Side Events Guide for Global Freedom from Slavery Forum Punta Cana, Dominican Republic May 7-10, 2023

What Are Side Events?

Side events are key components of the Global Forum's agenda and contribute immensely to the learning on the most pressing issues and outputs of the Global Forum in general. These **90-minute** sessions will allow organizations to highlight diverse issues of modern slavery within their field of expertise. Since two Side Events will be held each day simultaneously, participants can diversify and deepen their understanding and knowledge.

Side events are **issue-based** compared to skill-based workshops. Thus, the facilitating organization must know the topic they want to present. The sessions should be informative and allow for questions from participants. Considering that different stakeholders from different sectors of the antislavery movement will join the Side Events, it is crucial to consider different levels of knowledge. The presentation should thus be useful to participants interested in but with little prior knowledge of the topic, as well as experts in the field.

Why Apply for a Side Event?

Side events are established as a **platform** for organizations to highlight diverse anti-modern slavery issues at the 2023 Global Forum. They are vital components of the forum as they provide opportunities for more learning, notional building, and issue discussion, as well as legitimize global, regional thematic. or priorities. Furthermore, they allow for more visibility for the presenting organization, placing them on a global stage with stakeholders worldwide.

How to Apply for a Side Event?

Please complete the **form** on this website to apply for a Side Event. Please make sure you apply for a Side Event, not a workshop. It is possible to apply under multiple Side Event themes; however, your organization may only be chosen for one to provide opportunities for as many organizations as possible to present. If you wish to apply under multiple themes, please fill out a separate application form for each.

Side Event Themes

- 1. Survivor Engagement
- 2. Demand-Driven Forced Labor
- 3. Modern Slavery and Global Threats
- 4. Learning About and From Other Social Movements
- 5. Collaboration and Resource Mobilization
- 6. Policy Approaches and Their Relation to Achieving a Survivor-Centered Movement
- 7. Alliance 8.7 and the Pathfinder Process

Suggested Topics

1. Survivor Engagement

- This side event will assist participants in developing knowledge and skills to foster meaningful and ethical allyship, establish new narratives for working with survivors of human trafficking and refine our understanding of survivors' perspectives.
- Suggested topics:
 - Victim-Framing and Solution-Framing
 - o Best Practices for Meaningful Survivor Engagement and Leadership Development
 - o Diversity and Survivor Engagement: Making Room for the Diverse Identities of Survivors Within the Movement
 - o Unpacking Some Key Concepts: Survivor Engagement, Survivor-Leadership, Survivor-Centered Approaches

2. Demand-Driven Forced Labor

- This side event will focus on building an understanding of different modes of economic markets and how they relate to modern slavery. Participants will gain an understanding of consumer behavior, the disadvantages of open markets and globalization, and what we can do to effectively combat these issues.
- Suggested topics:
 - Addressing Consumer and Corporate Demand Through an Integrative Survivor-Informed Approach
 - Inside the Fashion Industry: Understanding how the Evolution of Fast Fashion has Contributed to the Growth of Modern Slavery
 - Profits vs. Demand: Understanding the Supply Chain

3. Modern Slavery and Global Threats

- Understand the interrelationship between climate change, conflict or economic instability, and modern slavery; identify opportunities for the anti-modern slavery and other movements to work together; consider how survivors can educate and work with their communities.
- Suggested topics:
 - Climate Migration and Modern Slavery
 - Conflict and Modern Slavery
 - Economic Instability and Modern Slavery







4. Learning About and From Other Social Movements

• The objective of this side event is to explore how movements work, drawing on the experience of other movements with the aim of establishing learning points for the anti-modern slavery movement. These movements could include labor movements, sexual violence in conflict, Black Lives Matter, child soldiers, etc.

5. Collaboration and Resource Mobilization

• This side event will provide an overview of successful ways of gaining funding; establish how stakeholders can empower survivor-led organizations to be at the forefront of the movement; consider gaps and challenges of funding after COVID-19; and/or share lessons learned from effective collaborations and resource-sharing initiatives.

• Suggested topics:

- o Addressing the Need for Resources to Achieve a Survivor-Centered Movement
- Fundraising for Our Work: Post-Covid Challenges and Opportunities
- Best Practices of Collaboration
- o International Migration and Labor Exploitation: Learning from Successful Cross-Border Collaboration
- Collaborating with Survivors

6. Policy Approaches and Their Relation to Achieving a Survivor-Centered Movement

• The purpose of this side event is to explore lessons learned from effective policy interventions and/or harmful policies that threaten the anti-modern slavery movement.

Suggested topics:

- Case Studies of Effective Policy Interventions and Implementation
- o Governments on Modern Slavery: the Role of Governments in Combating Modern Slavery
- The Rise of Nationalism: Harmful Policies that Work Against Protecting Vulnerable People and Harmful Narratives that Affect Survivors
- o The Impact of Restrictive Migration Rules on Trafficking and Safe Routes as a Solution to Fighting Human Trafficking
- Intersectional Legal Frameworks Learning Regional Lessons

7. Alliance 8.7 and the Pathfinder Process

• This side event discusses the importance of the pathfinder process and how civil society organizations can engage the Alliance 8.7 in pushing for a survivor-centered approach.





Selection Criteria

The criteria listed below will be used to determine the facilitators of the six Side Events:

- 1. Proposals should demonstrate clear **alignment with the theme and objectives** of the Side Event and contribute to the progression of the conversation toward the Forum goals.
- 2. Proposals should demonstrate critical thought on **diversity** within the subject matter.
- 3. Although topics may be centered around work or issues within a specific country or region, there should be clear **applicability to the global context**.
- 4. In keeping with the theme for the Global Forum this year, presentations should prioritize **survivor engagement** both within the content and in the delivery of the material.
- 5. Proposals should demonstrate **expertise** on the chosen topic.
- 6. Proposals should present a **novel approach** or way of thinking on the chosen topic.

Side Event Objectives

Side Events will be part of the 10th anniversary of the Global Freedom from Slavery Forum. They will be **1.5-hour sessions** that will allow organizations to share their work and allow participants to learn about more specific topics around human trafficking.

Out of all applications and topics, **six** will be chosen to be held at the Global Forum. To ensure that as many organizations as possible can be involved, we encourage **collaboration** between the facilitators of Side Events, especially between larger and smaller organizations and survivors.

One of the organizations facilitating each Side Event should be designated as the **lead organization** and will assume the main responsibility and act as the focal point with the event's main organizers. It is to be noted that the main organizers, Free the Slaves, will not be responsible for the organization or content of any Side Event. Nonetheless, we will provide the materials listed on the next page.

When will Side Events take Place?

Side events will take place throughout the Forum's three main days, May 8-10, 2023. Two Side Events will take place simultaneously, allowing participants to choose based on their interests. Each day will incorporate two Side Events in line with the day's main theme, which comes to a total of six Side Events throughout the Global Forum.

Each Day, the Side Events will take place from **10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Where will Side Events take Place?

All Side Events will be hosted in person at the Forum. Side event rooms will accommodate a maximum capacity of **up to 150 persons** and will be equipped with a projector and screen, microphones, and speakers.





Who Can Attend a Side Event?

Only participants that have **registered** to join the Global Forum **in person** will be able to participate. For all Side Events, the facilitating organization should ensure that moderators are properly registered for the event. All Side Events will be translated into the four main Forum languages (English, French, and Spanish.

Conference Organizers Provide:

- Room to hold up to 150 people
- AV services (screen, laptop, microphones)
- Translation into English, French, and Spanish
- Volunteers to help
- Note-takers
- Flipcharts
- Pens
- Sticky notes

Conference Organizers DO NOT Provide:

- Facilitators, moderators, speakers
- Hotel accommodations and meals
- Transportation costs for facilitators
- Registration fees for facilitators

Who Can Lead a Side Event?

The facilitation of Side Events is open to all organizations that can ensure their in-person facilitation at the Global Forum. It is encouraged that larger organizations collaborate with smaller organizations and survivors. Organizations, including CSOs. businesses, government agencies, academic institutions, and the United Nations, can present their work or foster discussions on key issues and engage the audience at the 2023 Global Forum.

Side Event Focal Points

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Facilitaters' Reponsibilities

- Provide the Conference organizers (Free the Slaves) with an **overview** of the Side Event, including format and speakers (up to 5), with the purpose of adding this information to the Forum website.
- Designate a **focal person** to liaise with Conference organizers on all matters related to the Side Event.
- Send all information necessary to prepare marketing materials for the Side Event (organization's logo, quotes, etc.)
- Publicize the Side Event within their own network to draw attention to the Global Forum. This includes newsletters, social media, and email marketing. Facilitators are encouraged to use the Forum hashtag #GlobalFreedomfromSlaveryForu m2023 on their social media.
- Ensure the Side Event begins and ends at the designated time.
- Ensure all participants stay **respectful** of each other.
- Provide a ~200-word summary of the Side Event by the end of the Forum day on which the Side Event is held.

The sale of materials that promote the organization is prohibited throughout the entire Forum.

