

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Multi-Sector Partnerships to Combat Human Trafficking

Panel I



Laura Svat Rundlet serves as Acting Deputy Director for the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. The Office leads the United States' global engagement in the fight against human trafficking, partnering with foreign governments and civil society to implement effective strategies to confront modern slavery. Laura currently oversees the Office's intergovernmental and public engagement efforts, as well as its international programs. She has been with the Office since 2010 and has served since 2011 as Senior Coordinator for Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs, handling legislative affairs, interagency coordination, supply chains and

procurement policy, partnerships with the private sector and civil society, and public and media outreach. Laura is a lawyer and previously served for eleven years in the State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser where she focused on foreign assistance matters related to human trafficking and law enforcement, human rights treaties, bilateral and multilateral negotiations of free trade agreements, and international investment policy and arbitration.

Panel II



Carlos Busquets brings over 12 years of global public policy experience with a focus on sustainability, climate change, international trade and investment. He has worked in both the public and private sectors, including helping lead policy advocacy for the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris and as a former international trade negotiator at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Carlos has an MA from the School of International Service at American University and speaks English, Spanish and French.



Tim Gehring currently serves as the Policy Director for International Justice Mission. In this role, he leads IJM's engagement with the U.S. Government on Capitol Hill and the Executive Branch to strengthen policies and increase resources to protect the world's most vulnerable populations from violence. Prior to this position, he served as the principal researcher for IJM's President Gary Haugen on his latest book: The Locust Effect: Why the End of Poverty Requires the End of Violence. Originally from Lexington, Kentucky, he has a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Economics from Asbury University and a Master's from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. He has been at IJM since 2011.



Annick Febrey

As Senior Associate for the Anti-Trafficking Campaign, Annick leads Human Rights First's advocacy efforts directed at disrupting the business of human trafficking by pressing for U.S. policies that increase the risks and decrease the profits for those engaged in human trafficking. Before joining Human Rights First, Annick served as the Policy & Advocacy Advisor with Oxfam America's Aid Effectiveness team, advocating for policies to make U.S. foreign assistance more transparent and accountable. Prior to Oxfam America, Annick was the Legislative Affairs Manager for

International Justice Mission, a U.S.-based human rights organization that provides legal services to victims of human rights violations and works to make public justice systems accessible to those living in poverty. She campaigned for more effective U.S. anti-human trafficking policies abroad. Earlier in her career, Annick worked for the White House Fellows Program following nearly two years mobilizing grassroots constituencies for a Presidential campaign. She began her career working for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Annick received a B.A. in policy studies from Dickinson College.