

2026 FREEDOM FROM SLAVERY GLOBAL FORUM AGENDA

Day 0: Grounding the Forum in Lived Reality and System Context

Centering lived experience and aligning around the systems shaping modern slavery

4 May 2026 | Virtual Pre-Forum Engagement | 11:00–15:00 (UTC)

Note: This virtual event is open for registration. All sessions are accessible to registered participants, except the 14:00–15:00 Survivor Leadership Pre-Meeting, which is a closed, invitation-only session. All times are in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

Time (UTC)	Session Title	Format	Purpose / Objective	Expected Output
11:00–11:20	Welcome and Orientation	Virtual Plenary	Introduce the Forum objectives and overall structure	Shared understanding of purpose and approach
11:20–12:30	Regional Freedom and Risk Caucuses	Parallel Sessions	Identify key regional risks, trends, and priorities	Consolidated regional priorities
12:30–12:45	Break			
12:45–13:45	Accountability in a Shifting World	Virtual Roundtable	Frame global accountability challenges and emerging gaps	Key framing questions to guide Forum discussions
	Facilitator Coordination Briefing (Facilitators Only)	Coordination Meeting	Align facilitators on structure, roles, and expectations	Facilitator readiness and alignment
13:45–14:00	Break			
14:00–15:00	Survivor Leadership Pre-Meeting	Closed Session	Define priorities on freedom, protection, and accountability from a survivor perspective	Documented survivor-informed priorities

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Day 1: Confronting Reality and Setting Priorities

Understanding challenges, aligning perspectives, and defining initial actions

11 May 2026 | In-person Forum

Time	Session Title	Format	Purpose / Objective	Room
08:00–08:30	Arrival - Registration & Coffee	Informal Networking	Networking and arrival	Entrance Hall
08:30–09:00	Opening Ceremony	Speech	Set tone and objectives	Main Plenary Room
09:00–09:30	Keynote	Speech	Frame global priorities	Main Plenary Room
09:30–10:40	Freedom in a Changing World: Key Perspectives	Panel	Share key perspectives	Main Plenary Room
10:40–12:00	Actionable Agenda for Resetting Freedom	Workshop	Define priority actions	Parallel Session Rooms
12:10–13:00	Lunch Break			
13:00–13:20	Keynote	Speech	Reinforce key themes	Main Plenary Room
13:20–14:20	Survivor Engagement in Strengthening Protections	Panel	Center survivor leadership	Main Plenary Room
14:20–15:45	5 Concurrent Parallel Sessions	Panels, Workshops, Roundtables	Explore targeted solutions	Parallel Session Rooms
15:50–16:10	Coffee Break			
16:15–17:00	Reporting Back on Actions and Outcomes	Panel	Share key outcomes	Main Plenary Room
17:30–21:00	Forum Reception: Survivor Awards, Forum Ambassadors Introduction	Formal networking	Strengthen partnerships	Reception Hall

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Day 2: Building the Roadmap for System Transformation

Translating priorities into commitments, solutions, and next steps

12 May 2026 | In-person Forum

Time	Session Title	Format	Purpose / Objective	Room
08:00–08:30	Arrival - Registration & Coffee	Informal Networking	Facilitate networking	Entrance Hall
08:30–09:00	Opening of Day 2 and Reflections from Day 1	Speech	Align on priorities	Main Plenary Room
09:00–09:30	Keynote	Speech	Frame systems transformation priorities	Main Plenary Room
09:30–10:40	Responsible Businesses and Supply Chain Regulations	Panel	Examine the role of business in system transformation	Main Plenary Room
10:40–12:00	Actionable Agenda for Engaging Businesses in Fair Labor Practices	Workshop	Define actionable commitments for business engagement	Parallel Session Rooms
12:10–13:00	Lunch Break			
13:00–13:20	Keynote	Speech	Reinforce strategic commitments	Main Plenary Room
13:20–14:20	Tackling the Systems of Modern Slavery and Trafficking Through Accountability	Panel	Address systemic drivers of modern slavery and trafficking	Main Plenary Room
14:20–15:45	5 Concurrent Parallel Sessions	Panels, Workshops, Roundtables	Develop actionable, cross-sector solutions	Parallel Session Rooms
15:50–16:10	Coffee Break			
16:15–17:00	Reporting Back on Action and Outcomes from Concurrent Side Events	Panel	Consolidate key insights and recommendations	Main Plenary Room
17:15–17:45	Adoption of Modern Slavery Narrative	Presentation	Align narrative and strategic messaging	Main Plenary Room
17:50–18:50	Closing Ceremony and Next Steps	Speeches and Presentation	Define clear next steps and accountability pathways	Main Plenary Room