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## What is ICAT?

The Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) is a policy forum mandated by the UN General Assembly to improve coordination among UN agencies and other relevant international organizations to facilitate a holistic and comprehensive approach to preventing and combating trafficking in persons, including protection and support for victims of trafficking.

Responding to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Resolution 2006/27 (<http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/2006/resolution%202006-27.pdf>) requesting intergovernmental agencies to further cooperate in order to strengthen technical assistance provided to countries in the area of human trafficking, the Government of Japan hosted in September 2006 a coordination meeting of international organizations working to counter trafficking in persons.

The participating organizations (ILO, IOM, UNICEF, UNIFEM, UNDAW, UNHCR and UNODC) decided to continue the effort initiated, and proposed the creation of a coordination group.

ICAT was formally established in March 2007, pursuant to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 61/180 ([https://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/shared/shared/mainsite/policy\\_and\\_research/un/61/A\\_RES\\_61\\_180\\_EN.pdf](https://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/shared/shared/mainsite/policy_and_research/un/61/A_RES_61_180_EN.pdf)).

The [Resolution 61/180](https://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/shared/shared/mainsite/policy_and_research/un/61/A_RES_61_180_EN.pdf) ([https://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/shared/shared/mainsite/policy\\_and\\_research/un/61/A\\_RES\\_61\\_180\\_EN.pdf](https://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/shared/shared/mainsite/policy_and_research/un/61/A_RES_61_180_EN.pdf))61/180 ([http://www.ungift.org/knowledgehub/en/publications.html?vf=/doc/knowledgehub/resource-centre/ICAT/Resolution\\_61\\_-\\_180.pdf](http://www.ungift.org/knowledgehub/en/publications.html?vf=/doc/knowledgehub/resource-centre/ICAT/Resolution_61_-_180.pdf)) requested the Secretary-General to improve upon the fledging inter-agency coordination group on trafficking in persons in order to enhance cooperation and coordination among the international community to facilitate a holistic and comprehensive approach to the problem of trafficking in persons. UNODC was assigned a coordinating role within ICAT.

In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 64/293 (<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N09/479/41/PDF/N0947941.pdf?OpenElement>), endorsing the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

The Global Plan of Action urged all responsible UN entities to coordinate their efforts to fight trafficking in persons effectively and to protect the human rights of its victims, including via ICAT and the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT). Further, the Plan of Action called for strengthening and supporting ICAT to improve coordination and cooperation amongst relevant UN bodies, including UN human rights treaty bodies and mechanisms, and international organizations.

[Click here for the ICAT Terms of reference \(/sites/default/files/ICAT%20ToR.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/ICAT%20ToR.pdf)

## What does ICAT offer?

ICAT functions are:

- To provide a platform for exchange of information, experiences and good practices on anti-trafficking activities;

- To support activities of the UN and other international organizations with the aim of ensuring a full and comprehensive implementation of all international instruments and standards of relevance for the prevention and combating of trafficking in persons and protection of and support for victims of trafficking;
- To work towards a comprehensive, coordinated and holistic approach to human trafficking, which is gender and age-sensitive and grounded in a human rights based-approach;
- Promote effective and efficient use of existing resources, using, to the extent possible, mechanisms already in place at the regional and national level.

## The ICAT Working Group

- International Labour Organization (ILO) (<http://www.ilo.org>)
- International Organization on Migration (IOM) (<http://www.iom.int>)
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (<http://www.ohchr.org>)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (<http://www.unhcr.org>)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (<http://www.unicef.org>)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (<http://www.unodc.org>)
- UN Women (<http://www.unwomen.org>) (joined in December 2016)

## The ICAT Membership

- Department of Peace Keeping Operations (DPKO) (<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/>)
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (<http://www.icao.int/Pages/default.aspx>)
- International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO-Interpol) (<http://www.interpol.int/>)
- International Labour Organization (ILO) (<http://www.ilo.org>)
- International Organization on Migration (IOM) (<http://www.iom.int>)
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (<http://www.ohchr.org>)
- United Nations Joint Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (<http://www.unaids.org/en/>)
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP) (<http://www.undp.org>)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/>)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (<http://www.unfpa.org/public/>)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (<http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home>)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (<http://www.unicef.org>)
- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) (<http://www.unicri.it/>)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (<http://www.unodc.org>)
- UN Women (<http://www.unwomen.org/>)
- The World Bank (<http://www.worldbank.org/>)

## ICAT Partners

- Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) (<http://www.osce.org>)
- International Centre for Migration Policy Development (<https://www.icmpd.org>) (ICMPD) (<http://www.icmpd.org>)

## The ICAT Chair

**2017** Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

**2016** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

**2015** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

**2014** International Organization for Migration (IOM)

**2013** International Labour Organization (ILO)

**2012** United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

**2011** Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

**2007-2010** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

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