

## 2016 UN Forum on Business and Human Rights

### *The Bali Process Business Forum: Implementing partnerships to end trafficking and modern slavery* hosted by **Australia and Thailand**

The eradication of human trafficking and modern slavery is receiving an unprecedented level of international attention, galvanised by Sustainable Development Goal 8.7: a world without forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour. The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights make clear the responsibilities of states and business. The key, however, is implementation. This requires innovative thinking to bring business and government together. The Bali Process Business Forum – a public-private sector partnership to tackle human trafficking and slavery in the Asia Pacific - is one such idea. Join us for an interactive panel discussion to discuss how to put principles into practice at national, regional and global levels.

#### Speakers

- Andrew Forrest, Founder, Walk Free Foundation
- Dr. Nethithorn Praditsarn, Vice President, Group Sustainability and Communications, Office of Chairman, Charoen Pokphand (CP) Group
- Geoff Shaw, Assistant Secretary, People Smuggling and Human Trafficking Taskforce, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Deborah Greenfield, Deputy Director-General (Policy) ILO

Drawing on the personal experiences of the panellists in addressing human trafficking and slavery in their own businesses and supply chains, BBC Geneva correspondent Imogen Foulkes will moderate a “Question and Answer” format discussion, with a focus on global and regional actions to implement the commitments expressed in SDG 8.7 and the Guiding Principles.

The **Bali Process Business Forum** – the first meeting of which will be held in 2017 - is an example of a public-private partnership, bringing together government ministers from the 48-member Bali Process and private sector leaders from the Asia Pacific to partner in the global effort to eradicate human trafficking and slavery. This new business-led Forum will feed into the intergovernmental Bali Process which has been running since 2002 and will have a dual impact: promoting good business practices in the private sector and legislative rigour in governments.

**Alliance 8.7** is a global multi-stakeholder initiative bringing together all parties working towards achieving SDG 8.7. This ambitious initiative – being spearheaded by the International Labour Organisation – will seek to align the international community around a set of common goals, drive innovation and leverage resources for more effective results.