



*PANEL #7*

## **Prevention, Protection and Prosecution: Forced Labor and Current Challenges to Sustainable Development**

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Forced labor, a grave human rights violation and a crime under international law, covers a broad array of coercive labor practices. For years, the UN Sustainable Development Goals have directly and indirectly sought to eradicate forced labor in all its forms. But many underlying causes of forced labor persist, and the number of victims has only increased as a result of the pandemic. This panel will discuss ongoing challenges arising from the continued scourge of forced labor, including an overview of the impact of the pandemic and obstacles to effective prevention, protection of victims, and remedies for the resulting harms.

### *Introduction*

- *Ms Jacqueline R. Scott, Director General of UIA-IROL (UIA - Institute for the Rule of Law)*

### *Opening remarks*

- *Mr. Motoji Kobayashi, President of Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA)*

### *Moderator*

- *Prof. Yasushi Higashizawa, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA)*

### *Speakers*

- *Mr. Shyam Divan, President-Elect of Lawasia*
- *Ms Bharati Pflug, Senior Specialist on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work at International Labour Organization (ILO)*
- *Dato' Sri M Ramachelvam, Co-Chairperson of Malaysian Bar Council of Migrants, Refugees and Immigration Affairs Committee.*
- *Mr. Kimitoshi Yabuki, former Vice President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA)*