



BEYOND NET ZERO: THE CANADA HUMAN TRAFFICKING DECLARATION

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WHO WE ARE: As part of a joint effort to combat Human Trafficking and Forced Labour Slavery, the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS), #NotInMyCity (NIMC), International Justice Mission Canada (IJM), and The Mekong Club will be hosting a two-day Canadian symposium entitled: "Beyond Net Zero: The Canada Human Trafficking Declaration" at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg at the beginning of April.

OUR WHY: Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in Canada. Forced Labour Slavery is recognized as being a reprehensible violation of human rights causing immediate and long-term harm to individuals and communities. Forced labour is vastly underreported. A Victim/Survivor centred approach is key to preventing and ending victimization through Forced Labour. Collectively, we can improve institutional capacity and strengthen systems essential to creating an environment of safety, human dignity, and thriving communities.

OUR GOAL: RAGAS, NIMC, IJM Canada, and The Mekong Club are partnering to create scalable, sustainable, and measurable solutions that close the justice gaps for people in our communities who are vulnerable to violence and exploitation. This inaugural event will provide an opportunity for collaboration with other Canadians and international changemakers to disrupt and end Human Trafficking and Forced Labour Slavery.

OUR ASK:

Our goal is for the Canadian government to be the first government in the world to pledge zero tolerance toward human trafficking and forced labour slavery. We are honoured to invite you to join us in this mission as we strive to see Canada making the first-ever global statement of this magnitude. By agreeing to align with us on this initiative, you're also joining us as a valued partner and together, we will effect positive change nationally and beyond.

OUR EVENT: Enjoy keynotes from National and International HT sector leaders on the cutting edge of combatting Human Trafficking, including insights from those who have endured and survived being Trafficked. Gain knowledge and perspective from experts in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls advocate community. Hear from notable government and crime prevention representatives, as well as industry leaders from across the globe.

Join us as we make this important commitment together.



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