

United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery: Side event



The side event took place on 2 of December 2011, in the Palais des Nations, room XXI. A series of presentations were delivered by the board of trustees' members, the Special rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and NGOs, and followed by an interactive dialogue. Participants were invited to reflect on the Trust Fund's impact as a mechanism supporting the work of NGOs providing direct assistance to victims of contemporary forms of slavery. It was also an opportunity to learn from the two decades of work in this field and to share with a wider audience the current challenges to the efforts to prevent slavery and to protect and fully rehabilitate victims. Three NGOs were invited to share their experience on the projects they implemented with the support of the Fund and the impact generated at the local level. These NGOs, included - Terre des Hommes (Project in Haiti), Vivere (project in the Gulf Region) and International Catholic Child Bureau (Projects in Cote d'Ivoire and Togo).

The side event concluded that the future vision of the Fund will contain the following aspects:

- Continue to support and maintain an active role in remote areas;
- Build long-term and sustainable relationships with grantees;
- Act as an interface to disseminate good practices and build networks; and
- Act as a hub to mainstreaming slavery in the UN system by strengthening complementarity of the Fund with other mandates and international organizations.