

## **Strategic Workshop on Sri Lanka's Roadmap for Alliance 8.7**

The Alliance 8.7 is a global partnership dedicated to coordinating endeavours towards achieving target 8.7 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which mandates the eradication of forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking, and child labour.

The Strategic Workshop on Sri Lanka's Roadmap for Alliance 8.7, was held on April 2nd, 2024, in Colombo. This workshop marked a significant milestone in Sri Lanka's collective efforts to combat forced labour, human trafficking, and child labour, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This was organized by the Department of Labour together with the Ministry of Labour and Foreign Employment. The International Labour Organization (ILO) facilitated the workshop while the technical support provided by the Alliance 8.7. The workshop brought together key stakeholders committed to addressing issues of child labour, forced labour and human trafficking.

Esteemed dignitaries including Mr. R.P.A. Wimalaweera, Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Foreign Employment, Mr. H.K.K.A. Jayasundara, Commissioner General of Labour, Ms. Joni Simpson, Country Director of the ILO Country Office for Sri Lanka and the Maldives, and Mr. Insaf Nizam, Specialist in Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team in New Delhi, inaugurated the workshop, underscoring the importance of the collective endeavours.

The technical session was expertly moderated by Mr. Insaf Nizam, and featured presentations on combatting Child Labour, Forced Labour, and Human Trafficking done respectively by Ms. N. R. Ranawaka, Commissioner of Labour, Women and Children's Affairs, Mr. B. Vasanthan, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Foreign Employment and Ms. Mayuri Perera, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Defense/ Secretary to the National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (NAHTTF).

The workshop witnessed active participation and invaluable contributions from senior officials of government ministries, departments, statutory institutions, employer organizations, trade union representatives, as well as UN Agencies and non-governmental organizations. Their collective expertise and commitment underscored the importance of collaboration in addressing these complex challenges.





















