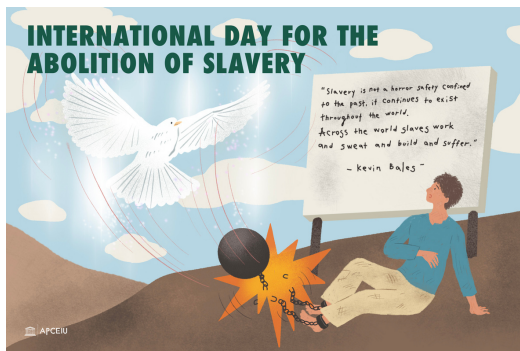


2 DECEMBER

# INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY

**"Slavery is not a horror safely confined to the past, it continues to exist throughout the world. Across the world slaves work and sweat and build and suffer."**  
- Kevin Bales -

## WHY DO WE MARK THIS DAY?



International Day for the Abolition of Slavery commemorates the anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of UN Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others on 2 December 1949. The focus of this day is on eradicating contemporary forms of slavery such as trafficking in persons and sexual exploitation as well as the worst forms of child labor like forced marriage and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflicts.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Are there practices of slavery in today's society? If so, who are the victims?

## MEET TODAY'S GLOBAL CITIZENS



### Biram Dah Abeid

He is a Mauritanian lawyer, activist, and politician against slavery and discrimination. He is the founder of the initiative the Resurgence of the Abolitionist Movement. He is the recipient of the 2011 Human Rights Award of the City of Weimar, 2013; Front Line Award for Human Rights Defenders at Risk, 2013; United Nations Human Rights Prize, and Human Rights Tulip, 2015.



### Christine Caine

She is an Australian international activist, writer, and speaker. She is co-founder of the global anti-human trafficking organization, The A21 Campaign. A21 campaign's mission is to end slavery. She is an activist against human trafficking in southeastern Europe. Her solution to break the cycle of human trafficking includes educating more people, reducing the risk of human trafficking, rescuing victims of exploitation, and empowering survivors through a holistic program.