

The United Nations and The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Belgium present:

The Chocolate Case

The screening will be introduced by Dutch Deputy Ambassador Meline Arakelian and will be followed by a panel discussion with:



Ynzo van Zanten

Chief Evangelist at Tony's Chocolonely

Ynzo is an economist, author, entrepreneur and storyteller of Tony's Chocolonely. His entrepreneurial ambitions drove him to set up Innocent Drinks in the Benelux. Ynzo is initiator of the 'Sustainable Leadership & Entrepreneurship' programme of the Amsterdam University of applied Sciences, and (guest-)lecturer at the University of Amsterdam and the TU Delft. In his spare time Ynzo is a member of the board of '10.000 hours' and the 'Plastic Whale' foundation.



Barbara Caracciolo

Sustainable Development Coordinator, SOLIDAR

Barbara leads SOLIDAR advocacy and campaign work on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a focus on Decent Work. Passionate about universal labour and social rights, between 2009 and 2013, Barbara was SOLIDAR coordinator of the Decent Work Decent Life Campaign and led the network's campaign and advocacy work for an international instrument on Decent work for Domestic Workers and on Universal Social Protection floors.



Irene Wintermayr

Policy specialist at ILO

Irene joined the team of the ILO Office for the European Union and Benelux countries as a Policy Officer in 2011 and supports the office on issues related to employment and social policy, Labour rights, CSR and trafficking in human beings. Prior to her employment with ILO, she worked in the Brussels office of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, gained work experience with the German NGO Weltfriedensdienst and at ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability.



Petra Hongell


Information Officer at UNRIC, United Nations Regional Information Centre

Petra works as an Information Officer at the United Nations Regional Information Centre, responsible for communication and public outreach to the Nordic countries. She is the moderator of the debate as well as the Coordinator of UN Cinema (Ciné ONU) in Sweden and Finland. Previously, she has worked for the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Finnish Permanent Representation to the European Union.

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International Labour Organization

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is devoted to promoting social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights, pursuing its founding mission that social justice is essential to universal and lasting peace.

ILO plays a big role in trying to prevent Child Labour.

A majority of countries have adopted legislation to prohibit or place severe restrictions on the employment and work of children, much of it stimulated and guided by standards adopted by the International Labour Organization (ILO). In spite of these efforts, child labour continues to exist on a massive scale, sometimes in appalling conditions, particularly in the developing world. If progress has been slow or apparently nonexistent, this is because child labour is an immensely complex issue. It cannot be made to disappear simply by the stroke of a pen.

The ILO supports the Alliance 8.7, a global partnership of actors, including the social partners, which plays a key role in driving efforts towards ending child labour by 2025, as part of target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Alliance focuses on accelerating action, conducting research and sharing knowledge, driving innovation, and increasing and leveraging resources.

ILO Child Labour Facts and Figures

152 million children are a victim of child labour, and almost half of them work in hazardous child labour.

Agriculture, including cocoa, accounts for 71% of those in child labour.

Among them, 152 million are victims of child labour; almost half of them, 73 million, work in hazardous child labour.

In absolute terms, almost half of child labour (72.1 million) is to be found in Africa; 62.1 million in the Asia and the Pacific; 10.7 million in the Americas; 1.2 million in the Arab States and 5.5 million in Europe and Central Asia.

Almost half of all 152 million children victims of child labour are aged 5-11 years.

42 million (28%) are 12-14 years old; and 37 million (24%) are 15-17 years old.

Among 152 million children in child labour, 88 million are boys and 64 million are girls. (Source: [Global Estimates of Child Labour: Results and trends, 2012-2016](#) , Geneva, September 2017.)

Tony Chocolonely's story

