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## Side Event

# THE NEXT DECADE: PROMOTING COMMON PRIORITIES AND GREATER COHERENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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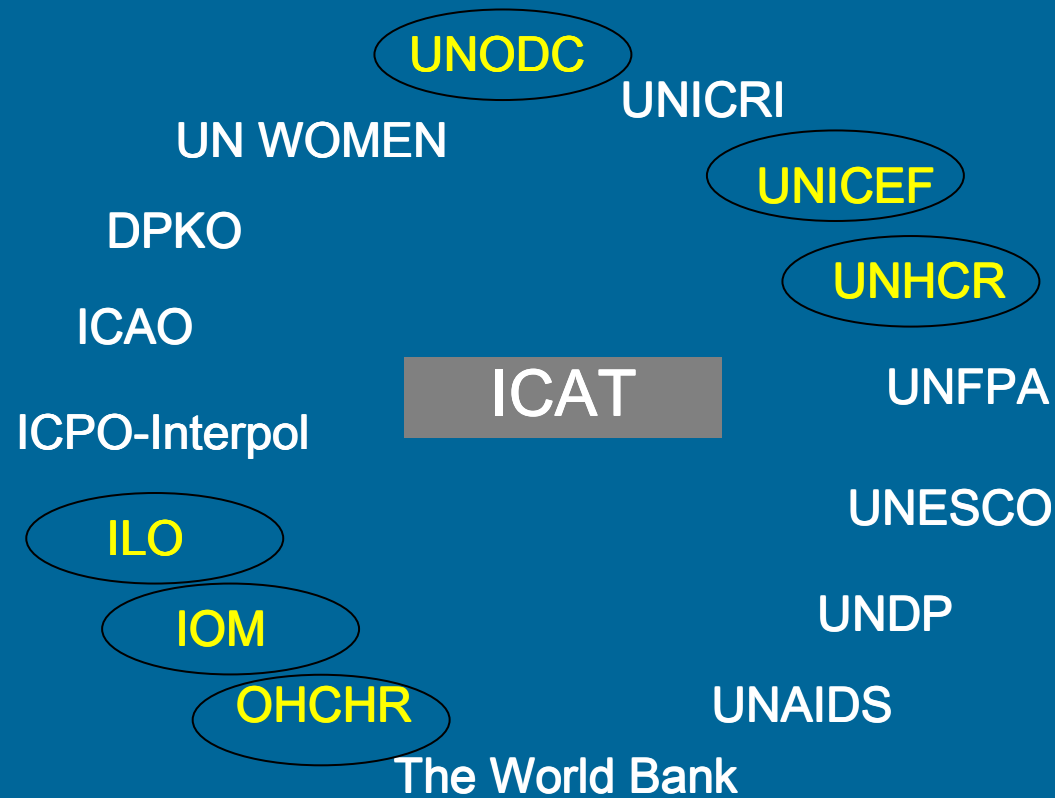
## What is ICAT?

- The Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) is a policy forum mandated to improve coordination among UN agencies and other relevant international organizations to facilitate an integrated approach to preventing and combating trafficking in persons.

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## ICAT – Membership



## What is ICAT doing now?

- ICAT is publishing a series of five issue papers over the course of 2012 and 2013.
- Each issue paper will examine one key issue that has been identified and agreed by ICAT's member organizations as a critical challenge to address for the international community to succeed in the fight against trafficking in persons in the coming decade.
- An ICAT overview paper, launched in May 2012, provides an introduction to each of the five key challenges identified.

## Five Key Issues

1. The international legal frameworks relating to trafficking in persons;
2. Preventing trafficking in persons by addressing demand;
3. Preventing trafficking in persons by addressing vulnerabilities;
4. Providing effective remedies for trafficked persons;
5. Evaluating anti-trafficking responses.

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## ICAT's First Policy Paper

# The International Legal Frameworks concerning Trafficking in Persons

## 1. Overview

- The current state of affairs.
- What hasn't happened but should have?
- Recommendations for a positive impact today on the issues identified.

## 2. The current state of affairs

- Perceptions of trafficking in persons as primarily a criminal justice issue
- Divergence in reflecting the Trafficking in Persons Protocol in national law
- A range of international legal instruments for combating trafficking in persons
  - The ad hoc way that other international legal instruments are used
  - Lack of awareness of relevant obligations regarding victim protection and remedies



## 3. What hasn't happened but should have?

- Acknowledgment of the relevance of other international legal instruments
  - A mapping of relevant bodies and law
- The collection and analytical comparison of case law
- Exploring of the complementarity of different international and national legal instruments
- Utilization of the protection provisions of other international instruments
- 'Non-punishment' for status-related offences

## 4. Steps recommended to have a positive impact

- Ensuring adequate legislation is in place to combat all coercive and exploitative practices related to trafficking in persons
- Protection of trafficked persons: the complementarity of regimes stipulated by different international instruments
- Actors at national and international levels interacting cooperatively beyond their specific mandates and areas of expertise

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