



## **A Rights-Based Approach to Anti-Trafficking: Lessons from Asia and Europe**

**Panel Discussion**, Hotel Himawari, 313 Sisowath Quay, Phnom Penh  
**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 10:00 am – 12:00pm**

Trafficking in persons is considered to be the fastest growing, global illegal enterprise in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, second to drug trafficking. The Palermo Protocol promotes international cooperation on counter-trafficking, criminalising trafficking and punishing the traffickers, and to protect and assist the victims of trafficking '*with full respect for their human rights*'. Since the majority of trafficking victims are trafficked intra-regionally, regional efforts to combat human trafficking have only intensified. Based on the outcomes from the 15<sup>th</sup> Informal ASEM<sup>1</sup> Seminar on Human Rights and Trafficking in Persons, the objectives of the panel session are to:

- Exchange best practices and lessons learnt from across Asia and Europe for taking a rights-based approach to protecting and rehabilitating trafficking victims
- Provide the current state-of-play on the advances made across ASEAN in the implementation of the new *ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children*
- Identify opportunities for multi-stakeholder cooperation on victim protection and assistance, both within and between the two regions.

### **Programme**

09:30 – 10:00 am: **Registration**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm: **Panel**

Welcome remarks: **H.E. Maria SARGREN**, Ambassador of Sweden to Cambodia

Chair: **Mr. Rolf RING**, Deputy Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute

- *Using a rights-based approach to protect victims* – **Dr. Anne GALLAGHER**
- *European and Swedish experiences to counter-trafficking* – **Amb. Per-Anders SUNESSON** (Swedish Ambassador at Large for Combatting Trafficking in Persons)
- *Trafficking in Cambodia and efforts at victim protection* – **Ms. Vichuta LY** (Legal Support for Children and Women)
- *Implications of ACTIP in Cambodia and ASEAN* – **Ms. Kristin DADEY** (International Organization for Migration - tbc)

Closing remarks: **Ms. Ratna MATHAI-LUKE**, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

*Presentations will be followed by a Q&A session and a light reception.*

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<sup>1</sup> The **Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)** is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern. ASEM brings together 53 partners (21 Asian and 30 European countries, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the European Union). [www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org)

The **Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights** is the Asia-Europe Meeting's (ASEM) annual dialogue on human rights and rule of law. Providing a unique platform for discussions between government representatives and civil society experts, the seminar series is co-organised by the [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](http://www.asef.org), the [Raoul Wallenberg Institute](http://www.raoulwallenberginstitute.org) (nominated by the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden](http://www.mfa.gov.se)), the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development of France](http://www.mfa.gov.fr), the [Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines](http://www.dfa.gov.ph) and the [Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland](http://www.eda.admin.ch). For more information, please visit [www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)

## Speakers' Profiles (As of 12 October 2016):

**Rolf RING** is the Acting Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute. Prior to joining Raoul Wallenberg Institute, he worked as a Project Co-ordinator for Swedish Red Cross and served as an assistant to the Chair of International Law at the Faculty of Law, Lund University. Mr. Ring holds an LL.M from Lund University and has published intensively on the various international law topics.

**Pers-Anders SUNESESSON** is Sweden's first Ambassador at Large for Combatting Trafficking in Persons. He has a legal background and in recent years has held various positions at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, including head of social services, disability issues and child rights. He has also previously worked at the Ministry of Justice, where his area was the standing of victims in criminal proceedings, and at the National Board of Health and Welfare, where he was responsible for supervision of health and medical care, and social services. Mr. Sunesson has also been the Government Offices coordinator for issues related to vulnerable EU citizens and human trafficking.

**Vichuta LY** is lawyer, founder and director of Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW) Organisation in Cambodia. LSCW is non-profit, non-political organisation founded in 2002 whose mission is to contribute to the development of the rule of law, to promote access to justice and to protect human rights. LSCW is providing legal aid services to the victims of rape, domestic violence and human trafficking. LSCW received more than 100 victims per years, including women, children and men on the purposes of sexual and labour exploitation, including migrant workers, marriages and fishermen. LSCW is member of NGO-CEDAW, Global Alliance Against Human Trafficking in Women (GAATW), Migrant Forum Asia (MFA) and Mekong Migrant Network (MMN). Ms. Ly has conducted many researches relating to gender based violence and Human Trafficking, migration and Cross-border trafficking, including Gender, Human Trafficking, and the Criminal Justice System in Cambodia, and Gender Analysis of the Patterns of Human Trafficking into and through Koh Kong Province. She works on cross-border trafficking in cooperation with Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

**Anne T. GALLGHER AO** is a lawyer, practitioner, teacher and scholar with an established reputation in international affairs, most particularly human rights and the administration of criminal justice. She served as a UN Human Rights Official from 1992 to 2003, the last four years as Special Adviser to Mary Robinson, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and former President of Ireland. During that time she represented the High Commissioner at negotiations for the United Nations Convention on Transnational Crime and its protocols on human trafficking and migrant smuggling. Dr Gallagher subsequently led the development of the United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking and was founding Chair of the UN Inter-Agency Group on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling.

Since resigning from the UN in 2003, Dr Gallagher has held various leadership positions in an intergovernmental initiative funded by the Australian Government that aims to strengthen legislative and criminal justice responses to human trafficking and related exploitation in all ten ASEAN Member States. Her various other current positions include Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Presidential Task Force on Trafficking; consultant to the United Nations (OHCHR and UNODC); and Member of the IOM Director-General's Migration Advisory Board. An independent scholar and widely published author, she is recognized as a leading global authority on the international law of human trafficking and of migrant smuggling. Dr Gallagher's work and achievements has been acknowledged through multiple international awards including being named "2012 Trafficking in Persons Hero" by US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton for her ambitious work in the global fight against modern slavery.

**Ratna MATHAI-LUKE** is a project manager at the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), responsible ASEF's governance projects on migration and human rights. In particular, she leads the secretariat for the Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, which is ASEM's annual human rights dialogue, taking place between civil society and government representatives from 53 ASEM partners. Ms. Mathai-Luke's professional interests lie in human rights, labour migration, anti-trafficking and forced migration. She holds a MSc degree in Forced Migration from the University of Oxford and is currently pursuing studies in international public law.

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