



**76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
High-Level Meeting Of The General Assembly On The Appraisal Of The
United Nations Global Plan Of Action To Combat Human Trafficking**

**Informal guidance note for non-governmental organizations,
civil society organizations and other stakeholders prepared
by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

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What will be the format of the high-level meeting?

The high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons will be held across two days, 22 and 23 November 2021, in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Please find the programme below. A more detailed concept note and provisional programme are available on the website of the President of the General Assembly [HERE](#) and on the website of UNODC [HERE](#). A final programme, containing the full list of panellists, will be published in due course.

Monday, 22 November 2021, General Assembly Hall, UNHQ

- Opening plenary meeting: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Plenary meeting: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Panel Discussion 1: The Global Plan of Action and enduring trafficking issues and gaps including, inter alia, the trafficking of women and children, particularly girls, for the purpose of sexual exploitation: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- Panel Discussion 2: The Global Plan of Action and emerging issues, such as trafficking in persons in the context of COVID-19, and the misuse of information and communications technologies to facilitate trafficking, including trafficking of children for the purpose of sexual exploitation on the internet 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 23 November 2021, General Assembly Hall, UNHQ

- Plenary meetings: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Closing plenary meeting: 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be webcast live on [UN Web TV](#).





Who can attend the meeting?

In accordance with the General Assembly 75/283 on the modalities, format and organization of the high level meeting, the following stakeholders can participate in the meeting:

- Member States and observers of the General Assembly;
- All relevant United Nations system entities, in particular the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as relevant intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations;
- Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). These representatives can register to participate in the meeting through the NGO Branch of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The registration process will open soon here: <http://csonet.org/index.php?menu=73>

Relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector were invited to express their interest to participate in the interactive Panel Discussions. Applications closed on 14 October 2021. The list of these entities will be submitted to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis and brought to the attention of the General Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly in accordance with paragraph 9 of resolution 75/283. The final list of these entities will be published on the website of the President of the General Assembly: [HERE](#).

Who will speak during the opening segment?

In accordance with paragraph 2(a) of General Assembly 75/283, the opening plenary meeting will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session, the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, as well as an eminent person actively engaged in the fight against trafficking in persons and a representative of civil society, at least one of whom should be a survivor and both of whom are to be identified by the President of the General Assembly.

Will a Political Declaration be adopted? Where can I find a copy?

The Political Declaration on the Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons is currently being negotiated by Member States. If the General Assembly decides to adopt the Political Declaration, this will occur at the high-level meeting, directly after the opening session. A copy of the Political Declaration would then be made available on the website of the President of the General Assembly.



Can I attend in person?

Member States, observer States and the EU may be represented in person in the General Assembly Hall by 4 persons per delegation. Other observers of the General Assembly may be represented by 1 person per delegation.

All other participants (United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations with consultative status with ECOSOC registered pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution 75/283, as well as those relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector which will participate in the meeting in accordance with paragraph 9 of resolution 75/283) **can participate in the panel discussions through the submission of pre-recorded video statements (maximum 2 minutes), time permitting,** addressed below. In-person attendance is not possible for these stakeholders due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

The meeting will also be available to the public live and on demand on UN WebTV.

What opportunities are there to intervene in the high-level meeting?

There are two panel discussions taking place on 22 November 2021 in which participants will have an opportunity to intervene. Each of the two panel discussions will include at least one member of civil society as a panellist. The panel discussions will begin with a presentation by the Chair, followed by presentations by the panellists.

Following the conclusion of the panellists' remarks, there will be an interactive component to each panel in which the moderators will open the floor to hear questions or comments from the floor.

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Pre-recorded videos representing groups of entities are encouraged.

Please note the time limit for pre-recorded videos is strictly up to two minutes only.

Those pre-recorded videos that are not able to be played during the event because of time constraints will be made available publicly via the [website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime](#).





What should I cover in my pre-recorded video message for the interactive Panel Discussions?

Participants submitting pre-recorded comments or questions are encouraged to keep in mind the interactive nature of the panel discussions and address comments or questions to the panel accordingly. Please note your intervention should be relevant to the topics of the Panel Discussions, which are as follows:

- Panel Discussion 1: *The Global Plan of Action and enduring trafficking issues and gaps including, inter alia, the trafficking of women and children, particularly girls, for the purpose of sexual exploitation.*
- Panel Discussion 2: *The Global Plan of Action and emerging issues, such as trafficking in persons in the context of COVID-19, and the misuse of information and communications technologies to facilitate trafficking, including trafficking of children for the purpose of sexual exploitation on the internet.*

We encourage all participants to consult the Concept Note for the meeting available on the website of the President of the General Assembly [HERE](#), which includes a background note for each Panel Discussion containing a number of questions that are intended to inform the discussions. **You are encouraged to address particular questions during your intervention, or to pose a question to the panellists.**

What are the technical requirements for submitting a pre-recorded video statement, question or comment?

Technical details for the submission of two minute pre-recorded videos will be shared with all meeting participants at a later date.

Can I submit a written contribution on the topic of the Panel discussions?

Yes, participants may also submit written contributions. **Written contributions should be sent to unodc-ny@un.org by 17 November** and will be published on the [website of UNODC](#).

How can I follow the meeting virtually?

We encourage all those who are interested in the high-level meeting to follow the live and on demand webcast on [UN Web TV](#).

Where can I access a summary of the meeting afterwards?

The Chairs of the interactive panel discussions will present summaries of the discussions at the closing plenary meeting.



What can I do to promote the event? Is there an event hashtag?

Tweets about the high-level meeting will be shared in the lead-up to, and during, the high-level meeting through the following twitter handles:

- President of the General Assembly @UN_PGA
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime @UNODC and @UNODCNewYork
- UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service, United Nations Department of Communications @UN-NGLS
- Civil Society Unit, United Nations Department of Global Communications @UNDGC_CSO

We encourage you to share this messaging. Additionally we encourage you to use the event hashtag **#endhumantrafficking** to spread the word.

Visuals and advocacy material relating to the event will also be made available on the UNODC trello board prior to the event: [HERE](#).

