



2015 UN Commission on the Status of Women – CSW59

Side event of the European Women's Lobby

Women's rights at the crossroads of economic and sexual exploitation: Beijing+20 and prostitution

Wednesday 11 March, 4.30-6pm, CCUN, 10th floor

The Beijing Platform for Action demands, as one of the strategic objectives on violence against women, to “eliminate trafficking in women and assist victims of violence due to prostitution and trafficking”. Europe sees political developments towards the abolition of the system of prostitution, as a way to protect women and girls, change mentalities towards equality, and end the impunity of traffickers and exploiters. The reality of prostitution in the different continents shows that women's and girls' rights are being directly impacted by the global challenges that the Beijing Platform for Action addressed, and which are at the core of the post-2015 discussion.

Europe commits towards gender equality:

- 🇧🇪 Isabelle Simonis, Minister for Women's Rights of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels, Belgium
- 🇬🇧 Gavin Shuker, MP, Chair of the All Party Group on Prostitution and the Global Sex Trade, UK
- 🇭🇺 Zita Gurmai, President of PES Women, Hungary

Perspectives from different continents:

- 🌏 **Asia / Climate change and Economy** - Jean Enriquez, Executive Director, CATW-Asia Pacific
- 🌍 **Africa / Armed Conflicts and Violence against women** - Esohe Aghatise, Consultant Trafficking Programmes Manager, Equality Now
- 🇪🇸 **Europe / Health** - Beatriz Sagrado, Medicos del Mundo (Doctors of the World), Spain



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