier future. This drives her to run her company with a look of hope, applying this energy in her advice to entrepreneurs and in the NGOs she has created in the South.</p>
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	<p>José Voytenco is Secretary General of the Argentine Union of Rural Workers and Stevedores (UATRE).</p>
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Carlos Eduardo Silva is a lawyer. He was an advisor to the Federation of Agricultural Workers in the State of Bahia, National Confederation of Agricultural Workers (CONTAG) and is currently an advisor to the National Confederation of Rural Workers and Salaried Workers (CONTAR). He represents CONTAG in the National Commission for the Eradication of Slave Labor (CONATRAE) and participated in the construction of the National Policy for Employed Rural Workers prepared by the Brazilian Government. For 15 years he has participated in the negotiations of collective labor contracts, especially in the agricultural export supply chains. He currently coordinates cooperation projects in defense of human rights in supply chains, developed in partnership with national and international civil society organizations.