



Concept Note for a Side Event on

Alliance 8.7: 10 years of Partnership and Action

at the 6th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, Marrakech,
Morocco

11 February | 17:00-18:45 | In-person

I. Keywords

Alliance 8.7; Pathfinder Countries; Global partnership; SDG 8.7

II. Background & Rationale

Alliance 8.7: 10 Years of Partnership and Action is a high-level, in-person side event marking a decade of collective efforts to eliminate child labour, forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking, organized with partial support by the Government of the United Kingdom and Germany. Bringing together Pathfinder Countries, social partners, UN agencies and people with lived experience, the event will take stock of progress achieved to date, reflect on thematic priorities emerging from the Sixth Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, and renew momentum for action on the ground. Through dynamic conversations, the session will highlight how partnership, collaboration and collective action remain central to accelerating progress towards SDG Target 8.7.

The Alliance 8.7 is focused on driving high level advocacy on SDG target 8.7 issues, accelerating action in particular in its Pathfinder Countries, and leveraging and maximizing the impact of resources.

Alliance Pathfinder Countries and partners have been actively engaged in the preparations for the Global Conference. This includes through the partner survey conducted in August 2025; regional consultations in which Pathfinder Countries participated; a consultation held with civil society and UN agencies in November 2025; and through the Pathfinder Country Exchange, with a focus on the Conference, held as a side event to the annual meeting of the Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free from Child Labour (RILAC).



III. Key Objectives

The main objectives of the event are to mark the 10th Anniversary of Alliance 8.7, reflect on the progress made to date and build momentum for the way ahead; to discuss the thematic priorities emerging from the Sixth Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, and explore how they can be advanced by Pathfinder Countries and Alliance partners; and to underscore the value of the Alliance as a platform for collaboration and collective action, highlighting the role of diverse stakeholders—including governments, social partners, UN agencies, civil society, and people with lived experience—in driving impact on the ground.

IV. Expected Outcomes and Deliverables

1. Pathfinder Countries and partners engaged to follow-up on the thematic priorities emerging from the conference
2. Exchange of collaborative experiences with different stakeholders and within the context of Alliance 8.7 Action Groups;
3. Communication activity (co-created artwork) throughout the Conference

V. Session Format

Through two dynamic conversations, the session will highlight how partnership, collaboration and collective action remain central to accelerating progress towards SDG Target 8.7.

VI. Proposed speakers and targeted audience

Opening: Ambassador Claudia Fuentes Julio, Chair of Alliance 8.7

Bukeni Waruzi, Executive Director, Free the Slaves (Moderator)

Conversation I: Global Leadership and Shared Priorities

- Younes Sekkouri, Minister of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skills of the Kingdom of Morocco (tbc)
- Prof. Tomoya Obokata, UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
- Ms. Jacqueline Mugo, President, International Organisation of Employers



- Rajeev Sharma, South Asia Sub-Regional Representative, Building and Wood Worker's International

Conversation II: Partnership in Action

- Fauziah Muthoni Wanjiru, Secretariat Member and the Safeguarding Focal Point Person at Survivors Network Kenya (representing survivor engagement in Kenya Pathfinder Country process)
- Parul Mehra, Protection Officer, IOM (representing the Migration Action Group)
- Bernd Seiffert, Decent Rural Employment Officer, FAO (representing the Agriculture Action Group)
- Dağlar Taşci, Policy Advisor, International Affairs, Government of the Netherlands (representing the Supply Chains Action group)
- Yan Wyss, Global Head for Social Impact and Human Rights, Nestlé (representing the Child Labour Platform)

VII. About Organisers at the 6th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour (optional)

The United Nations SDG Target 8.7 is a call to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and end child labour in all its forms. To work towards this goal, the global partnership Alliance 8.7 was created in 2016.

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Recognizing that impact comes from concrete action on the ground, in 2018, Alliance 8.7 launched the Pathfinder Country strategy. Alliance 8.7 Pathfinder Countries are those that commit to strengthen efforts, driving progress on the ground and testing new approaches to eliminate child labour, forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking. To date, 38 countries are or have formally manifested an interest to become Pathfinder Countries, and 26 countries are reporting on progress made on the implementation of national SDG 8.7 Roadmaps. In 2022, the Alliance adopted the Pathfinder Country Accountability Framework that establishes clear criteria and expectations for Pathfinder Countries.

The Alliance's Action Groups are a vital means for both Pathfinder Countries and the broader network of 400+ partners to engage in work on critical thematic



areas. They include Action Groups on Agriculture, led by FAO; on Supply Chains, led by the ILO; and on Migration, led by IOM.

