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Supporting the Development of a Global Research Agenda for Ending Child Labor and Forced Labor
8:00 am -5:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016 | Keck Center| 500 5th Street, NW, Room 103| Washington D.C.

To take the first steps in assisting the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking develop a research strategy in support of Sustainable Development Goal Target 8.7 to eradicate forced labor, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labor by 2025.

Pre-Assignment

It is requested that workshop participants read the background paper summarizing the global framework and literature on child labor and forced labor. This paper will set the foundation and inform workshop discussions. In addition, workshop participants are asked to utilize their considerable areas of expertise and knowledge and come to the meeting with at least three written suggestions for each of the three sessions labeled "Research Goal" below that will be utilized for refining research goals, priority research gaps, and key research questions that will be discussed throughout each sessions.

Research Goals and Workshop Objectives

Over the last two years, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking (OCFT) has been conducting and funding research within four broad research goals in order to advance the knowledge base on child labor and forced labor. These research goals include:

1) Understanding the scope and characteristics of populations in child labor and forced labor (categorized as descriptive in the background paper);
2) Uncovering preventive and risk factors that decrease or increase the odds of child labor or forced labor (categorized as relational in the background paper);
3) Determining the efficacy of interventions to prevent or reduce child labor and forced labor (categorized as causal in the background paper); and
4) Identifying foreign government efforts, including legislative mandates and policy frameworks, to address child labor and forced labor.[1]

The purpose of this workshop is to take preliminary steps to assist OCFT to refine their research goals (focusing on the first three goals) as they develop an updated research agenda, including a prioritized list of research questions, on child labor and forced labor to better inform global efforts to tackle these human rights abuses in an accelerated manner through policy formulation and program design. By taking into account OCFT's broad research goals and state of current research, the key objectives for this workshop are to:

- Identify and illuminate the knowledge gaps in child labor and forced labor;
- Define thematic areas categorized by research goals;
- Begin to develop key research questions based on identified knowledge gaps;
- Begin to prioritize research questions based on their significance to addressing needs of policymakers and practitioners;
- Refine research goals; and
- Discuss the barriers and challenges in conducting research on child labor and forced labor.

The workshop discussions will serve as inputs for OCFT's finalization of a research strategy that will be used to guide funding priorities and discussions with key stakeholders working to eliminate child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking.

Workshop Format

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[1] For the purpose of this workshop, only research goals 1, 2, and 3 will be discussed.

The workshop format will consist of individual and group work designed to leverage the knowledge and expertise of participants.

AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	**Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	**Welcome and Introductions**
8:30 – 8:35 a.m.	**Welcome**
	Louise Flavahan
	Director, Forum on Global Violence Prevention
	National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
8:35 – 8:45 a.m.	**Opening Remarks**
	Carol Pier
	Deputy Undersecretary for International Labor Affairs
	U.S. Department of Labor
	Demetra Smith Nightingale
	Chief Evaluation Officer
	U.S. Department of Labor
8:45 – 8:55 a.m.	**Workshop Purpose and Objectives**
	Charita Castro
	Chief of Research and Policy Division
	Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking
	U.S. Department of Labor

8:55 – 9:30 a.m.	**Overview of Background Paper**
8:55 – 9:15 a.m.	**Background Paper Summary Presentation**
	Hanni Stoklosa
	Emergency Medicine Physician
	Brigham and Women's Hospital
	Harvard School of Medicine
	National Academy of Medicine Fellow
9:15-9:30 a.m.	Discussion
	Hanni Stoklosa and
	Eric Edmonds
	Professor of Economics
	Dartmouth

9:30—9:55 a.m.	**Research Goals, Introductions, and Workshop Format**

9:30 – 9:40 a.m.	Discussion of Research Goals *Celeste Lemrow* Chief of Monitoring and Evaluation Division Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking
9:40-9:55 a.m.	Introductions and Description of Workshop Format *Eric Edmonds and* *Kevin Hong* *International Relations Officer* *Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking* *U.S. Department of Labor*

9:55—10:05 a.m.	**Break**

10:05— 11:20 am **and Priority Setting**	**Analysis of Knowledge Gaps, Identification of Themes and Research Questions,**

10:05— 11:20 a.m.	Research Goal 1: Understanding the scope and characteristics of populations in child labor and forced labor *Moderators: Michaelle de Cock,* *Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work,* *ILO, and Charita Castro* • Discover (10 minutes) • Define (20 minutes) • Develop (25 minutes) • Deliver (20 minutes)

11:20—12:30 p.m.	**Working Lunch**
	Question for Consideration: What do we need to do to develop the next generation of child labor and forced labor researchers?
11:20—11:35 a.m.	*Slide presentation- David Parker*
11:35—12:05 a.m.	*Open period for consideration of the stated question*
12:05—12:30 p.m.	*Report back*

12:30—3:35 pm   Analysis of Knowledge Gaps, Identification of Themes and Research Questions, and Priority Setting (continued)

12:30 – 2 p.m.   Research Goal 2: Uncovering protective and risk factors that decrease or increase the odds of child labor or forced labor
Moderators: David Parker
Professor of Public Health
HealthPartners Institute and
Carolyn Huang
International Relations Officer
Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking
U.S. Department of Labor

- Discover (15 minutes)
- Define (25 minutes)
- Develop (25 minutes)
- Deliver (25 minutes)

2—2:10 p.m.   Break

2:10-3:55 p.m.   Research Goal 3: Determining the efficacy of interventions to prevent or reduce child labor and forced labor
Moderators: Andrew Dillon
Assistant Professor of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics
Michigan State University, and
Celeste Lemrow
- Discover (20 minutes)
- Define (30 minutes)
- Develop (30 minutes)
- Deliver (25 minutes)

3:55—4:05p.m.   Break

4:05—5:05 p.m.   Final Thoughts
Moderator: Eric Edmonds

5:05—5:30 p.m.   Wrapping up

5:05—5:15 p.m.   Summary of research questions and outstanding issues
Eric Edmonds

5:15—5:20 p.m.   Summary of next steps
Louise Flavahan

5:20—5:30 p.m.   Closing remarks
                        Charita Castro and Eric Edmonds