



# HIGHLIGHTS 01/2020

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## IN FOCUS

The current COVID-19 outbreak has drastically affected the lives of millions around the globe. The Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) continues to look into the present and future impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the crime of trafficking in persons and calls on those responsible to consider the implications for victims and survivors of trafficking and their fundamental rights.

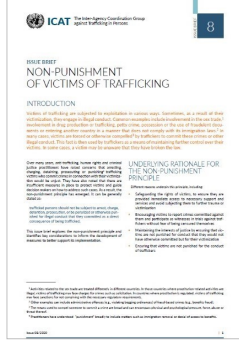
A number of initiatives have been actioned across the ICAT membership to increase advocacy and policy guidance in identifying key areas of concern and developing responses to address the impact of COVID-19.



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## LATEST PUBLICATIONS

Over the years, ICAT has produced multiple concise policy briefs, seeking to provide a “one UN” approach to human trafficking topics. Download ICAT's latest releases:



### ISSUE BRIEF ON NON-PUNISHMENT OF VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

Victims of trafficking in persons may engage in illegal conduct as a result of their victimization. This issue brief explores the non-punishment principle and identifies key considerations to inform the development of measures to better support its implementation. [Click HERE](#) to read more.



### CHAIRS' ANNUAL REPORT

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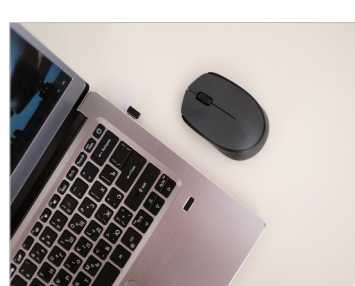
## NEWS AND EVENTS



### WEBINAR ON TECHNOLOGY AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS DURING COVID-19 AND BEYOND

12 May 2020

To discuss the nexus between technology and human trafficking in times of global pandemic, ICAT, in collaboration with *Tech Against Trafficking*, organized a webinar as part of the WSIS TalkX Series 2020. [Click here](#) to read the full story and listen to the webinar podcast.



### ICAT WORKING GROUP VIRTUAL MEETING

22-23 April 2020

With over 25 focal points from 15 UN agencies and international organizations, the Group discussed latest developments related to the COVID19 pandemic and its impact on trafficking, as well as future work, such as the forthcoming analytical paper on the 20th anniversary of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.



### LAUNCH OF ISSUE BRIEF OF NON-PUNISHMENT OF TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

March 2020

On the occasion of the online launching of the ICAT Issue Brief on Non-Punishment of Victims of Trafficking, Director from the Anti-Trafficking Initiative at Sanctuary for Families Jessica-Wind Abolafia and United States Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons John Richmond and have sent us a video with an important message of hope for victims and survivors of trafficking. [Click here](#) to watch Ms. Abolafia's message and [here](#) for Ambassador Richmond's.



### TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IN SUPPLY CHAINS

27 February 2020

In the margins of the 43rd Human Rights Council at the United Nations Office in Geneva, ICAT, jointly with the Geneva-based Group of Friends United Against Human Trafficking, hosted an event providing a human rights perspective on how to prevent trafficking in human beings in supply chains through sound procurement policies and procedures. [Click here](#) to read more.

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ Issue brief on trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labour.
- ⇒ Policy analysis on trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal; on vulnerabilities leading to trafficking; on trafficking in supply chains.
- ⇒ Analytical paper to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

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