



## **Call for Applications for Side Events**

**Freedom from Slavery Global Forum 2026**

**11-12 May. Istanbul, Türkiye**

**Freedom in a Changing World: Strengthening Protection, Accountability and Transforming the Systems Behind Modern Slavery**

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### **1. Purpose**

The Global Forum 2026 will bring together governments, businesses, civil society, academics, and survivor leaders to examine how global shifts are increasing risks to freedom.

The Forum aims to move beyond discussion and toward action.

This Call for Proposals invites organizations to design and lead sessions that contribute to one core objective:

Advancing practical, system-level solutions to modern slavery and human trafficking.

Selected sessions will form part of the official Forum programme.

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### **2. Scope and Focus**

Proposals must align with a systems-based approach and contribute to at least one of the following areas:

- Strengthening protection systems
- Supply chains and responsible business practices
- Survivor engagement in system-wide responses
- Accountability across sectors

- Criminal justice and enforcement
- Migration and labour governance
- Digital and financial systems
- Funding and resource mobilisation

Proposals should focus on practical solutions, not general analysis.

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### **3. Session Formats**

The Forum prioritises interactive, outcome-driven sessions. Proposals may include:

- Working groups developing recommendations
- Clinics offering tools or practical guidance
- Lab-style sessions applying models or frameworks
- Structured roundtables with defined participants

Suggested formats:

- Roundtables
- Panels or fishbowls
- Talk & Share sessions
- Workshops

Sessions must demonstrate a clear outcome to be considered.

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### **4. Expected Outputs**

Each session must produce concise, actionable outputs:

- 1 to 3 key insights or recommendations
- Relevant actors or stakeholders involved
- Possible next steps or areas for follow-up

These outputs will feed into the overall Forum outcomes.

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## **5. Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Session Organizers will:**

- Design and facilitate the session
- Identify and confirm speakers or participants
- Ensure balanced and inclusive perspectives
- Deliver agreed outputs

### **Forum Organizers will:**

- Integrate sessions into the official programme
  - Provide venue, logistics, and coordination
  - Share participant lists (where relevant)
  - Support documentation and final reporting
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## **6. Selection Criteria**

Proposals will be assessed based on:

- Relevance – alignment with the Forum theme
  - Practicality – clear and actionable focus
  - Innovation – new or forward-looking approaches
  - Collaboration – engagement of diverse stakeholders
  - Clarity – well-structured and feasible design
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## **7. Submission Requirements**

Proposals must include:

- Session title
- Objective and thematic focus
- Format and structure
- Proposed speakers or participants

- Expected outputs
  - Lead organization and contact details
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## 8. Timeline

- Launch: March 26
  - Submission Deadline: April 15
  - Notification of Selection: April 20
  - Final Programme Submission: May 2
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## 9. Participation Support

Limited sponsorship may be available to support participation from survivor leaders and civil society organizations, subject to availability.

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## 10. How to Apply

Organizations are invited to submit proposals through the official application form:

 [2026 Freedom from Slavery Global Forum – Session Proposal Open Call – Fill out form](#)

All proposals must be submitted through the form and include the required information.

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## Final Note

The Global Forum is designed as a space for practical exchange and collective action.

We encourage proposals that are focused, collaborative, and built for implementation.