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Corporate Change Maker Project

2018 Fact Sheet

1. What is the Corporate Change Maker Project?

- This initiative is a Justice Centre Hong Kong project which aims for Justice Centre to work jointly with corporates **to advocate for better policies in Hong Kong in relation to modern slavery, forced labour and human trafficking.**
- Justice Centre is engaging corporate “Change Makers” who prioritise addressing human trafficking and forced labour, and are prepared to advocate on corporate transparency and accountability in Hong Kong in relation to human trafficking in operations, supply chains and investments.

2. What is corporate advocacy?

- Corporate advocacy is any business activity that helps to shape more **sustainable behavior.**
- Corporate advocacy includes **encouraging** and **influencing** key stakeholders (policymakers, peers, investors, consumers, employees).
- Corporate advocacy can be done by individuals, companies or through a network.

3. What actions will Corporate Change Makers be asked to take?

- Corporate Change Makers are encouraged to **publicly outline clear policies** and/or **privately participate in the dialogue** around corporate transparency and accountability in Hong Kong.
- Tangible actions that Corporate Change Makers will be encouraged to undertake include:
 - Attending facilitated workshops
 - Consulting on Corporate Change Maker Guidelines
 - Consulting on letters to professional bodies
 - Attending closed door meetings with policymakers; and
 - Making policy submissions in response to public consultations

4. What are the Corporate Change Maker Guidelines?

- “Activating the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights – A Guide for Hong Kong Businesses to Tackle Forced Labour, Slavery and Human Trafficking” (“the Corporate Change Maker Guidelines”) are a set of practical guidelines currently under development.
- The guidelines seek to set out actions which corporates in Hong Kong can take to influence policy regarding human trafficking and forced labour in Hong Kong.
- The guidelines are being developed in collaboration with a number of Hong Kong corporates - Justice Centre Hong Kong is inviting further participants to contribute to the guidelines.

5. Who is Justice Centre Hong Kong?

- Justice Centre is a Hong Kong based NGO, founded in 2007, **working to protect the rights of forced migrants**, including victims of **human trafficking**, forced labour, refugees and asylum seekers.
- Justice Centre conducts **research** and engages in **policy and advocacy** work, as well as providing direct legal and psychosocial assistance to those affected by the issues it works on.

6. What is Justice Centre’s experience in policy?

- Justice Centre has been engaging in policy work since **2014**.
- Justice Centre works regularly with **>20 foreign governments**
- Last year, Justice Centre made **3 UN attendances**.
- One of four **founding members of the Hong Kong Anti-Human Trafficking Taskforce**¹ with over 25 civil society members and which has produced practical tools to combat trafficking in HK.
- In 2017 Justice Centre **established a steering committee** of 10 NGOs to work on the UN Human Rights Council’s 2018 Universal Periodic Review of human rights in China, Hong Kong and Macau.
 - Justice Centre is also providing technical support to government officials on the Universal Periodic Review.

¹ The Taskforce was founded in 2016 with the International Organisation for Migration, Liberty Asia and the Hong Kong Federation of Asian Domestic Workers Unions

7. Why is Justice Centre facilitating the Corporate Change Maker initiative?

- In 2016 Justice Centre established the **first concrete evidence** of the prevalence of forced labour and human trafficking amongst migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong².
- This report highlighted the **urgent need for policy and law reform** to combat forced labour and human trafficking.
- The Corporate Change Maker initiative forms part of our commitment to developing policy to bring change for the most vulnerable victims of torture, human trafficking and forced labour.

8. How can you get involved in the Corporate Change Maker Initiative?

- Interested parties can get involved by taking part in any of the actions listed below - you can take part in just one or all of the activities outlined.
- Justice Centre would particularly welcome contributions towards the Corporate Change Maker Guidelines.
- To get involved, please contact Jessica Hatherall on jessica@justicecentre.org.hk

² Justice Centre Hong Kong (March 2016) *Coming Clean: The prevalence of forced labour and human trafficking for the purpose of forced labour amongst migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong*. Available from <http://www.justicecentre.org.hk/comingclean/>."

9. What are the key steps in the Corporate Change Maker Initiative?



Aims

- Businesses to gauge internal willingness to engage on policy work regarding human trafficking.
- Influence key decision makers.
- Influence anti-trafficking policy and law-making to be aligned with international standards.

Activities

- Encourage others to advocate for better policies on human trafficking.
- Comment on the Corporate Change Maker Guidelines.
- Adopt the Corporate Change Maker Guidelines
- Contribute submissions to the Law Society to advocate for community legal centres to provide access to justice for trafficking victims.
- Write letters to professional bodies.
- Attend closed door meetings with policymakers.
- Put forward policy submissions.

10. Key dates

11 April 2018	Awareness Event: Join Justice Centre, International Organization for Migration and King & Wood Mallesons “ Corporates as Positive Change Makers – Tackling Human Trafficking Through Partnership ”
4 June 2018 (tentative)	Facilitated Workshop on Corporate Change Maker Guidelines
12 June 2018	Facilitated Workshop: Join Justice Centre & PILnet “ How to Influence Decision-Makers In Your Sphere ”
July 2018 (tentative)	Final Corporate Change Maker Guidelines developed through consultation
August 2018 (tentative)	Letter to the Law Society on Community Legal Centres in consultation with Corporate Change Makers to be submitted
TBD	Attend closed door meetings with policy makers
TBD	Put forward policy submissions

11. Questions/get involved?

- To answer any questions or to get involved, please contact Jessica Hatherall on jessica@justicecentre.org.hk