CONCEPT NOTE

Trafficking in human beings is growing by 5% annually and refugee women represent a high component of this percentage. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Global Report on Trafficking in Person, the most common form of human trafficking (79%) is sexual exploitation and the victims of sexual exploitation are predominantly women and girls. While the last Trafficking in Persons Report (TIP Report) also underline how pandemic and climate change are strongly improving Human Trafficking (HT) and the modern form of slavery.

HT is a complex phenomenon that involve different actors. It is one of the major targets of transnational crime in the North African region and a multiplier of crimes; its revenues, which also come from the illegal harvesting and marketing of organs, are reused in money laundering, in sailing and purchasing weapons and financing terrorism. All these matters compromise international security. Trafficking in human beings, is the subject of many Conventions and Resolutions, including the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (2000), called the Palermo

1 Surprisingly, in 30% of the countries which provided information on the gender of traffickers, women make up the largest proportion of traffickers. In some parts of the world, women trafficking women is the norm”.
2 https://www.state.gov/reports/2021-trafficking-in-persons-report/
Convention. This Convention has been signed by 186 countries. The review was initiated by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime supported by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), through the recent Naples Declaration (June 2022).

Starting from local analyses, will be evaluate how to build global security dynamics also in compliance with the security and sustainability objectives of the UN Agenda 2030. In order to formulate recommendations, in particular, we will evaluate how civil societies can, alongside those responsible politicians, to contribute in building and implementing cooperation strategies to initiate prevention and safety processes capable of guaranteeing the protection of human rights, in particular of vulnerable individuals and victims. Finally it will be evaluate how these strategies can help break the link between human trafficking, terrorism and violence against refugee women.
AGENDA

08.30-09.00
Registration of Participants

09.00-09.40
Institutional Greetings

Prof. Stefano Bronzini
Rector of Bari Aldo Moro University

Gen. Aydın KILIÇ
NATO Strategic Direction South HUB

H.E. Antonia Bellomo
Prefect of Bari

Prof. Andrea Lovato
Director Department of Law

Hon. Gennaro Migliore
President Emeritus Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)

Dott. Marcello Scalisi
Director of UNIMED

09.40 – 09.50
Introduction to the Workshop

Panel 1
“Subjects, activities and purposes of human trafficking in North Africa: impact on international security”
Moderator: Zineb Benalla
Professor to - Alakhawayn University - CEO Eirene Associates int.

09.50-10.10
Mohsen Dali (Tunisia)
Judges at the court of Tunis

Special investigations for the fight against human trafficking and the protection of human rights
10.10-10.30
Camille Antunes (on-line)
EU IRU - Europol European Counter Terrorism Centre
Online terrorist propaganda and the justifications for human trafficking by jihadist terrorist organisations

10.30-10.50
Zineb Benalla
Professor to - Alakhawayn University - CEO Eirene Associates int.
Violent extremist organisations as Human trafficking actors in Maghreb and Sahel

10.50 -11.10
Halima OUANADA (Tunisia)
President of the Tunisian Association of Enlightenment Studies (ATEL), expert on mobility in the Mediterranean and UNIMED coordinator.
Women refugees in Tunisia: toward an inclusive Policy

11.10 - 11.25
Question Time

11.25 - 11.40
Coffee Break
Panel 2
“Refugee women and human trafficking: resilience and international cooperation for law enforcement and prevention”.

Moderators:
Laura Sabrina Martucci
Director of Master in Terrorism, prevention of subversive radicalization, security and cybersecurity, University of Bari – Italian expert in deradicalization programs and CVE policies

Zineb Benalla
Professor to -Alakhawayn University - CEO Eirene Associates int.

11.40 - 12.00
Khadija Elmadmad (Marocco)
Law Professor, Attorney and International Consultant - Director, UNESCO Centre ”The Law and Migration” (CUDM)
Vulnerability, Exploitation, Lack of Protection and Insecurity of Refugee Women

12.00 – 12.20
Dina Fazzani (Libya)
Human Rights activist and member of ”Collectiva Shamila” Alliance
The role of international organization in building resilience in detention camp of migrant women in Libya.

12.00 – 12.20
Naela Gabr (Egypt)
Egyptian Ambassador - Chairperson of The National Coordinating Committee for Combating and Preventing Illegal Migration and Trafficking
The Egyptian experience on counter Trafficking in Person: legislation, strategies, awareness-raising campaigns for peace

12.20 -12.40
Gennaro Migliore
President Emeritus Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM),
The Palermo Convention and the Naples Declaration
12.40 - 13.00

*Question time*

13.00

**Laura Sabrina Martucci** University of Bari  
**Erika Monticone** NATO Strategic Direction South HUB

*Conclusion / Final remarks*

**Sequence of Events:**

**29 NOV:** 19.30 Ice breaker with SMEs and participants (iH Hotels Bari Grande Albergo delle Nazioni - Lungomare Nazario Sauro, 7 - 70121 Bari)

**30 NOV:** 08.30 – 13.30 WORKSHOP (University of Bari - Classroom Aldo Moro - Palace Del Prete 30 November 2022 Bari – Italy)

**Scientific committee:** Laura Sabrina Martucci; Erika Monticone, Zineb Benalla, Raffaella Scelzi.
PARTICIPANTS

**Erika MONTICONE.** She took office as Engagement Advisor on Women Peace and Security (WPS) to the NATO Hub for South in November 2018. As Officer to the Italian Army Reserve with the rank of Major, she has been deployed amongst the years as Gender Advisor in diverse Military Operations. She spent more than 2 years in Afghanistan as economic advisor to the NATO representative for West Afghanistan and as Gender Advisor to TAAC-West (Herat). More recently she has been deployed to EUNAVFORMED Operation Sophia, formally European Union Naval Force Mediterranean, a military operation of the European Union that was established as a consequence of the April 2015 Libya migrant shipwrecks with the aim of neutralizing established refugee smuggling routes in the Mediterranean. She is also part of the Committee of Expert for the Master Degree “Terrorism, prevention of subversive radicalization, security and cybersecurity. Policies for inter-religious and intercultural integration and for de-radicalization” organized by the University of Bari.

**Laura Sabrina MARTUCCI.** She has held several positions; including Aggregate Professor of Comparative Ecclesiastical Law, Professor in charge of Law of Ecclesiastical Entities - University of Bari Aldo Moro, Department of Law as well as Professor and contact point of the Dean of the University of Bari Aldo Moro. Selected by the Public Prosecutor for the drafting of "Guidelines for the intervention action of social mediators in the recovery paths aimed at de-radicalization". Coordinator of the Masters programme in "Prevention of radicalization of terrorism and policies for interreligious and intercultural integration”. Member of the Italian delegation at the Metropolitan Police London (Counter Terrorism Command - New Scotland Yard) as academic advisor in Islamist radicalization.

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Mohsen DALI. Tunisian judge from the third grade with twenty-six years of experience in different fields of justice. He is currently a president of a criminal court. Mr. DALY’s legal and adjudicatory experience spans many decades. He was a member and reporter of the Committee working on speedy disposal of criminal cases.

Camille ANTUNES. EUROPOL specialist, internet Unit. She is working as a specialist at European Counter Terrorism Centre at Europol, focusing on online terrorist content, social network analysis and CT online investigations within the EU Internet Referral Unit (EU IRU).
Since 2015, the EU IRU has been supporting the EU member states’ law enforcement community in the extremely volatile Internet environment abused by online terrorist organisations' presence, by referring terrorist content, investigating online CT cases, identifying and facilitating the attribution and prosecution of perpetrators of online terrorist offences.

Halima OUANADA. President of the Tunisian Association of Enlightenment Studies (ATEL), expert on mobility in the Mediterranean and UNIMED coordinator. She is a Doctor in French language and literature. Expert in gender studies and communication. Her main research interests include the relationship between the East and the West, gender issues and the construction of concepts such as citizenship, mobility and Mediterraneanity, among others. She published several books including (Re)penser le féminin, (L’Harmattan 2020), Voyages et voyageurs aux temps des Lumières (Arabesques, 2021) in addition to several articles.

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**Dina FAZZANI.** Project manager in WaSH activities at Action Against Hunger (ACF) and a researcher in women's empowerment. Her research focuses on gender, development, and human rights, working in many international organizations and also as a consultant and researcher with UN Women. She received her Master's Degree from the Libyan Academy for postgraduate studies in Libya where she studied administration and organization, and now she is a law school student.

Hon. Gennaro MIGLIORE. President emeritus of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM). Chairman of the Commission on Middle East Issues at the Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (2021). Undersecretary at the Ministry of Justice in 2016. President of the Parliamentary Friendship Group Italy-Morocco. In the XVIII Legislature: Member of the III Commission - Foreign and Community Affairs; Component of Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry concerning the phenomenon of the mafias and the other criminal associations, including the foreign ones; Member of the I Commission of Constitutional Affairs, of the Presidency of the Council and of the Ministry of Domestic Affairs; Chairman of the Special Committee for the Fight against Terrorism, at the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (PAM).

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