



INVITATION:

THE MEKONG CLUB: THE FIGHT AGAINST SLAVERY, ISSUES IN THE FASHION SUPPLY CHAIN

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Matt Friedman is an international human trafficking expert with over 25 years of experience as an activist, program designer, evaluator, and manager.

Before the Mekong Club, Matt was the Regional Project Manager of the United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking (UNIAP) in Thailand, linking the United Nations system with governments and civil society groups in China, Cambodia, Laos PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam.

From 1991-2006, Matt worked for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Thailand, Bangladesh and Nepal. He worked passionately to design and manage both domestic and regional human trafficking programs.

He also helped establish a counter-trafficking regional training centre, participated in resource mobilisation, and produced of two award-winning international films about sex trafficking in Nepal and India.

The Mekong Club

There are now more slaves than in any other time in history. Of an estimated 46 million* victims of modern-day slavery, seven out of ten are directly related to the private sector. The majority of these victims make the products we buy or harvest the food we eat, exploited for labour – bonded or forced.

Despite the best efforts by governments and NGOs around the world, the problem is growing exponentially. With 60% of forced labour occurring in supply chains, businesses are in a unique position to be able to contribute to the fight against slavery. Real change is needed and The Mekong Club is this catalyst for changing, engaging, inspiring and supporting the private sector to lead in this fight.

So what do we do? How can we stop what is arguably the greatest human rights violation of our time? How can we mitigate this risk to our brand? In this seminar, issues and possible solutions related to these questions will be explored.