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Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings from GAATW International Secretariat.

Before the end of 2013, the GAATW-International Secretariat reflected on its work for the last three years of our project cycle. Inputs from our members about priorities for GAATW's future work suggest that we will continue with our thematic programmes on Accountability and on Power in Migration and Work.

This year we commemorate the 20th year of GAATW's journey! It has been a meaningful 20 years in which we have continuously demanded human rights for all migrating women, regardless of their work or legal status. For our 2014 e-Bulletin, we will honour the women whose vision of centring the knowledge, lived experiences and voices of migrating women and trafficked persons has materialized into this network. In each of our monthly issues, we will talk to one of our founding sisters about the early work of GAATW, the challenges and significant contributions of the Alliance to the Women's Rights Movement. And to highlight two decades of the Alliance's work, we will also feature the insights of long-time allies and advocates in their work promoting women's rights, labour rights and migrant rights around the world.

Moreover, we dedicate these 20 years to the resilience of women who continue to find space to express their voice in the face of adversity be it within their home, their community, their own country or beyond. Without the efforts that women around the world are making every day to assert their existence and their rights, the women's movement would not have been possible.

2014 GAATW International Members Congress

Every three years, the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) organises an International Members Congress (IMC). The first such event was held in December 2004 on the eve of GAATW's 10th anniversary and was followed by another Members Congress and Conference in 2007 and 2010. From the first IMC, a decision was made to bring GAATW members and allies together every three years for collective strategic planning as part of developing a democratic and consultative alliance. The International Members Congress has since become a space where links between local, regional and global levels can be strengthened and decisions about GAATW's three year thematic focus can be endorsed by members and allies.

The 20th anniversary of GAATW will be an occasion to take stock of our work and define the priorities for the alliance in consultation with members and friends. Together with members we will showcase and analyze current programmes and plan next steps. We will also look at emerging issues, try to define challenges and opportunities and plan our steps for engagement.

SAVE THE DATE:

*GAATW International Members Congress (IMC)
23-26 September - Bangkok, Thailand*

If any of you would like to send your anniversary message or simply share your experience of being associated with GAATW, we would like to hear from you. Write to us at info@gaatw.org.

We will continue to update our website with our current activities. Please visit our website for updated information and our publications, which are available for free download. We also continue to connect regularly with our members through our [Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women Facebook page](#). If you haven't connected with us yet on Facebook, please join us there to share your work and activities. We will also continue to share information through our mailing list groups and encourage readers to engage with this forum to share and learn from our extensive network.

Warm Regards,

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Human Rights at home, abroad and on the way

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Dear Members and Friends,

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As we were compiling this month's e-Bulletin, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) decided to vote against the evidence and the human rights of people who sell sex and in support of a resolution endorsing a report that promotes the criminalisation of the clients of sex workers. The measures set out in the non-binding resolution would further stigmatise and marginalise individuals working in the sex sector. It will cause harm.

Reading the resolution on 'Sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality' (which is available in [this document](#)), we see that it cites a previous resolution on "forced prostitution in the context of world sports events", a link that GAATW has [researched](#) and found to be baseless. The resolution also cites work that has been discredited under judicial examination and makes claims that have been [disproven](#) time and again. It is impossible to progress rights protection for individuals in the sex sector, or even have a debate, when one side of that debate chooses to use evidence-free rhetoric to win. But this resolution is not about respecting human rights.

Aside from not being based in fact, the resolution uses horribly victimising language, betraying its supporters' attitude to the people they claim would be helped by such [measures](#). The resolution is full of contradictions - conflating "prostitution", "forced prostitution" and "sexual exploitation" but acknowledging "a difference between 'forced' and 'voluntary' prostitution"; recognizing Member States' right to determine their own approach to sex work only to condemn it as contrary to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which is legally binding on the EU Member States.

Drawing on an over-simplistic notion of "demand" that has been criticised by GAATW and others (for example here, here and here), the resolution falsely asserts that "the prostitution markets fuel trafficking in women and children". Anti-trafficking discussions on demand have historically been stymied by anti-prostitution efforts to eradicate the sex work sector by criminalising clients. Just recently UNAIDS re-stated that there is no evidence of a causal link, and GAATW's research supports that.

Moreover this unfounded conflation of sex work and trafficking leads to harmful anti-trafficking measures and overlooks other forms of labour trafficking. GAATW-IS advocates for the decriminalisation of sex work, for labour rights for sex workers, and the conceptual de-linking of sex work and trafficking in persons. The resolution supports the Nordic model of criminalising the clients of sex workers, despite the fact that research has shown that it has not met the claims made for it.

GAATW-IS joined over 500 other NGOs in calling on the European Parliament to reject the report. In return the author of the report called us pimps. The decision to resort to racialised language is telling and shows unwillingness to engage in reasoned debate for the good of people working in the sector.

The European Parliament has voted to make the lives of women in the sex sector more dangerous rather than work within the human rights framework to ensure the health and safety of sex workers.

GAATW respects women's autonomy and stands with sex workers and we will continue to work with them towards a realisation of their human and labour rights.

The hill just got steeper, but we are reassured by and take strength from the number of NGOs and academics who stood against the European Parliament's report.

Warm Regards,

GAATW International Secretariat

UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dance Movement Therapy Workshop



The GAATW-IS and [Kolkata Sanved](http://www.kolkatasanved.org) co-organised a Dance Movement Therapy Workshop for women colleagues providing psycho-social assistance to trafficked and/or abused women migrant workers in Asia at Sampran Riverside Resort, Bangkok last 17-25 February, 2014. Colleagues from Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Mongolia, Nepal, the Philippines and Thailand participated in the workshop. Dance Movement Therapy (DMT) offers the individual the opportunities to be expressive, release tension or trauma, find their inner voice, and their independence. It can be practiced both as an individual and within group therapy in; health, education, social service settings and in private practice. It is founded on the principle that movement reflects an individual's patterns of thinking and feeling.

The 8-day training offered experiential workshops with a wide range of techniques and interventions useful for caregivers were introduced. The participants experienced 60 hours through dance, movement, group discussion, feedback and reflection in order to develop the skill to work through DMT. GAATW-IS has previously organised these workshops primarily for its member organisations in Asia. We hope that the skills they learned at the workshop will help them in their direct assistance work with trafficked persons and abused migrant workers. For more information visit www.gaawt.org and www.kolkatasanved.org



Anti-Trafficking Review has moved to a new web platform

We are pleased to announce that the *Anti-Trafficking Review* has moved to a new web platform, Open Journal Systems (OJS). The move to OJS will enable online article submissions as well as support the indexing of articles and references.

We are accepting submissions of articles for our next Call for Papers for Issue 4 on the theme, '[15 years of the UN Trafficking Protocol](http://www.un.org/en/events/protocol/)' through our new OJS platform.

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GAATW International Board Meeting

We would like to express our deep gratitude to the GAATW International Board Members for their support and input in the last Board Meeting held in Bangkok on 4-6 March 2014.



In (The photo (L-R): Michelle Taguinod (Events Management Officer); Asha de Souza (External Evaluator); Mariah Grant (Research Intern); Gemma Sadler (Research Project Officer); Apivart 'Nong' Chaison (Finance Officer); Sandra Claassen (Board Member, Europe Region); Bandana Pattanaik (International Coordinator); Victoria Nwogu (Board Member, Africa Region); and Andrea Querol (Board Member, LAC Region). Not in the photo are: Kate Sheill (International Advocacy Officer), Manassanun Pongnorrawit (Chair of the Board), Thipsuda 'Ching' Taweesaengsuksagul (Treasurer and Vice-Chair of the Board); Ratchada Jayagupta (Secretary of the Board), Jebli Shrestha (Programme Officer) and Alfie Gordo (Communications and Production Officer).

GAATW's 20th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Anniversary Message to GAATW

As mentioned earlier, we are requesting founding members, members and friends to share their thoughts and messages for the 20th Anniversary of GAATW. Below are snippets from interviews with two of our GAATW's founding members. Do send us your video, audio or print messages to mark 20 years of our journey together.

"It is my great delight to see that GAATW has grown until today for 20 years. When we started GAATW in 1994, we had a clear mission. First, to launch the definition of trafficking and second, to lobby for an international instrument for the protection and promotion of the rights of trafficked women. And right now, to a certain degree, GAATW has contributed to the achievement of these.

...we should not forget that the prime concern when we formed GAATW is on the protection of human rights and improving the conditions of the affected people.

Yet, to our great disappointment the protection and promotion of the rights of trafficked women, children or men - is not yet clear on the agenda and there are many areas that we can improve. So I think that GAATW has a mission to continue in order to promote this."

Siriporn Skrobaneck, Founding Member and First International Coordinator of GAATW

"...it is projected in 2020 that there would be more than 1 billion migrants moving across the world under very difficult situations and circumstances. If anything, given the downturn of the economic situation globally and given the assault on human rights of all migrants, and in particular women migrants, it's even going to get worse. I hate to sound so pessimistic but I think our strategies, our understandings, our networks, our impact - is way too little, and way too thin and feeble compared to how large this phenomenon is going to be. So I think we need to

think very creatively, link up with new forms of engagement, in particular, I would say in social media and have campaigns on social media which are much wider, much more global even as we act locally.

Let's bring more creativity, life and humour in the work we do..."

Jyoti Sanghera, Founding Member and former Board Member of GAATW

RESOURCES

REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS ON TRAFFICKING, LABOUR AND MIGRATION

CONTEXTS published by Sage Journals

The winter 2014 issue of *Contexts*, a digital magazine of the American Sociological Association, has its *Viewpoints* section of short comments on "selling people". In this section, 'six experts delve into the troubling realities and misperceptions that frame the discourse around human trafficking.' Articles include: *Sex, Money, and Brutality*, by Sutapa Basu; *Trafficking for Organ Removal*, by Anne T. Gallagher; *Life Beyond Trafficking*, by Denise Brennan; *The Anti-Trafficking Rehabilitation Complex*, by Elena Shih; *Human Wrongs vs. Human Rights*, by Kari Lerum, and *Macro Claims Versus Micro Evidence*, by Ronald Weitzer.

Articles are available free online for a short period at <http://contexts.org/articles/winter-2014/selling-people/> and <http://ctx.sagepub.com/content/13/1.toc> (PDF).

Developments in Trafficking in Human Beings for the Purpose of Labour Exploitation and Forced Labour by Vít Střítecký, Daniel Topinka et al.

This book was created as part of *La Strada Czech Republic's* project called, "*Discovering the trafficking in human beings for the purposes of forced labour and labour exploitation.*" The first chapter presents the development of the concept of trafficking in human beings and the different forms and types of trafficking that concerns various legal or illicit sectors. The second part presents a comparative analysis of the European legal framework in trafficking for the purposes of labour exploitation. The final chapter deals with the theoretical and practical aspects of strategic litigation. It discusses a wide range of theoretical concepts as well as the experience of stakeholders from advocacy, social work, law enforcement authorities and the clients of La Strada Czech Republic.

To download the report, go to: <http://www.strada.cz/images/Publikace/English/Publication.pdf>.

BLOGS

At What Cost: The Road to Anti-Trafficking is Paved with Good Intentions

By Rachel Lloyd

This blog article talks about how the author's story and the stories of other trafficking victims are exploited by allies who do not respect the privacy of those who have been trafficked. Rachel Lloyd recounts some challenging events as an anti-trafficking activist and survivor. She highlighted the constant level of damage done by those who are within the movement, who are supposed to be their allies.

<http://www.gems-girls.org/shifting-perspective/at-what-cost-the-road-to-anti-trafficking-is-paved-with-good-intentions>

On the Anti-Politics of Anti-Trafficking

by Neil Howard, Marie Curie Fellow at the Migration Policy Centre

Arguably, in Europe as elsewhere, 'trafficking' is still commonly understood as being about nasty, frequently male criminals who capture and enslave innocent women and children, usually for sex. The way the anti-trafficking field 'deals' with trafficking reflects these representations. Though there have been some advances, the dominant policy emphasis is still on getting the right laws passed, on ramping up prosecutions, on strengthening borders, and on 'raising awareness' by telling potential migrants that migrating is a bad idea because it could leave them vulnerable to traffickers. What has been the result of all this? Why is discourse so reductive and policy so

ineffective? What are possible alternatives?

<http://blogs.eui.eu/migrationpolicycentre/on-the-anti-politics-of-anti-trafficking/>

REQUEST FOR REFERENCES

Researchers at King's College London and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine are reviewing European policies on the provision of healthcare for trafficked people and evidence on their effectiveness. The review forms part of a programme of research funded by the UK Department of Health to develop evidence to inform health service responses to human trafficking.

There are no language restrictions on the review. If you know of documents or reports (e.g. legislation, policies, guidelines, evaluations) that might be relevant, please send electronic copies to Dr Sian Oram (sian.oram@kcl.ac.uk) on or before 31 March 2014.

CALL FOR PAPERS

International conference: Migrant mothers caring for the future: creative interventions in making new citizens, 18-19 September 2014

This international multidisciplinary conference engages with perspectives from cultural studies, cultural geography, sociology, migration studies, and the creative arts to explore how migrant mothers realise and problematise their role in bringing up future citizens in contemporary societies, which are increasingly characterised ethnic, racial, religious, cultural and social diverse. It will ask important questions about the processes that shape migrant mothers' cultural and caring work enabling their children to occupy a place as future citizens. It also interrogates how immigration and integration policies produce particular obstacles and limitations for migrant families and children. In considering migrant women's caring, cultural and social practices as interventions into citizenship the conference aims to find out what we can learn by understanding transnational social and cultural resources of care, and also the inter-relationship between motherhood and nationhood.

Deadline for submission of abstracts, panel or workshop proposals is on 1 April 2014. For more information, go to:

<http://weekscentreforsocialandpolicyresearch.files.wordpress.com/2012/11/migrant-mothers-caring-for-the-future1.docx>

International Conference on Migration, Borderlands and Development, 17-18 April 2014

International Conference on Migration, Borderlands and Development is organised by the Institute of Ethnic Studies (INR) at Yunnan University and the Interculturalism, Migration and Minorities Research Centre (IMMRC) at the Catholic University Leuven, in collaboration with the International Metropolis project, to be held at Yunnan University in Kunming, Yunnan, P.R. China, on 17-18 April 2014.

This conference is seeking critical and creative contributions focusing on the topics of migration, borderlands and development from a wide range of disciplines in social sciences and humanities. The conference will also interrogate local, regional and national policy interventions.

Submission of papers and abstracts is on 2 April 2014. For more information, visit

<http://www.metropoliseurope.org/>

UPCOMING EVENT

The 2014 People's Global Action on Migration, Development & Human Rights (PGA) will take place this year in Stockholm, Sweden, on **9-11 May** (Friday-Sunday) 2014. Migrants Rights International (MRI) and the International Committee for the *People's Global Action on Migration, Development & Human Rights* (PGA) has announced the opening of registration and workshop applications for civil society groups. Deadline for submission of workshop applications is on 21 March 2014.

For more information about the 2014 PGA and future updates, please visit:

www.PeoplesGlobalAction.org.

"GAATW has been recognised especially at the international level. And I think when people think of trafficking with theoretical analysis, they think about GAATW. That is one area that GAATW can continue."

Interview with Siriporn Skronabek, Founding Member and First International Coordinator of GAATW

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Violations of rights of migrant domestic workers within the household of foreign diplomats are not new issues in the USA or in other countries. In March, the USA dropped the charges against the Indian Diplomat, Devyani Khobragade, who was arrested on charges of visa fraud and making false statements in connection with her treatment of Sangeeta Richard, her domestic worker from India. The charges included not paying the minimum wage for the domestic worker as stated otherwise in the visa documents. Days after the ruling, a new indictment has been filed against the Indian diplomat which reinstates the same charges against her.

This is not the first time that cases have been filed against the diplomats by their domestic workers. Such cases have the potential to set precedence in addressing violations faced by migrant domestic workers by foreign diplomats. However, the issue of human rights violations is still taken over by arguments of state sovereignty and dignity, and international relations between the two nations.

Safe Horizon, a victims' services agency in the USA and a GAATW member, is representing Sangeeta in case proceedings. Avaloy Lanning, Senior Director of the Anti-Trafficking Program at Safe Horizon, expressed her hope that, "this case sends a clear message to diplomats and consular officials that the US will not tolerate the exploitation of workers and marks the beginning of an increase in prosecution of these cases."

This is another call for serious attention on the issues of exploitation against migrant domestic workers due to the isolated and private nature of their work place. This is a particular challenge when the employer is protected of diplomatic immunity under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. According to Ban-Ying, a GAATW member and a specialised counseling centre which works to combat trafficking, the domestic worker in a diplomatic household has an immigration status that is directly linked to her employer, and the employer actually has quite a different, almost untouchable status

on the basis of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. This convention ensures that diplomats and also their private residences are protected by immunity, making it effectively impossible for the domestic workers to take any legal steps against their employers when problems arise. In most countries they cannot sue them for unpaid wages, and the perpetrators cannot be taken to criminal court for assaults or even in cases of trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation. Theoretically, the justice system of the diplomat's sending state would be responsible, but Ban Ying does not know of a single case where a domestic worker in a diplomatic household was successful in asserting her rights in the country of origin of her employer.

Any case of exploitation by diplomats is clearly a violation of human rights. Therefore we call on States to address the issue with stronger and transparent labour protections for all domestic workers not just in developed economies but globally, including in their own households.

Finally, we are deeply saddened by the news of the sudden demise of Dr Irene Fernandez, founder director of Tenaganita. Irene was a dear friend and valued colleague of GAATW-IS, a mentor to many of our members and friends. Her tireless work for the rights of workers, especially migrant workers and her struggle for rights and justice were exemplary. She will remain in our hearts forever and her work will continue to guide us. We offer our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

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UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Data Analysis Meeting



Late last year GAATW initiated a qualitative research project with member organisations in Asia, Europe and the LAC region to consult with victims of trafficking. Over the last 4 months, our

partner researchers have conducted over 110 individual interviews and focus group discussions to understand the effectiveness of assistance and protection services in 13 countries from the view point of victims of trafficking.

On 24th of March in Cartagena, Colombia, Fundacion Renacer hosted researchers from AMUMRA, (Argentina), Espacios de Mujer, Fundacion Renacer, Hope Foundation (Colombia), Hope Foundation (Ecuador), CHS - Alternativo (Peru) and Brigada Callejara (Mexico) to share and reflect on the studies and identify opportunities for actions based on the findings. Key suggestions for individual service provision included the need for specific counseling during legal cases to support victims during the often lengthy and complicated process. Our members also discussed the issue of restrictive shelters and the possibility of alternative options to enable victims to settle in a community but be able to have a safe place to withdraw to and take part in activities.

The GAATW International Secretariat was also part of a forum at the University of Cartagena. The forum was attended by academic staff and students as well as representatives from the Cartagena District Committee Against Trafficking and the Public Defender's Office. The event was an opportunity to highlight common difficulties working in victim assistance scenarios across the region including law enforcements misunderstanding of what constitutes trafficking and negotiating the criminal justice process. Our thanks to Nelson Rivera and the staff of Fundacion Renacer.

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Message from Sandra Claassen, GAATW International Board for Europe

Sandra is currently the Director of FairWork (formerly BlinN), a GAATW member organisation based in The Netherlands. She is a formerly the Regional coordinator at Foundation Esperanza in Colombia.

'I came to know about GAATW in 1998 when Siriporn (Skrobanek), then the Coordinator of the Secretariat, came to Colombia [where I was living at the time] for a series of workshops throughout the country. It was very interesting to see how GAATW as an Alliance was managing the issue of trafficking and anti-trafficking work.

Now that I'm with the International Board. it's very nice to see how GAATW developed

throughout the years. I'm really very much impressed by the quality of work, the motivation and inspiration of different member organisations and staff in anti-trafficking and women's rights. I really hope that the Alliance will be there for another 20 years and I wish all the Members, the Board, the IS staff and Associates - all the best for the next couple of years!'

Message from Victoria Nwogu, GAATW International Board Member for Africa

Victoria is currently the Head of the Gender Unit at the United Nations Development Programme in Mogadishu, Somalia.

'I am very happy and proud to be a member of the GAATW Board. I must say that it has been a very worthwhile association with GAATW for the past 11 years now. I've met GAATW in a consultative workshop in Nigeria in 2002 and I found the Alliance to be very visionary in terms of how they straddle the anti-trafficking, human rights, gender, migration and labour rights sectors. And how they've been able to use their work through various means to highlight the different areas of intersection of these different sectors.

A human rights approach should inform all anti-trafficking interventions whether it's labour rights, migrant rights, or the rights of any minority [group] in the country. I think in that respect, GAATW is ahead of the curve in terms of anti-trafficking thinking, anti-trafficking work and advocacy at the global level.

And now that GAATW is 20, we can firmly establish the concrete contributions they have made in shaping the anti-trafficking discourse globally. I think GAATW should continue to be a leader in this area, very important is how they built a regional presence and support members, friends and like-minded organisations on the ground.'

RESOURCES

REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS ON TRAFFICKING, LABOUR AND MIGRATION

"I Wanted to Lie Down and Die"

Trafficking and Torture of Eritreans in Sudan and Egypt by Human Rights Watch

This 79-page report documents how, since 2010, Egyptian traffickers have tortured Eritreans for ransom in the Sinai Peninsula, including through rape, burning, and mutilation. It also documents torture by traffickers in eastern Sudan and 29 incidents in which victims told Human Rights Watch that Sudanese and Egyptian security officers facilitated trafficker abuses rather than arresting them and rescuing their victims. Egyptian officials deny there are trafficker abuses in Sinai, allowing it to become a safe haven for traffickers.

<http://www.hrw.org/reports/2014/02/11/i-wanted-lie-down-and-die-0>

Life Interrupted: Trafficking into Forced Labor in the United States by Denise Brennan

Life Interrupted introduces us to survivors of human trafficking who are struggling to get by and make homes for themselves in the United States. Having spent nearly a decade following the lives of formerly trafficked men and women, Denise Brennan recounts in close detail their flight from their abusers and their courageous efforts to rebuild their lives. At once scholarly and accessible, her book links these firsthand accounts to global economic inequities and under-regulated and unprotected workplaces that routinely exploit migrant laborers in the United States. Brennan contends that today's punitive immigration policies undermine efforts to fight trafficking. While many believe trafficking happens only in the sex trade, Brennan shows that across low-wage labor sectors—in fields, in factories, and on construction sites—widespread exploitation can lead to and conceal forced labor. *Life Interrupted* is a riveting account of life in and after trafficking and a forceful call for meaningful immigration and labor reform.

All royalties from this book will be donated to the nonprofit Survivor Leadership Training Fund administered through the Freedom Network.

<https://www.dukeupress.edu/Life-Interrupted/>

The Price of Rights: Regulating International Labor Migration by Martin Ruhs

The Price of Rights analyzes how high-income countries restrict the rights of migrant workers as part of their labor immigration policies and discusses the implications for global debates about regulating labor migration and protecting migrants. It comprehensively looks at the tensions

between human rights and citizenship rights, the agency and interests of migrants and states, and the determinants and ethics of labor immigration policy.

<http://theodorosfouskas.com/2014/02/11/book-the-price-of-rights-regulating-international-labor-migration-by-martin-ruhs/>

After trafficking. The (re)integration needs and experiences of trafficked children by The Trafficking Research Project

This study was based on in-depth interviews with 252 trafficked persons from all six countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) about their experiences of (re)integration, including successes and challenges, as well as future plans and aspirations. The study included persons who had been identified and assisted, as well as those who were not identified and/or did not receive assistance. Understanding the diverse and complex post-trafficking trajectories sheds light on a wide range of issues and dynamics at play in the (re)integration processes in the GMS. It also highlights both the strengths and weaknesses of existing (re)integration mechanisms and processes.

<http://thetraffickingresearchproject.wordpress.com/2014/03/14/after-trafficking-the-reintegration-needs-and-experiences-of-trafficked-children/>

Towards Better Work: Understanding labour in apparel global value chains by Arianna Rossi, Amy Luinstra and John Pickles (eds.), ILO

This volume provides solutions-oriented approaches for promoting improved working conditions and labour rights in the apparel industry. This study analyses how workers, governments and business can collaborate in order to confront the key opportunities and challenges affecting labour in apparel global value chains. It provides new empirical insights into the garment sector in Asia (Cambodia, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic), Europe (Romania), Africa (Lesotho, Morocco) and the Americas (Haiti, Nicaragua), with a focus on wages, worker empowerment and the institutional contexts facilitating or hampering the attainment of improved working conditions.

Co-published with Palgrave Macmillan as part of the Advances in Labour Studies series.

http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/books/forthcoming-publications/WCMS_218888/lang--en/index.htm

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The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) is looking for interesting and inspiring examples of videos, documents, photos and any other materials to put on the webpages for the Berlin Congress. [Forms](#) are available online for those who would like to showcase the work of organisations, or bring forward stories about the world of work. Submissions will be shared on its [Congress](#) website.

The issues of migrant workers, including forced labour and human trafficking are part of the sub-theme 'Realising rights' for the upcoming [Congress](#).

Imagining Equality

Your Voices on Women's Human Rights, An Online Media Project

The Global Fund for Women is calling for submissions for their upcoming project "Imagining Equality: Your Voices on Women's Human Rights" by answering the questions: What is equality to you?

GFW is soliciting submissions of photography, video, audio, journalism, creative writing and more are accepted online through 30 April 2014. For more details, go to:

<http://imaginingequality.imow.org/>

NEWS

Argentina ratifies the Domestic Workers Convention

Good news for domestic workers in Argentina. On 24 March 2014, Argentina became the thirteenth ILO member State and the seventh Latin American member State to ratify this instrument that seeks to improve the working and living conditions of tens of millions of domestic workers worldwide.

http://ilo.org/global/standards/information-resources-and-publications/news/WCMS_239518/lang--en/index.htm

OPPORTUNITIES

Human Security Policy Studies Centre (HSPSC), a GAATW member base in Mongolia, is working in partnership with Caritas Czech Republic (CCR) on a project entitled “Strengthening Civil Society in Combating Human Trafficking in Mongolia”. The project focuses on supporting civil society groups in Mongolia and in strengthening the capacity of law enforcers, particularly, police investigators working on cases of human trafficking for labor exploitation. In this regard, HSPSC and Caritas Czech Republic are currently looking for an international expert to train Mongolian investigators/trainers of trainees on how to successfully investigate the labor exploitation cases of human trafficking occurring in and out of Mongolia.

[Click here](#) to download the vacancy announcement.

Human Rights at home, abroad and on the way

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Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings from GAATW International Secretariat.

The right to decent work is still denied to workers across the world. The struggle of the garment sector workers in Cambodia and Bangladesh, the situation of Nepalese migrant workers in Qatar, the plight of migrant domestic workers in the Gulf countries have made headlines this past year, but many other situations go unreported. Workers and activists continue to pressure governments around the globe to adopt and implement national labour laws in line with international labour standards and promote and protect the rights of workers, including migrant workers, in all labour sectors.

At the recent Universal Periodic Review of Qatar at the UN Human Rights Council, member states made recommendations to improve its human rights situation including the reform of the sponsorship or 'Kafala' system in its labour law. The 'Kafala' system forms a core part of the visa system for migrants travelling to the Gulf Cooperation Council countries and Lebanon. The 'Kafala' system means that most migrant workers are not only dependent on a sponsor for their stay in a country but they are also most commonly bound to the homes of their employers, with restrictions on their mobility and independence.

As the host of the next FIFA World Cup, this has been an apt moment to call on Qatar to mean its human rights obligations. However, Qatar rejected the recommendations to make further changes to the legislation on sponsorship to protect the rights of migrants, including in the event of conflict, and to abolish the requirement that employers give consent before exit permits are issued for foreign employees.

We started May with another International Labour

Day, aware that the International Labour Organization estimates that 20.9 million people are in forced labour globally. The recent ILO report, Profits and Poverty: The economics of forced labour, describes ‘the need for stronger measures of prevention and protection and for enhanced law enforcement as the basic responses to forced labour. At the same time, it also provides new knowledge of the determinants of forced labour that can help develop and expand policies and programmes to not only stop forced labour where it exists, but prevent it before it occurs.’

In June, the member states, trade unions and employers at the 103rd session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) have a chance to act to help workers who are subjected to forced labour when they negotiate a new Protocol and Recommendation to the ILO Forced Labour Convention (1930) that will address implementation gaps in prevention and victim protection, including compensation. GAATW-IS will be present at the ILC to push for the strongest language possible in the new Protocol and Recommendation. It is vital that member states, employers and trade unions at the Conference agree to make the Protocol a binding instrument that can be a new tool in our labour rights work. Please support this work: call on your government to support a binding Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention.

Warm Regards,

GAATW International Secretariat

UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT



DATA ANALYSIS MEETING

On 25th-28th of April, some member organisations of GAATW from Asia and Europe met in

Kathmandu, Nepal for a collaborative analysis of the interviews and focus group discussions conducted as part of the research on people's lives after trafficking. The meeting brought together different representatives from organisations-community and social workers, lawyers, researchers-to understand how trafficked persons felt, perceived and experienced the assistance that was provided by our members and other organisations. The analysis raised critical questions for some of our members' own programmes: How can we provide more individualised support based on the differing needs of people? Why is information on our services still not reaching persons who have experienced trafficking? How can we assist more women to gain technical skills that lead to long-term employment?

The meeting was also an opportunity for our research partners to reflect on the experience of reconnecting and interviewing people whom they had assisted. It was clearly an emotional experience for many of the women and men invited to take part in the study: although many had considerable distance from their experience of trafficking, being asked to revisit their past was painful experience. However, several researchers met with women and men who stated they found a certain release and healing in being able to tell their story and hoped that their story would help others.

Many thanks to all our research partners from Shakti Samuha, WOREC, Fairwork, LEFO, Foundation for Women, Ban Ying, Open Gate, LRC-KJHAM, and Solidaritas Perempuan for your hard work preparing for this meeting.

MEETING OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS ORGANISATIONS WORKING ON TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN

On April 8-10, 2014, GAATW-IS along with several members and friends from the Asian region participated in a workshop organized by the Global Fund for Women. Facilitated by Srilatha Batliwala, Scholar Associate of AWID, the workshop was an excellent opportunity for all of us to collectively analyse our work and find indicators that would help us track the social change we want to make. The workshop also reinforced the need for periodic conceptual clarity discussions among our members. GAATW-IS will work closely with the group to take process of mutual learning forward.

MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS AND PARTNERS IN BANGLADESH



In late April, GAATW-IS staff met with members (Bangladeshi Ovibashi Mohila Sramik Association and Rights Jessore) and friends (Ovibhasi Karmi Unnayan Programme, IMA Research Foundation and WARBE) in Dhaka and Jessore, Bangladesh. Our colleagues gave us an insight into their everyday work and the challenges they are currently facing. We were also able to observe pre-departure trainings for prospective women migrants. We feel that there is scope for strengthening the knowledge and skills of community workers whose contribution is vital in supporting women to make informed decisions about their migration and work options.

GAATW WELCOMES A NEW MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE

ASTRA - Anti-Trafficking Action (ASTRA) is a non-governmental organisation in Serbia dedicated to the eradication of all forms of trafficking in human beings, especially in women and children, through comprehensive approach to the problem with the aim of eliminating this specific type of violence and affirming a society free of exploitation, violence, discrimination and social

inequalities. For more information, visit their website at www.astra.rs.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING REVIEW CALL FOR PAPERS: SUBMISSIONS DUE END OF MAY '15 YEARS OF THE UN TRAFFICKING PROTOCOL'



The *Anti-Trafficking Review* calls for papers for a Special Issue '15 Years of the UN Trafficking Protocol'. This issue will present thoughtful, innovative and well-researched articles that address critical questions such as those set out below. The journal is also interested in papers that propose new ways of thinking about the Protocol and anti-trafficking work more generally, looking toward shaping the future.

Deadline for submission: 1 June 2014

Word count for Full Article submissions: 4,000 - 6,000 words, including footnotes and abstract

Word count for 'Debate' submissions: 800-1,000 words

Special Issue to be published in 2015

In 2012, GAATW-IS launched the *Anti-Trafficking Review*, a peer-reviewed journal dedicated to publish rigorously researched articles that could make constructive and critical contribution to the fight against human trafficking. The first issue focussed on Accountability and the second on Human Rights at the Border. Primarily an online publication, it has a readership in over 78 countries and is distributed under a Creative Commons license. The third issue focussing on Funding for Anti-Trafficking Work is scheduled to be launched at the 20th Anniversary of GAATW in September, 2014. For more information, visit our website at: www.antitraffickingreview.org

Advocacy Update

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE

GAATW-IS will be attending the 103rd session of the International Labour Conference, which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 28 May to 12 June. Our interest is in the proposal to agree a **new protocol and recommendation to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)** which will address implementation gaps to advance prevention, protection and compensation measures. This represents a rare opportunity to supplement this core labour standard with measures that will help us advocate for the rights of victims of forced labour and shape national law and practice in the years ahead.

We face two main challenges. Some governments do not want to adopt a binding protocol - an international standard that they would be obligated to implement.

[Documents for the session](#), including the [draft protocol](#), are available online.

The **UN Special Rapporteurs on experts on migrants' rights, trafficking and contemporary slavery** have issued a [joint statement](#) calling on Governments to adopt a legally binding international protocol on forced labour at the International Labour Conference.

We face two main challenges. Some governments do not want to adopt a binding protocol - an international standard that they would be obligated to implement. **You can help us** with this work: GAATW-IS has joined with the ITUC and NGOs including Human Rights Watch, Anti-Slavery International and the International Domestic Workers Federation in this action: [Call on your Minister to support a strong Protocol to the ILO Forced Labour Convention](#)

The second challenge is to negotiate a protocol and recommendation with the strongest possible language. The current draft uses vague language the implementation of which, as GAATW has documented with respect to trafficking in persons, can lead to further human rights violations.

The provisions are also weaker than we would like. To be a useful tool in our advocacy for the rights of trafficked persons and migrant workers we need stronger, more precise wording than is in the current drafts.

There will also be discussions at the International Labour Conference on facilitating transitions from the informal to the formal economy.

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The 26th Session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) will run from 10 to 27 June in Geneva, Switzerland. All of the reports for this session are available [here](#).

At this session of the HRC, the outgoing **Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children**, Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, will present several reports (available [here](#)), including a thematic analysis of the first decade of the mandate. She will also present the report of a consultative meeting on strengthening partnerships with national rapporteurs on trafficking in persons and equivalent mechanisms, and her mission reports to Italy and Morocco.

A new Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons will be appointed at this HRC session. The application process is now closed and we understand that a short list has already been drawn up, but for reference the full [list of candidates](#) is available.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) will also present a report on the regional consultations that the Special Rapporteur on trafficking has been leading over the last year on the right to effective remedy for trafficked persons. This report sets out the [Basic principles on the right to an effective remedy for victims of trafficking in persons](#) that OHCHR hope states will endorse at this session of the Human Rights Council. The basic principles take in substantive components of the right to an effective remedy, including restitution and recovery (rehabilitation) and compensation; procedural preconditions in realizing the right to effective remedies, and special considerations for trafficked children.

The **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**, François Crépeau, will present his reports on the [labour exploitation of migrants](#) and his mission to [Qatar](#).

The **Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences**, will present reports including from her [mission to India](#) in which she raised concerns about the country's conflation of sex work and trafficking in persons, and called on the government to ensure "that measures to address trafficking in persons do not overshadow the need for effective measures to protect the human rights of sex workers" (para.78(e)).

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

The [UPR](#) is a UN process by which the human rights records of all UN Member States are reviewed about every five years. Civil society can submit reports to the process -more information at the [UN website](#) and at [UPR-Info](#). GAATW Member Organisations in the following countries have a revised deadline for their UPR submissions: for Member Organisations in Spain and Turkey, the deadline for submissions is 15 June; for Member Organisations in Belarus, Bulgaria, Honduras, and the USA, the deadline for submissions is 15 September.

GAATW's 20th ANNIVERSARY



Anniversary Message to GAATW

We are requesting founding members, past and current members, and friends to share their thoughts and messages for the 20th Anniversary of GAATW. Below are snippets from interviews with two of GAATW's International Board Members. Do send us your video, audio or print messages to mark 20 years of our journey together.

Message from Supporting Women's Alternatives Network (SWAN Vancouver), a GAATW Member

One of the most amazing things about being a GAATW member is the shared knowledge, experience, and opportunities that our partnership has presented.

SWAN worked with the GAATW as part of their 2010 global Feminist Participatory Action Research project. Working on important issues relevant to the advancement of women's rights, together with groups from around the world, was an enriching and rewarding experience. Having met such amazing members from across the world, all of whom are doing incredibly important work, is one of the most cherished memories we have as a GAATW member.

GAATW is an important alliance. As she celebrates her 20th anniversary, SWAN would like to say that it is proud to be part of this international effort in support of human rights.

SWAN Vancouver supports the health, safety and well-being of newcomer, migrant and immigrant women engaged in indoor sex work. SWAN is a membership-base organisation composed of women from diverse cultural backgrounds who speak Cantonese, Mandarin, Hindi, Farsi, Creole, Spanish, French and English. SWAN use this diversity to build a community network that supports women who work in massage parlours and other indoor sites. Visit their website at <http://swanvancouver.ca/>

RESOURCES

REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS ON TRAFFICKING, LABOUR AND MIGRATION

Invisible Suffering - Prolonged and systematic detention of migrants and asylum seekers in substandard conditions in Greece, Médecins Sans Frontières, 2014

This report outlines Médecins Sans Frontières' grave concerns about the situation of migrants and asylum seekers in administrative detention in Greece today, based on MSF's recent work in three pre-removal centres and four police and border police stations in the north of Greece, as well as on the findings of assessments conducted during 2013 and 2014 in another 27 regular and border police stations, coastguard facilities and pre-removal centres across Greece.

Download here: <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/article/invisible-suffering-migrants-detained-greece>

Identification of victims of trafficking in human beings in internal protection and forced return procedures: European Migration Network Study, March 2014

This Synthesis Report presents the main findings of the Third 2013 European Migration Network (EMN) Focused Study on "Identification of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings in International Protection and Forced Return Procedures". The aim of the study was to examine whether, and how, potential victims of trafficking in human beings are detected and identified in these procedures in the (Member) State. The study concerned both applicants for international protection and 'failed' applicants in forced return procedures who have received a (final) negative decision on their application(s) for protection or have abandoned the procedure. The Synthesis Report is based on the findings presented in 24 National Reports and developed in collaboration with the European Commission, EMN NCPs and the EMN Service Provider, and is available here: http://emn.ie/cat_publication_detail.jsp?clog=1&itemID=2659&item_name=&t=6

Preventing Trafficking for Labour Exploitation

Focus on Labour Exploitation (FLEX) has published a working paper on 'Preventing Trafficking for Labour Exploitation'. This working paper prioritises the needs and voices of victims of trafficking for labour exploitation and examines how their human rights are being ignored. It suggests that both documented and undocumented migrant workers are in danger of being exploited as immigration measures intensify isolation, state protections are weakened and all migrant workers are increasingly marginalised.

To access the full report, go to <http://labourexploitation.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/flex-wp001-prevention3.pdf>.

Fees and IDs: Tackling recruitment fees and confiscation of workers' passports Institute for Human Rights and Business, 2013

This brief report has been prepared following an expert meeting on the subject of addressing

human trafficking and forced labour in business relationships in the context of supply chains convened by the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB). This report focuses on two abusive employment and recruitment practices which are known to cause or contribute to forced labour exploitation: recruitment fees charged to migrant workers and confiscating of workers' passports or other identity documents by employers. It is based on desk-research and information gathered from meeting participants.

Download here: http://www.ihrb.org/pdf/2013-09-06_IHRB_Fees-and-IDs-Report.pdf

“Visa Pages” - US Temporary Worker Visas

“Visa Pages” is a one-stop resource to find comprehensive information about the various non-immigrant visas US employers use to bring temporary foreign workers from all over the world to work in the USA.

Each page contains detailed information summarizing key points of each visa, its history, the hiring process, data, basic regulatory scheme, enforcement mechanisms and challenges in seeking *portable justice* for migrant workers. The intention is to leave each page with an understanding and perspective on the interplay of temporary worker programs in the USA.

For more information, go to: <http://globalworkers.org/visa-pages>

Migration, Sex Work and Exploitative Labor Conditions Experiences of Nigerian Women in the Sex Industry in Turin, Italy, and Counter-Trafficking Measures by Eneze Modupe-Oluwa Baye and Silke Heumann

From the abstract: This article undertakes a critical analysis of counter-trafficking measures in Italy, particularly the Social Protection Program introduced under the 1998 Migration Law for victims experiencing violence and “extreme exploitation”, in relation to the experiences of Nigerian sex workers in the city of Turin. The experiences of Nigerian sex workers in Turin are diverse and complex, as most of the women are undocumented, making them highly vulnerable to exploitative debt and labor contracts, as well as abuse and violence from employers, clients and government authorities. This research found that while the protection program has been fortunate for some beneficiaries, it fails to address the vulnerabilities faced by migrant sex workers.

<http://gtd.sagepub.com/content/18/1/77.abstract>

ONLINE DATABASE

AP-Forced Labour Net

AP-Forced Labour Net (<http://apflnet.ilo.org>) is a new ILO-sponsored online knowledge sharing platform for individuals, organizations, and institutions working on issues related to forced labour, human trafficking, and slavery in the Asia-Pacific region.

Launch of Verité's Labor Rights Portal

Verité sees many different types of workplace abuses in its work - from forced labour to child labour to underpayment of wages. Critical to helping different stakeholders (like companies, suppliers, trade unions, governments, NGOs, and consumers) understand these problems is to examine the frequency of such abuses in different geographies and sectors. It's also important to educate stakeholders on the standards, international requirements, and good practices that govern social responsibility.

With the *Verité Labor Rights Portal*, one can explore background and data on Malaysia and China, and see the prevalence of workplace abuses in these countries. The objective of this site is to draw attention to these abuses and to the ways that Verité is having impact, so the data here is necessarily broad. The database is a beta version still in progress. Visit their website at <http://verite.org/labor-rights/#/>

VIDEO

Slavery at Sea: The Continued Plight of Trafficked Migrants in Thailand Fishing Industry, 2014

Environmental Justice Foundation's investigation reveals the continuing brutal trade in modern-day slaves and Thai Government's failure to adequately address the issue. EJF is campaigning for the international community to develop a Global Record of fishing vessels to facilitate greater transparency and traceability in the seafood sector enabling better monitoring of fishing

activities including the labour conditions of the world's fishing fleets.

Read the report and watch the film at: [Slavery at Sea: The Continued Plight of Trafficked Migrants in Thailand's Fishing Industry](#)

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Do Not Harm: A Human Rights Approach to Anti-Trafficking Policies and Interventions in Canada by Dr Annalee Lepp, GAATW-Canada

Learning Network Brief 05

'What "do no harm" entails is that ends do not justify the means in efforts to combat human trafficking. This principle requires that governments, law enforcement, and NGOs seriously consider the possible harmful impacts of particular anti-trafficking strategies, interventions, and campaigns. This includes harmful consequences on the rights and safety of those who are meant to benefit from specific anti-trafficking measures and those who by virtue of being marginalized, vulnerable, or stigmatized are caught in the web of effects.'

Read the full article here:

http://www.learningtoendabuse.ca/sites/default/files/AnnaLee_Lepp_Human_Trafficking.pdf

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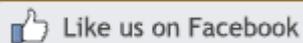
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Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings from GAATW International Secretariat.

Thailand has hit the headlines in recent months, not only in the context of the political upheaval in the country but on issues concerning the recent crackdown of undocumented migrant workers by Thailand's military junta. Civil society groups in Cambodia have raised concerns over the mass exodus of Cambodian workers and demanded the Thai government create a due process to ensure just treatment and respect for migrants' rights.

Recently, The Guardian has released an investigative report on labour exploitation in the Thai fishing industry, linked to the production and export of prawns in leading supermarkets around the world. The report found that migrant workers are trafficked into 'ghost' fishing boats where they face labour exploitation and poor working conditions. Thailand is certainly not the only country where demand for cheap labour drives exploitation of workers within supply chains of production. The Rana Plaza disaster of 2013 in Bangladesh and the protests of Cambodian garment workers earlier this year are just some examples highlighting the harsh working conditions that still exist, especially in the informal sector. Although there has been action to promote stronger accountability of the private sector and states in addressing the problem, the structural reforms and implementation of protection measures needed to end labour rights abuses, including within supply chains, remain elusive.

With the newly adopted Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, ratifying nations will have to ensure law and practice will effectively identify and protect the rights of victims of forced labour to have access to appropriate and effective remedies.

Warm Regards,

UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

GAATW REPORTS BACK FROM THE 103rd SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE ON A NEW TOOL FOR ACTIVISM FOR LABOUR RIGHTS

On 12 June, the International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted by overwhelming majority a new protocol on forced labour, along with a more detailed recommendation to guide its implementation. The [ILO estimates](#) that there are almost 21 million people in the world today from whom forced labour is exacted.

Forced labour and trafficking are not the same, but there is some overlap as most trafficking in persons is for forced labour (but not all forced labour involves human trafficking). GAATW attended the International Labour Conference in Geneva last month to participate in the negotiations for a new, binding, **protocol to update the Forced Labour Convention 1930 (No.29)**. This Convention, one of the most ratified (by [177 countries](#)), was adopted in 1930 and designed to respond to the issues of the time: addressing forced labour exacted by state actors from people in overseas colonial territories. The negotiations sought to update the protections of the Convention to address today's reality where forced labour is found mainly in the private sector and in households. The proposal was to negotiate a new protocol, that would be binding on states, and an accompanying recommendation that would provide guidance on implementation to states. These new standards also address gaps in the Convention around prevention, protection and remedies for people who have been subjected to forced or compulsory labour.

The [Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930](#), demands of states that labour law must "apply to all workers and all sectors of the economy" (Article 2(c)(i)) and includes a provision - further elaborated in the accompanying [Forced Labour \(Supplementary Measures\) Recommendation](#) - on the need for states to regulate recruitment agencies and eliminate charging of recruitment fees to workers (Article 2(d)) of the protocol and article 3(i) of the recommendation). The protocol also requires that states have the measures in place to ensure that survivors of forced labour are not prosecuted for any unlawful activities they were compelled to commit as a direct consequence of being in forced labour (Article 4(2)). In its commitment to addressing the gaps in the Convention, the protocol calls on states to ensure that all victims of forced labour, regardless of their migrant status, have access to appropriate and effective remedies (Article 4(1)). However, both the protocol and the recommendation mention compensation only as one option and not as a requirement.

Another **missed opportunity** was that neither the protocol nor the recommendation address forced labour in supply chains, an issue that has received considerable attention recently. This issue will instead be discussed separately at the general discussion on "decent work in global supply chains" at the 105th Session of the Conference in 2016.

Of course, a binding protocol means nothing until states have ratified it, and we hope that this new treaty will be at least as widely ratified as the Convention it updates. And even that is just the start. States need to implement the provisions - at the very least. As with all treaties, and as was pointed out several times during the negotiations, the protocol sets only the minimum standard that ratifying states should attain. The protocol has the potential to be a powerful tool, but states, businesses and civil society need to use it.

THE 26th SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, GENEVA

This session saw the appointment of the [new Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons](#). Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, the former Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, has been appointed to the mandate. [GAATW had called on the President of the Human Rights Council](#) to ensure the appointment of a mandate-holder who will be attentive to the full breadth of human

rights violations associated with trafficking in persons. Ms. Giammarinaro certainly meets this criteria and we very much look forward to working with her.

The mid-year session of the Council deals with several issues relevant to anti-trafficking work. This session saw the renewals of the mandates for the Special Rapporteurs on trafficking in persons and the human rights of migrants. Member states also adopted resolutions on the *Promotion of the right of migrants to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health*, an issue often overlooked in migrants' rights work at the international level, and on *Accelerating efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women*. The UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and Practice reported that [global efforts towards better corporate responsibility are 'ignoring women'](#). The [annual full-day discussion on women human rights](#) saw a panel discussion on the *Impact of Gender Stereotypes on the Recognition and Enjoyment of Women's Human Rights*, an important issue given how stereotypes influence the identification and treatment of survivors of trafficking, and on *Women's human rights and the sustainable development agenda*, as part of the work on the post-2015 development agenda. There was also a plenary discussion on [preventing child, early and forced marriage](#).

This was the last Council session for the **outgoing High Commissioner Navi Pillay**, as the end of her term approaches. The [new High Commissioner for Human Rights](#) is Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid al-Husseini from Jordan.



CALL FOR PAPERS: ANTI-TRAFFICKING REVIEW ISSUE 5, 'FORCED LABOUR AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING'

Guest Editors: Nicola Piper and Marie Segrave

Deadline for Submission: 30 November 2014

The *Anti-Trafficking Review* calls for papers for a Special Issue entitled 'Forced Labour and Human Trafficking.' While there has been a shift to acknowledging 'all forms of human trafficking,' the current scholarship around the intersections between human trafficking, forced labour and labour rights abuses more broadly is in its infancy. There are many unresolved conflicts between varying approaches to the broader spectrum of exploitative practices referred to (in some instances interchangeably) as slavery, forced labour and human trafficking. For instance, trafficking is addressed in an individualistic framework, whereas forced labour is linked to labour rights' approaches, presenting the possibility of collective, potentially empowering, responses. The different frameworks also result in different political organisations (with their specific histories, ideologies, forms of operating etc.) being involved in the search for solutions: including trade unions, governments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and international organisations.

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The Review promotes a human-rights-based approach to anti-trafficking, exploring anti-trafficking in a broader context including gender analyses and intersections with labour and migrant rights. Academics, practitioners, trafficked persons and advocates are invited to submit articles. Contributions from the global South are particularly welcome. The Review presents rigorously considered, peer reviewed material in clear English. The journal is an open access publication published by the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women with a readership in 78 countries. The Anti-Trafficking Review is abstracted/indexed/tracked in: CrossRef, Ulrich's, Fhsc, Host, Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association, Directory of Open Access Journals.

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NEW COLLEAGUE AT THE SECRETARIAT

GAATW-IS warmly welcomes Jasmin Qureshi to the GAATW-IS team as our new Communications Officer for Editing and Media. Jasmin will carry out editorial tasks for the *Anti-Trafficking Review* Editorial Team and tasks to strengthen GAATW's communication and media work. Prior to joining GAATW, Jasmin worked as Communications Coordinator for human rights NGO Minority Rights Group International and has a background in journalism and non-profit sector communications.

RESOURCES

REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS ON TRAFFICKING, LABOUR AND MIGRATION

Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour, ILO, 2014

The evidence and results presented in this report illustrate the need for stronger measures of prevention and protection and for enhanced law enforcement as the basic responses to forced labour. At the same time, it also provides new knowledge of the determinants of forced labour that can help us develop and expand policies and programmes to not only stop forced labour where it exists, but prevent it before it occurs.

See: http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---declaration/documents/publication/wcms_243391.pdf

Troubling Freedom: Migration, debt, and modern slavery by Julia O'Connell Davidson, 2013

This article is concerned with the role of debt in contemporary practices of mobility. It explores how the phenomenon of debt-financed migration disturbs the trafficking/smuggling, illegal/legal, and forced/voluntary pairs that are widely used to make sense of migration and troubles the liberal construction of 'freedom' and 'slavery' as oppositional categories. The research literature reveals that while debt can lock migrants into highly asymmetrical, personalistic, and often violent relations of power and dependency sometimes for several years, it is also a means by which many seek to extend and secure their future freedoms.

See: <http://migration.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2013/02/13/migration.mns002.full.pdf+html>

Survey Result - What is forced labour, human trafficking and slavery? Do definitions matter, and why?

The Asia Pacific-Forced Labour Net Survey Result have published the results of their first survey - on whether, and why, definitions of and distinctions between forced labour, human trafficking and slavery matter.

See: <http://apflnet.ilo.org/discussions/SurveyResult.pdf>

Working with migrant domestic workers in Lebanon (1980-2012): A mapping of NGO services, ILO, 2012

The guide provides an overview of the work of NGOs with migrant domestic workers in Lebanon. It traces the history of NGO involvement with migrant domestic workers since the early 1980s to explore the approaches underlying NGO interventions and partnerships.

See: http://www.ilo.org/beirut/publications/WCMS_204692/lang--en/index.htm

Gendered Discipline and Protective Custody of Trafficking Victims in Asia

This article seeks to add to the critical work on the changing nature and harms of immigration control by exploring the logic and practices of protective custody in Asia. How can we make sense of the regulatory purposes performed by semi-carceral institutions for trafficking victims? What do we know about women and girls' experiences of protective custody in South and Southeast Asia? In what ways does the dominant anti-sex trafficking discourse of 'protection' and 'rescue' intersect with gendered notions of belonging and citizenship? And, ultimately, what can a study of gendered carceral practices tell us about the problems and paradoxes of trafficking control?

See: <http://nun.sagepub.com/content/16/2/206.abstract>

[The Cost of Rights: Migrant women, feminist advocacy, and gendered morality in South Korea](#)

Based on ethnographic research in South Korea, this article delves into the everyday lives of migrant women in two feminized sectors of migration-cross-border marriage and sexual commerce-to situate the act of claiming rights in relation to the gendered pursuit of moral respect. The author shows that feminist groups in South Korea relied on the discourse of victimization and trafficking in pressuring the South Korean state to account for the human rights of migrant wives and migrant hostesses, while reinforcing the moral hierarchy that renders problematic migrant women's work and intimate relationships.

See: <http://gas.sagepub.com/content/27/4/445.abstract>

SOCIAL MEDIA

[The global dialogue on culture in the Post-2015 development agenda](#)

As part of the consultations for the Post-2015 development agenda - which will succeed the current Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) - UNESCO, UNFPA and UNDP have launched an [e-discussion](#) and call for papers on [best practices: culture and development](#). Themes include several that may be of interest to members, such as culture, gender equality and women's empowerment and culture, inclusion and reconciliation. The e-discussions and papers will feed into the UN Secretary-General's final reports. Deadline is 15 July 2014.

[Globalised Slavery: How big supermarkets are selling prawns in supply chain fed by slave labour](#)

A six-month Guardian multimedia investigation has, for the first time, tracked how some of the world's big supermarkets - Tesco, Aldi, Walmart and Morrisons - are using suppliers [relying on slave labour to put cheap prawns on their shelves](#). [Full video](#)

CALLS FOR PAPERS

[Research for Sex Work 14: Sex work is work! Call for Abstracts](#)

[Research for Sex Work](#), published by the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP), is seeking contributions for its 14th edition, themed 'Sex work is work'. This theme reflects one of NSWP's core values: the acceptance of sex work as legitimate work. This value reflects the importance of labour rights as an important step in upholding the human rights of sex workers as individuals and as members of the workforce. Abstracts are due 31 July

<http://www.nswp.org/news-story/research-sex-work-14-sex-work-work-call-abstracts>

NEWS FROM GAATW MEMBER/S

[Position of Human Trafficking Victims in Court Proceedings: Analysis of judicial practice for 2013 \(Serbia\)](#)

NGO ASTRA - Anti Trafficking Action, Serbia, in addition to providing direct assistance to victims of human trafficking, continuously monitors the position of victims in court proceedings, both by way of monitoring trials in which victims appear most often as injured parties/witnesses and by analysing judgments rendered for the criminal offence of human trafficking. This is the summary of the Report for 2013.

The analysis of legal practice is based on monitoring court trials for the crime of trafficking and on quantitative and qualitative analysis of court decisions issued in the course of 2013 in criminal court proceedings, either by first or second instance courts. A total of 39 criminal courts' judgments were analysed which, among other things, dealt with human trafficking, 16 of which being first instance judgements and 23 appellate courts' judgements. In analysing court decisions, the parameters crucial for the assessment of victims' position were used, with the emphasis on the data on the victim and his/her hearing, decision on compensation claims, as well as the type and severity of penalties. Special attention in this section of the analysis was given to a final decision adopted in civil proceedings, which was the basis for the first ever compensation claim awarded and paid to a human trafficking victim in Serbia.

To download the report, go to <http://www.astra.org.rs/en/wn->

<content/uploads/2008/07/ASTRA-Legal-Analysis-2013.pdf>.

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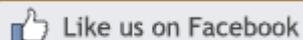
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Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings from GAATW International Secretariat.

This e-Bulletin comes at a very special time in GAATW's history as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our alliance at next month's International Members' Congress (IMC).

In 1994, the alliance was formed by a group of women activists to understand and raise awareness of trafficking from a human rights perspective, and to advocate for the rights of trafficked women around the world.

Today we have 123 member organisations in our diverse global alliance, all working on different areas of anti-trafficking, safe migration, fair labour and women's rights. Representatives from these organisations will gather at the IMC in Bangkok, Thailand, from 23 to 26 September to celebrate our achievements over the last 20 years, but also to review our work and decide on next steps.

Over the last 20 years, GAATW has made significant contributions to the anti-trafficking and migrant rights movement. From groundbreaking reports and advocacy successes, to workshops and training for activists and trafficking survivors, we have much to commemorate. However, as media reports on the human rights violations of migrant workers and trafficked persons continue to show, there is still a long way to go. At the IMC, together we will look to the future and discuss how we can strengthen the alliance and further promote the rights of migrating and trafficked women.

One of the driving themes of the IMC, as it has been for much of GAATW's recent work, is accountability.

Anti-trafficking work, and funding for that work, has mushroomed since the 1990s. Though there has been some significant progress towards addressing trafficking in persons and providing assistance to people who have been trafficked, GAATW and others have documented some of the harms done in the name of anti-trafficking and how funding in this area does not always support human rights-based initiatives.

Thus, the International Members' Congress will focus on three themes:

1) Women, migration and work - Challenges and opportunities in the coming years, reflecting on our conceptual understanding of and our practical work on trafficking in persons in the intersecting contexts of human rights, development, migration, labour rights and gender issues.

2) Funding for anti-trafficking work - Looking at critical questions about the funding in this sector: where does the money for anti-trafficking come from? Who does it go to? What is it meant to - and what does it actually - achieve? Are non-governmental organisation and donor priorities in alignment? In addition, GAATW will launch the third issue of our Anti-Trafficking Review, which looks at these issues. See below for more detail or visit www.antitraffickingreview.org.

3) Doing better - Rather than always looking to "do more", when we know some of those anti-trafficking efforts can do harm, how can we "do better"? We will reflect on our own work and look at different ways to monitor it, as well as states' anti-trafficking efforts. Over the last year, 17 GAATW Member Organisations in Europe, Asia and the Americas have been researching the experience of anti-trafficking initiatives from the perspective of the trafficking survivor. Initial findings from this project will be shared at the IMC.

The IMC is open to GAATW member organisations and invited colleagues. The final day is open to members and advisors only to discuss GAATW's future strategic direction and other organisational matters.

You can keep up to date with all the latest IMC news on our website or social media profiles (Facebook Page: [Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women](#) or Twitter handle: [@GAATW-IS](#)). Photos during the Anniversary Members Congress will be shared through social media hashtags: #GAATW20 and #IMC2014.

Warm Regards,

GAATW International Secretariat

UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT



Women, Work and Migration: a Training of trainers for colleagues from Bangladesh, India and Nepal

GAATW-IS in collaboration with 14 partner organisations and the ILO, organized a two-week residential training of trainers on Women, Work and Migration on 4-19 July, 2014, in Nagarkot, Nepal. The training was the first activity of GAATW-IS in a collaborative programme on prevention of trafficking and forced labour in South Asia. The IS will work closely with national partners to facilitate informed decision making among migrating women. The training aimed to create conceptual clarity and a rights-based perspective among the trainees.

It was amazing to see the creative skills of the trainees and their willingness to share their experience and engage with new ideas. GAATW-IS is grateful to the participants, the translators, the resource persons and the staff of Club Himalaya who made the event a great success. A special thanks to the amazing team of [WOREC-Nepal](#) without whose logistical and other support the event could not have been possible.



Dance Movement Therapy Workshop for Women Returnees

GAATW-IS in collaboration with members from Thailand ([Gabfai](#), [Sana Yar Thi Pann](#) and [Foundation for Women-Maesot](#)) organised a two-day Dance Movement Therapy (DMT) workshop with women migrant returnees from Phayao, north Thailand. The aim of the workshop was to help participants shift to a more positive self-image and work towards healing and self-care through body movement activities.

We would like to extend our gratitude to YMCA-Phayao for hosting the DMT workshop at the YMCA Center in Phayao. At the end of the workshop, women expressed positive and joyful remarks and were encouraged to apply what they have learned in their daily life.

Soundbites:

'If we learn how to share our power, we can create a safe space for ourselves and to others.'

'I could not express myself in words because I feel so happy.'

'I'm glad to meet new friends and I feel happy to release my emotions.'

ADVOCACY UPDATE

GAATW comments on post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals

GAATW-IS is concerned about the lack of human rights framework as a basis for the proposed new global development goals, and the treatment of trafficking as an issue affecting women and children only.

The [17 new goals](#) proposed by the UN General Assembly's Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have now been published, and are set to direct development work for the next 15 years. These draft SDGs represent the culmination of a great deal of outreach and consultation, a marked improvement on the progress that created the current Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). However, there remain some worrying gaps, especially in the lack of human rights framework as the basis for development.

The realisation of human rights promotes and underpins sustainable development. States are required to enact many development commitments due to their existing obligations under international human rights law. The SDGs should be in line with these existing human rights commitments to ensure that development policies and programmes are always focused on people and do not undermine human rights.

Of particular concern to GAATW is that the draft SDGs risk undermining international law on trafficking in persons. The proposed SDGs mention trafficking in persons only in relation to

women and to children. The development framework does not recognise trafficking in persons as an issue that can affect anybody, regardless of their gender. This is very troubling for efforts to end and prevent trafficking in persons - and for development solutions to the root causes of trafficking.

The Women's Major Group, a coalition of over 500 organisations facilitating women's civil society input into the post-2015 development agenda has produced [Women's "8 Red Flags"](#) following the conclusion of the OWG.

International AIDS Conference affirms need to separate sex work from criminalisation

The recent International AIDS Conference in Melbourne, Australia, saw further affirmation of the necessity of **decriminalising sex work**, including in the prestigious medical journal [the Lancet](#) and the [World Health Organization](#). Since its inception, GAATW has supported sex workers' rights, advocates for the decriminalisation of sex work and values the key role of sex workers rights groups in the anti-trafficking movement, and therefore welcomes these developments.

GAATW and the Beijing+20 Review

The work starts this month on GAATW's preparations for the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA).

Progress in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action is reviewed every five years during the UN [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW). Though 20 years old, the BPfA remains our most comprehensive framework on gender equality, though as it pre-dates the adoption of the UN Trafficking Protocol its language is not adequate for addressing the trafficking of women and girls across labour sectors. Starting with national reports and regional reviews, the Beijing+20 review process coincides with the post-2015 development agenda. This political convergence is a critical moment for setting a progressive agenda for the future of women's human rights.

The [regional reviews](#) will lead in to the 59th session of the CSW next March. This session will not have a negotiated outcome. Beijing+20 will culminate in the Global Leaders Commitment Summit in September 2015, which will follow a global civil society dialogue supported by UN Women. GAATW is part of the Civil Society Beijing+20 Steering Committee for the Asia Pacific Region and participated in the third session of the ESCAP [Committee on Social Development](#) in August. This is the preparatory body for the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review that will take place in November. GAATW joined the civil society [statement](#) delivered at the opening of the meeting, as well as other statement throughout the meeting.

US bill to pressure countries that do not criminalise the purchase of sex must be dropped, say rights groups

GAATW and the Freedom Network call on the US House of Representatives to drop H.R. 4703

GAATW and the Freedom Network (USA) condemn a new bill, introduced into the US House of Representatives by Congressman Hultgren, which seeks to put pressure on countries that "do not prohibit the purchase of commercial sex acts". If passed, bill H.R.4703 will amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to demand that the State Department take a country's prostitution laws into consideration when determining its rankings in the annual *Trafficking in Persons Report*. Placement in the lowest tier of the report can trigger sanctions including the reduction or loss of non-humanitarian, non-trade-related foreign assistance. [Read more](#)

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The *Anti-Trafficking Review* promotes a human rights-based approach to anti-trafficking. It explores trafficking in its broader context including gender analyses and intersections with labour and migrant rights.

New publication - Following the Money: Spending on Anti-Trafficking

The International Secretariat will be launching the next edition of the *Anti-Trafficking Review* on 24 September 2014, this time themed on funding for anti-trafficking work. Guest edited by human rights expert Mike Dottridge, the journal features a selection of articles looking at who the major donors are, how much money is spent on anti-trafficking work, what it is spent on and the funding-related challenges faced by non-governmental organisations.

Visit the website for more information: www.antitraffickingreview.org.

GAATW's 20th YEAR ANNIVERSARY



Anniversary Message to GAATW

We are requesting founding members, past and current members, and friends to share their thoughts and messages for the 20th Anniversary of GAATW. Below are snippets from interviews with two of GAATW's International Board Members. Do send us your video, audio or print messages to mark 20 years of our journey together. Write to GAATW-IS at gaatw@gaatw.org.

Message from Andrea Querol, GAATW International Board for the Americas

Andrea is one of the founders of [Capital Humano y Social Alternativo](#), a GAATW member, whose main purpose is to fight against human trafficking and exploitation of children and adolescents.

We knew about GAATW in 2007, and through other GAATW members in the region, we learnt more about the work of GAATW, and what they were doing in other parts of the world. We applied to become a member, and since then we have been able to witness and participate in their hard work, and the significant effect of the Alliance in all the regions. During the last 20 years, GAATW has taken a stand against trafficking in the international arena and promoted the improvement of policies on anti-trafficking all over the world based on a human rights- approach.

From the REDLAC's Board, I am confident that we can continue regional work while strengthening our relationship with other regions. In the next 20 years, we hope to continue with our support and advocacy for migrants and trafficked persons.

GAATW-IS ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE



GAATW@20

GAATW's 20th Anniversary Timeline



OCTOBER
1994

GAATW was founded as an International Workshop on Migration and Traffic in Women in Chiang Mai, Thailand.



GAATW International Secretariat launched an online 20th anniversary timeline to show the highlights of GAATW-IS's work. To view, go to: <http://gaatw.org/timeline>.

RESOURCES

REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS ON TRAFFICKING, LABOUR AND MIGRATION

Economic Migration Gone Wrong: Trafficking in Persons Through the Lens of Gender, Labor and Globalization

By Dana Raigrodski, University of Washington-School of Law

This article looks at the lack of success in fighting trafficking and argues that this is due to too great a focus on criminal law and the human rights of women and children, rather than addressing the economic and global market conditions within which human trafficking thrives. It highlights vulnerabilities to trafficking and exploitation brought upon by globalisation, the feminisation of labour migration, and the links between irregular migration and human trafficking.

See: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2473738

The International Law of Migrant Smuggling

By Anne T Gallgher and Fiona David

New book presenting a comprehensive analysis of migrant smuggling and the legal obligations of states with regard to the subject, including those related to criminalisation, interdiction and rescue at sea, protection, prevention, detention and return.

See: <http://www.cambridge.org/gb/academic/subjects/law/human-rights/international-law-migrant-smuggling>

Qualitative research on employment relationship and working conditions: preliminary guidelines

By Amelita King DeJardin, International Labour Organization

This guide presents a qualitative research methodology for investigating the employment relationship between domestic worker and the employer-household, with special attention on employment practices and working conditions.

See: http://www.ilo.org/travail/whatwedo/publications/WCMS_248899/lang--en/index.htm

COMMENTARY

Arrest of one man does not address Thailand's trafficking problem

GAATW's research consultant Mariah Grant has published an article on the Thomson Reuters Foundation blog about migrant Burmese children in Thailand and the government's token actions to combat trafficking. Please note, the author's opinions are her own and do not necessarily reflect GAATW's position.

See: <http://www.trust.org/item/20140804113322-o3yph/?source=jtBlogs>

BLOG

Monitoring, evaluation and learning - why it's an activist's best friend

This issue of [Gender & Development](#) features a unique and unequalled range of different views by authors who've all been involved in **monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) from a gender equality and women's rights perspective**. The [articles](#) here are powerful and useful taken individually, but appearing as a collection they enable development policymakers and practitioners to compare a wide array of experiences and gain real insight into state-of-the-art approaches to gender-transformative MEL.

See: <http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/blog/2014/07/monitoring-evaluation-and-learning-why-its-an-activists-best-friend>

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Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings from the GAATW International Secretariat.

Last month, more than 120 participants from 40 countries around the world gathered in Bangkok, Thailand, for our Intentional Members' Congress. Together members of the Alliance, as well as partners and friends, celebrated GAATW's 20th anniversary; reviewed our collective successes and setbacks; and began planning for the future.

Participants discussed topics on three themes: women, migration and work; funding for anti-trafficking efforts; and accountability in anti-trafficking work.

The IMC began with a look back over GAATW's history and Member Organisations shared their highlights and setbacks from the last 20 years. We heard a special anniversary message from Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, the new Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and viewed a celebratory 'GAATW@20' film. We also asked participants to consider human rights 'highs and lows', and what work we still need to do in future.

Throughout the IMC we had many fruitful discussions on continuing areas of work such as: international advocacy opportunities; understanding trafficking in persons through a range of frameworks including human rights, women's rights, migrants' rights, labour rights, and development; recognising domestic work as work covered by labour laws; and challenging the 'end demand' agenda and decriminalising sex work. We also looked at our focus on accountability, and presented early findings from our [research project](#) looking at trafficked people's perspectives on anti-trafficking services and initiatives.

We also discussed new opportunities for the Alliance; for example, this was the first IMC where we have connected with partners from the Middle East. We also talked

about a need to work with trade unions, including to strengthen self-organised groups; expanding our work on migrant rights to involve labour rights; and looking beyond GAATW's focus on women to consider others who are trafficked - such as men, LGBTI people and indigenous peoples. The launch of issue 3 of the Anti-Trafficking Review also prompted us to think about how we can ensure greater transparency on the impact of anti-trafficking money (more below).

One of the most important outcomes was a call for continuing collaboration - within the Alliance and with external partners - and for relationship building between NGOs and donors.

All of these useful discussions will inform GAATW's strategy in the future. We would like to thank everyone who participated and made this year's IMC such a memorable and successful event. Please do check out our Flickr account for photos from the IMC and relive your memories!

Warm Regards,

GAATW International Secretariat

UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT



New issue of the Anti-Trafficking Review looks at following the money

Where does the money for anti-trafficking work come from? Who does it go to? What does it actually achieve?

The new issue of GAATW's peer-reviewed journal the Anti-Trafficking Review examines these critical questions about funding for the sector. For the first time, GAATW and journal authors attempt to look at the money spent on anti-trafficking work and reveal what kind of initiatives have been supported by anti-trafficking funding, and what work has been sidelined as a result.

The launch event on 23 September at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand, Bangkok, was attended by 99 people and the journal gained coverage in The Guardian and Reuters. The editors also wrote a blog post for The Trafficking Research Project.

View the journal articles in full at www.antitraffickingreview.org

GAATW Member Organisations gather to discuss accountability research project

Over the past year, 17 GAATW Member Organisations working in direct assistance in Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean have been consulting with people who have been trafficked to find out about their experience of assistance and accessing justice. The goal of the project was to learn how to improve assistance work and understand the priorities for change that we need to advocate for.

On 22 September, 15 of these organisations met for the first time to discuss gaps and challenges with regard to shelter and accommodation, vocational training programs and promoting economic independence, support during criminal investigations and trials and alternative forms of justice. Following these discussions, organisations discussed follow-up actions for the research findings both nationally and regionally.

View a film about the project in English [here](#) and Spanish [here](#).

GAATW at the United Nations transnational organised crime conference

Last week, GAATW's International Advocacy Officer and representatives from several GAATW Member Organisations participated in the [seventh session of the Conference of the Parties \(COP\)](#) to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and the Protocols Thereto. You can read our joint statement to the COP [here](#). Read our article about the session's outcome [here](#).

GAATW also ran a side event at the COP, which used the upcoming 15th anniversary of the UN Trafficking Protocol in 2015 to open up a space to review progress on its implementation and look at issues of compensation for trafficked persons, how trafficked persons experience anti-trafficking measures, and funding for anti-trafficking work. Read more [here](#).

C-36 moves to the Canadian Senate, likely to pass this month

The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act ([Bill C-36](#)) passed the Canadian House of Commons on 6 October, moving to the Senate where it is also expected to pass. Authorities have until 19 December - one year since the ruling in the [Bedford](#) case at the Canadian Supreme Court that struck down Canada's existing laws on prostitution - to adopt new legislation on this issue. The new act will criminalise the purchase of sex, communicating for the purpose of selling sex, gaining material benefit from sex work, and advertising sexual services. Further information on the bill's provisions is available from Pivot Legal [here](#).

GAATW shares the concern expressed by activists in Canada that there has not been adequate meaningful consultation on the bill and that the measures will violate the rights of individuals who sell sex. The provisions in the new bill are more restrictive than those struck down by the Supreme Court in the *Bedford* case decision. GAATW-IS and GAATW-Canada submitted a [brief](#) to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee outlining some of our concerns.

Research Ethics in Vulnerable Populations Symposium

Melbourne, Australia

17 October 2014

Julie Ham and Gemma Sadler from GAATW presented 'Intersectional ethics with women in sex work' at a symposium, 'Research ethics in vulnerable populations', 17 Oct 2014, organized by the Burnet Institute and Monash University's Michael Kirby Centre for Public Health and Human Rights. The symposium included presentations on research ethical issues with women who have experienced intimate partner violence, prisoners, people who inject drugs and men who have sex with men. Julie's and Gemma's presentation highlighted the recent work of Member Organisations in two GAATW research initiatives: (1) the work of [Self-Empowerment Program for Migrant Women \(SEPOM\)](#) and two researchers from [Supporting Women's Alternatives Network \(SWAN\)](#), and (2) [Brigada Callejera's](#) work with sex workers who had been trafficked, in GAATW's 2013-2014 accountability research assessing the impact of anti-trafficking assistance services. For more information, please contact Julie at julie.ham@monash.edu or Gemma at gemma@gaatw.org

RESOURCES

New 'Beyond Trafficking and Slavery' blog

Beyond Trafficking and Slavery is an editorial partnership between openDemocracy and researchers from Africa, Asia, America, Australia and Europe. GAATW-IS welcomes this new blog as it "challenges both the empty sensationalism of mainstream media accounts of exploitation and domination, and the hollow, technocratic policy responses promoted by businesses and politicians". Read more at <https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery>

New Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights at International Borders

The Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights at International Borders are the results of a two-year process led by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). GAATW has participated in their development following the OHCHR-GAATW Expert consultation of Human Rights at International Borders in March 2012. OHCHR will be launching the Principles and Guidelines at events in Brussels and New York this week. Download the [Principles and Guidelines](#) and [read more](#).

The latest report of the UN Secretary General to the General Assembly on the Protection of Migrants also addresses the human rights of migrants at international borders and is available at the above link.

New recommendations for reintegrating returning migrants

Migrants returning to their home countries need more comprehensive help if they are to reintegrate successfully in their communities, according to the conclusions of a workshop organised by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and UN Women. Read more [here](#).

European Anti-Trafficking Day: a focus on root causes and a new campaign

The UN Special Rapporteurs on trafficking, contemporary forms of slavery, sale and sexual exploitation of children, and migrants issued a joint statement to mark European Anti-Trafficking Day focusing on the root causes of trafficking in persons. Read more here [Poverty, inequality, discrimination - Let's stop human trafficking at the roots](#)

GAATW member organisation La Strada International used the occasion of European Anti-Trafficking Day to launch their new campaign critically addressing the issue of employers' and consumers' demand and supply for products and services that lead to, or directly involve the use of exploitative labour. Find out more [here](#).

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

The annual report to the UN General Assembly by the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, François Crépeau, is now publicly available on the mandate's [website](#) (scroll down for the General Assembly reports).

In this report, the Special Rapporteur addresses why the human rights of migrants should be included in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda.

New York's Human Trafficking Intervention Courts: Criminal, Victim, or Worker?

A report by the Red Umbrella Project, a peer-led sex worker advocacy group in the United States of America, outlines the outcomes of a year spent monitoring proceedings at New York's Human Trafficking Intervention Courts (HTICs), a new system of courts designed to treat those arrested on prostitution-related charges as trafficking victims. Download the report [here](#).

ASEAN and Human Trafficking: Case Studies of Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam

Naparatt Kranrattanasuit (Mahidol University - Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies) has published this report which reviews the achievements and the deficiencies of ASEAN's counter-human strategies at the national and regional level. Download it [here](#).

Human Trafficking in Asia - Forcing Issues

This book analyses complex issues surrounding internal and cross-border human trafficking in Asia, and asserting critical perspectives and methodologies. It extends the range of sites for discussion and sectors in which human trafficking takes place. More information [here](#).

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Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings from the GAATW International Secretariat.

Two decades after its adoption, the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) by consensus remains the most comprehensive and progressive global policy framework for the advancement of women's human rights and gender equality.

GAATW-IS is currently taking part in the 20-year review of the BPfA, a process known as the Beijing+20 Review. Alongside other NGOs in the Asia-Pacific region, we are advocating for women's human rights and gender equality, with a focus on government accountability.

Next week, GAATW-IS will bring these messages to the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. This is the regional preparatory event for the Asia-Pacific region, leading up to the international review at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York next year. There are also preparatory events across the other global regions: to see what is happening in your region, and for States' national reviews of their implementation of the BPfA, [click here](#). Do let us know if you are taking part in any BPfA activities by emailing kate@gaatw.org

The focus of the Beijing+20 Review will be accountability, questioning whether States have realised the promise of the BPfA. In each region, there is a dual approach of an NGO forum and an intergovernmental meeting. In the Asia-Pacific region, GAATW-IS is working in a team of 18 NGOs from across the region as part of the Civil Society Steering Committee to organise an NGO forum for over 400 women's rights and feminist activists from 14-16 November. We have an exciting programme planned for the weekend.

You can follow all the news and outcomes from the NGO forum (14-16 November) on the [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

profiles created for the event - the hashtags are #Beijing20 and #APWomen. Please share the news and help promote our call for increased government accountability to ensure gender equality and the protection of human rights for all women.

From the NGO forum, the work moves to the intergovernmental regional meeting. Our work there, in collaboration with other NGOs, is to try and ensure that States adopt a progressive outcome document with a strong commitment to accountability. We'll be sharing news from this on the GAATW [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Warm Regards,

GAATW International Secretariat

NEWS

Call for International Migrants Day messages

International Migrants Day is coming up on 18 December, and to help raise awareness of migrant rights, GAATW-IS calls on Member Organisations to send us written or video messages to mark the day. We will collate them and publish them as a collective message from our global alliance in support of migrant rights. Your message can be written or presented as a video message (we recommend written messages of up to 100 words, and video messages no longer than 30 seconds). Please email jasmin@gaatw.org if you would like to be involved.



GAATW publishes report from the International Members' Congress

In September, Member Organisations and friends gathered for our **International Members Congress (IMC)** to celebrate GAATW's 20th anniversary, review our collective successes and setbacks and began planning for the future. Many fruitful discussions were had on a range of topics including accountability in our work, funding for anti-trafficking and human rights protection for migrant women. GAATW has now published a report summarising the key discussions at the event, download it [here](#).

Bad law passes in Canada

The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act, known as C-36, [passed](#) the Canadian Senate on 4 November (the record of the debate is available [here](#)). The final step is a formality and it was signed into law on 6 November. The legislation was the Tory government's response to a [ruling](#) last December by the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) in the Bedford case brought by three Ontario sex workers, that the then current law was unconstitutional, because it was a threat to the security of sex workers. GAATW-IS and GAATW Canada submitted a [brief](#) to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee outlining some of our concerns.

Rather than take the option of listening to sex workers and respecting their rights, the government has chosen to pass this law that will do harm. Writing for the SCC in the Bedford decision, Chief Justice McLachlin said: "[The prohibitions at issue do not merely impose conditions on how prostitutes operate. They go a critical step further, by imposing dangerous conditions on prostitution; they prevent people engaged in a risky - but legal - activity from taking steps to protect themselves from the risk.](#)" However C-36 also [endangers sex workers](#). An amendment introduced in the debate on Tuesday by Senator Mobina Jaffer that a sex worker would not be charged for selling sex was [defeated](#). This is in spite of many of the witnesses to the various committees during the bill's passage through parliament calling for exactly that. (All the briefs presented to the Canadian Senate are available [here](#).) The passage of the law has been

condemned by sex workers, activists, lawyers, and health workers for ignoring the evidence-based research and for the harm it will inflict on sex workers' rights and well-being (see [here](#) and [here](#)). As the Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform [tweeted](#):

It is our strong belief that #c36 was NOT what 9/9 #SCC Justices had in mind when they unanimously ruled on Bedford. #cdnpoli#sexwork

- Sex Work Law Reform (@CDNSWAlliance) November 5, 2014

For more information check out the updates from our Member Organisations [SWAN Vancouver](#) and [FIRST](#), as well as this [article](#) on a press conference they held. There will certainly be legal challenge(s) to the bill but how many sex workers will be at risk and have their rights violated before that?

FIZ on the abolition of visas for non-EU cabaret workers in Switzerland

[FIZ Advocacy and Support for Migrant Women and Victims of Trafficking](#), a GAATW Member Organisation in Switzerland, has written an article about their advocacy work around the abolition of the short-term residence permit (eight months) for non-EU cabaret dancers. FIZ opposes the measure as the visa offers minimal legal protection for women from countries outside the EU. [Read more](#)

New authoritative guidance on the rights of trafficking persons and migrants

The international human rights treaty bodies publish general comments or recommendations that provide states with comprehensive interpretation of the provisions of the respective human rights treaty to guide their implementation of their obligations under the treaty.

The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women has adopted a new general recommendation on the [gender-related dimensions of refugee status, asylum, nationality and statelessness of women \(General recommendation No. 32\)](#), that includes consideration of the intersection of trafficking with these issues.

The UN Human Rights Committee has adopted a new general comment on [liberty and security of person \(General comment No.35\)](#), which includes consideration of the detention of migrants.

RESOURCES

The Role of 'Consent' in the Trafficking in Persons Protocol

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

The UNODC has published a new issue paper looking at clarifying problematic aspects of the definition of trafficking in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol. These issue papers seek to provide guidance to practitioners, particularly criminal justice practitioners, who implement the Protocol. The latest issue paper on the role of consent is available [here](#). The first issue paper in this series was published in 2012 and looks at Abuse of a Position of Vulnerability and other "Means" Within the Definition of Trafficking in Persons and is available [here](#). View other UNODC publications on trafficking in persons [here](#).

Preventing Trafficking in Persons by Addressing Demand

Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT)

ICAT, representatives of intergovernmental agencies working on human trafficking, has published a new report to provide guidance to organizations and practitioners by mapping out the dimensions of demand as it relates specifically to trafficking in persons for labour exploitation. The report also highlights strategies that can be used to address this aspect of the problem. Read the report [here](#).

"I Already Bought You": Abuse and Exploitation of Female Migrant Domestic Workers in the United Arab Emirates

Human Rights Watch

This report documents how the UAE's visa sponsorship system, known as kafala, and the lack of labour law protections leave migrant domestic workers exposed to abuse. Domestic workers, mostly from Asia and Africa, cannot move to a new job before their contracts end without the employer's consent, trapping many in abusive conditions. Labour-sending countries don't fully

protect the workers against deceptive recruitment practices or provide adequate assistance to abused nationals abroad. [Download the report.](#)

The Routledge Handbook on Crime and International Migration

Edited by Sharon Pickering, Julie Ham

The handbook is focused on the migratory 'fault lines' between the Global North and Global South, which have produced new or accelerated sites of State control, constructed irregular migration as a crime and security problem, and mobilised ideological and coercive powers usually reserved for criminal or military threats. More information [here](#).

Understanding Public Knowledge and Attitudes towards Trafficking in Human Beings (Part 1)

Dr Kiril Sharapov, Center for Policy Studies, Central European University

This study by an [Anti-Trafficking Review](#) (issue 3) author highlights differences in the levels of awareness of human trafficking among the general public in Great Britain, Ukraine and Hungary. It relies on representative surveys of public understanding and attitudes towards human trafficking in these countries. This research report presents information highlighting the complexity of the relationship between public opinion, government policies and other anti-trafficking 'stakeholders'. Click [here](#) to download the report.

Workshop Report: Framing Ethics in Impact Evaluation: Where Are We? Which Route Should We Take?

Dr Chris Barnett and Tamlyn Munslow

This report presents a summary of a workshop with 15 researchers and practitioners, supported by the Institute of Development Studies' (IDS) Department for International Development (DFID) Accountable Grant and the University of East Anglia (UEA). The workshop set out to explore the landscape of ethical practice as it currently exists, with a particular focus on the concerns of practitioners presently involved in implementing impact evaluations. View the report [here](#).

Migrant Worker Resource Centre Operations Manual

International Labour Organization

This manual is intended for any organisation that provides, or wants to provide, services to migrant workers. The manual provides clear guidance on the establishment of a Migrant Worker Resource Centre and services to potential and returned migrants, and members of their families. Download it [here](#).

Housing and Homelessness of Undocumented Migrants in Europe: Developing strategies and good practices to ensure access to housing and shelter

Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)

Drawing on the experts' inputs and discussions from a PICUM workshop in 2013 on housing, this report seeks to clarify undocumented migrants' right to housing by exploring their access to this right in practice. The report provides an overview of their access to housing and identifies key barriers, challenges and concerns. View the report [here](#).

Out of the Shadows: Shedding Light on the Working Conditions of Immigrant Women in Tucson

Bacon Immigration Law and Policy Program of the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law

This report documents the conditions and recurring hardships facing immigrant women workers as witnessed by the Workers' Rights Clinic. This report presents the results of researchers' surveys of low-wage immigrant women workers and interviews with workers, government officials, and community leaders. The report also provides policy recommendations. Read more [here](#).

How to prevent human trafficking for domestic servitude in diplomatic households and protect private domestic workers

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

This Handbook for Protocol Officers serves to raise awareness and inform the relevant authorities

about how to prevent trafficking in human beings for domestic servitude in diplomatic households, how to detect abuses and how to react to exploitative situations while protecting the rights of the domestic worker. Download it [here](#).

Ending Exploitation. Ensuring that Businesses do not Contribute to Trafficking in Human Beings: Duties of States and the Private Sector

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

This Occasional Paper, the seventh in a series of Occasional Papers published by OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, outlines the measures that businesses can take to ensure that trafficking in human beings does not occur in their workplaces or those of their suppliers. It also reviews the obligations of the OSCE's participating States to regulate business activities and provides a series of recommendations for those States. Download the paper [here](#).

Statement by the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova

At the opening of the 14th Alliance against Trafficking in Persons conference in Vienna, Austria, on 4 November, the OSCE Special Representative delivered a statement calling on governments to 'do the right thing' and take ethical approach to combating human trafficking. Read more [here](#).

Campaign

Used in Europe

On EU Anti-Trafficking Day, 18 October 2014, [La Strada International](#), together with 28 European anti-trafficking NGOs, launched a campaign called 'Used in Europe' to raise awareness of the issue of labour exploitation and human trafficking. The campaign provides a unique online overview of major human trafficking cases from the last decade in Europe, highlighted by NGOs, researchers and the media, and gives insight into the situation for each country in Europe.

The campaign aims to urge European governments to enforce international regulations to prevent, punish and redress human trafficking practices in Europe; ask businesses to increase their vigilance and control of supply chains; and encourage consumers to choose products and services from Europe with care. Click [here](#) to download the brochure. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Video

The High Cost of Cheap Clothes

VICE News

This short video begins with Cambodia's anti-trafficking campaign which is designed to rescue sex workers in Phnom Penh. However, many women say authorities in Cambodia are actually forcing them into a trade where conditions and pay are even worse: making clothing for Western brands. http://www.vice.com/en_uk/vice-news/the-high-cost-of-cheap-clothes-998

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Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings from the GAATW International Secretariat.

Migrant women have a right safe access to fair and paid work. In order to stop trafficking and other abuses that are happening when women migrate, their human and labour rights must be protected.

As we approach International Migrants' Day on 18 December, and reflect on our work during GAATW's 20th anniversary year, it is important to reaffirm our call as an Alliance for the protection of human rights across the globe. Whilst there is still a long way to go with regard to human rights progress for migrant women, we can also be proud of the gains in migrant workers' rights, to which all of us in GAATW have contributed.

In September this year, representatives from GAATW's diverse membership, as well as partners and allies, came together at our International Members' Congress (IMC) to review progress made for migrant women and people who have been trafficked and make plans for the future.

We welcomed the fact that in our anti-trafficking work we have strengthened links with migrant and women's rights frameworks, and our work is now expanding to include labour rights. Some of our members pointed out that more organising of migrant workers has raised the visibility of the issues. We also celebrated the achievements of Member Organisations across the Alliance; we heard how one has helped to pass a new migration law acknowledging human rights, while another has run a campaign to increase migrant workers' wages.

As our 20th anniversary year draws to a close, we would like to thank all our Member Organisations,

partners, donors and allies, for all their support and dedication to human rights across the globe. We very much look forward to our continued collaboration in the future.

And to mark International Migrants Day, GAATW-IS has published an [article speaking out against the restrictions imposed on migrant women workers in South Asian countries](#), who primarily move to the Middle East to do domestic work. Please help us raise awareness of this issue by sharing the statement throughout your networks and on social media.

Warm Regards,

GAATW International Secretariat

NEWS

GAATW expresses disappointment over the outcome of the Asia-Pacific Beijing+20 Review

Most of the [regional reviews](#) have now taken place in preparation for the global review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action at the 59th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59). The civil society steering committee, of which GAATW was part, was responsible for delivering the Civil Society Forum as well as voicing civil society views at the intergovernmental meeting that followed. GAATW Secretariat staff joined the 480 women gathered in Bangkok on 14-16 November 2014 at the [Asia Pacific Beijing + 20 Civil Society Forum](#) to demand accountability of governments in the region and improve implementation of the Beijing agenda.

We took these views into the Asia-Pacific intergovernmental [Beijing+20 Review meeting](#). We were able to have a civil society speaker in the opening panel of the session and Eni Lestari from GAATW Member Organisation ATKI-Hong Kong delivered a [strong statement](#) linking her own experience as a migrant worker to broader structural factors. Abia Akram from Asia Pacific Women with Disability (APWWD) United was also able to deliver a second statement on behalf of the civil society steering committee, in which we expressed our [disappointment](#) in the outcome of the negotiations.

During the negotiations, it was very positive to see how many Asia-Pacific states pushed progressive language and agendas. However their efforts were stymied by a minority of states who sought to undermine the Beijing consensus. Many issues were not given adequate consideration in the rushed negotiations. As a result, the outcome document from the regional review, the [Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration](#) on Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, makes no reference to the rights of women migrant workers, including migrant domestic workers, and states deleted the one reference in the draft to domestic work, in reference to the girl child, during negotiations. The language agreed in the Declaration politicises the issue of trafficking in persons, calling on states to "eliminate demand for trafficking" rather than simply recommit to the broader agenda of ending trafficking in persons. The former is a limited approach that GAATW and others have shown to do harm to the rights of women and of migrants. It is sad that 20 years since its adoption by consensus, the Beijing Platform for Action remains the most comprehensive women's rights framework. It is sadder still that this framework came under so many challenges - to existing commitments and to its application to newer challenges such as climate change. The civil society steering committee issued a [final statement](#) reflecting on the process and the agreements reached in the Declaration.

10 years on from the ASEAN Declaration Against Trafficking in Persons: Civil Society expects progress in the forthcoming ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons

In November, some GAATW Member Organisations met to discuss concerns about the ASEAN Declaration Against Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP) which is currently under negotiation by the 10 ASEAN Member States. Though we have not been able to obtain sight of the draft text, we did agree some broad minimum standards for the ACTIP and our statement is available [here](#).

GAATW welcomes new member in Bangladesh

GAATW-IS is pleased to welcome a new member in the Alliance! The [Association for Community Development](#), based in Bangladesh, was established in 1989 by a group of social activists who wanted to support community development and promote gender equality, social justice and good governance. ACD is committed to empower the most disadvantaged and marginalised women, children and adolescent girls whose lives has been negatively affected by the traditional societal system and economic hardship.

ACD's interventions use an integrated approach and aim to establish the rights of grassroots women and children, protecting them from violence, reducing gender-based discrimination and establishing social justice while developing the community care system.

GAATW co-hosts event on migrant sex workers in Europe

On 16 December, GAATW co-hosted a film screening of a documentary telling real stories from migrant sex workers in Europe by sociologist and director Nicola Mai. The documentary, called '[Normal](#)', presents a series of interviews with male, female and transgender workers, and aims to represent the complexity of migrants' experiences working in the sex industry. The event included a Q&A session with the director in Bangkok. If you are interested in seeing the film or hosting your own screening, please contact jasmin@gaatw.org.

RESOURCES

[Holding Back Progress: The barriers to ending trafficking in persons](#)

On Human Rights Day, GAATW released a [statement](#) naming the top three human rights setbacks over the last twenty years. Lack of national laws and implementation of existing laws; the conflation of sex work and trafficking; and growing right-wing and anti-migrant movements have posed the biggest challenges to the realisation of human rights for migrant and trafficked women over the last two decades, according to the statement.

[The Road to Dignity by 2030: Ending Poverty, Transforming All Lives and Protecting the Planet. Synthesis Report of the Secretary-General on the Post-2015 Agenda](#)

The UN Secretary-General has launched its synthesis report on the post-2015 development agenda. The synthesis report aims to support States' discussions on post-2015 going forward, taking stock of the negotiations on the post-2015 agenda and reviewing lessons from pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals.

[Human Rights and the Fight Against Trafficking](#)

Juhu Thukral and Suzanne Seltzer, featured article for The Huffington Post
"Unfortunately, a well-meaning but misguided trend in anti-trafficking efforts hasn't proven to help, but it has the potential to backfire and harm countless victims, survivors, and bystanders: Using sex offender registries as an anti-trafficking tool. Sex offender registries have their place in law enforcement, but human rights advocates and policymakers have been warning that over-use has been dangerous, both because they [rarely protect potential victims](#), and they [overload law enforcement agencies](#)." Read [more](#)

[A Triple Win in Migration: Ensuring Migrant Workers' Rights to Protect All Workers](#)

Asia-Europe Foundation

This publication is based on the outcomes of a two-year programme that studied migration policies in Asia and Europe to identify those practices that have contributed significantly to the welfare of migrants in both their host countries and their countries of origin. The volume

identifies good practices across Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries as well as key migration issues relevant to these countries and their policymakers.

[Ecuador: From Mass Emigration to Return Migration?](#)

Brad D. Jokisch, Migration Policy Institute

This country profile analyses Ecuador's migration trends and examines how remittances and return migration have become an important policy focus for Ecuador, which has an estimated 1.5 million to 2 million nationals living abroad, chiefly in the United States, Spain and Italy.

[The Precarious Status of Migrants in Thailand: Reflections on the Exodus of Cambodian Migrants and Lessons Learnt](#)

Mekong Migration Network (MMN)

Beginning in June 2014, Thailand witnessed the departure of huge numbers of Cambodian migrant workers who were deported or left voluntarily in fear of government crackdowns. In anticipation of an eventual return of these migrants back to Thailand, the two countries introduced a number of policy reforms to make legal migration channels more accessible. MMN and its partner organisations believed it was critical to ensure that these rapidly developing responses reflected the voices of migrants and their families, and decided to conduct a series of interviews, which are summarised in this report.

[Eritreans File Lawsuit Against Canadian Mining Company for Slave Labour and Crimes Against Humanity](#)

Canadian Centre for International Justice

This press release outlines details of civil lawsuit filed by three Eritrean men in a Vancouver court against Nevsun Resources Limited over the use of slave labour at Nevsun's Bisha Mine in Eritrea.

[The Pros and Cons of Collaboration](#)

Human Trafficking Centre

Collaboration is inherent to anti-trafficking efforts, manifested as a continuous series of partnerships between victim support advocates, law enforcement, legal services and research institutions. Common sense says partnerships to eliminate human trafficking should be helpful, but not all partnerships are equally beneficial or productive. Why do some partnerships thrive while others end up mired in red tape or ensnared in disagreements? This blog post considers the pros and cons of collaboration within three areas: resources, service provision, and research/policy.

[Women's Tribunal in Nepal hears from survivors of sexual violence during Nepal's armed conflict, makes broad recommendations for policy and legal reform](#)

Women's Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC)

GAATW member WOREC co-convened a tribunal on 8 December during which ten women gave testimonies on their experiences of sexual violence and intimidation during Nepal's armed conflict. Read the full [press release](#) for more information.

Event

17 December: Vancouver Sex Workers Gather to Mourn Violence and Build Solidarity

On 17 December, in honour of the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers, sex workers and their allies in Vancouver, Canada gathered to commemorate all sex workers who have been murdered and assaulted because of the stigma and criminalisation of sex work, and to support those left behind.

This annual event came just 11 days after [Canada's new prostitution law](#), the misnamed Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act, came into force. The new law threatens to replicate much the same conditions that led to many horrific murders and assaults of sex workers in the past, including in Vancouver. For more details, contact Esther Shannon of FIRST at emls@shaw.ca.

View GAATW's [brief on Bill C-36](#), which has now become Canada's new prostitution law.

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