

Sex Trafficking: a CSW priority theme

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Sex Trafficking in NC, the U.S., & the world

The Prostitution Debate

Abolition



- Illegalize prostitution
- Decriminalize sex worker
- Criminalize all others involved (pimps, johns, etc)

VS.

Legalization



- Decriminalize all involved
- Regulate prostitution

Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)

*Faire campagne contre le tourisme sexuel dans la
Mediterranee:*

Defendre le droit au travail decent

*Campaigning Against Sex Tourism in the Mediterranean:
Defending the Right to Decent Work*

Lead Sponsor: Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)

Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

*Church Center for the United Nations
The Boss Room, 8th Floor

Trafficking, Prostitution, and Work

Lead Sponsor: Movement for the Abolition of Prostitution and
Pornography (MAPP)

Thursday, February 24, 2011, 12:00 to 1:30 PM

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The Boss Room, 8th Floor

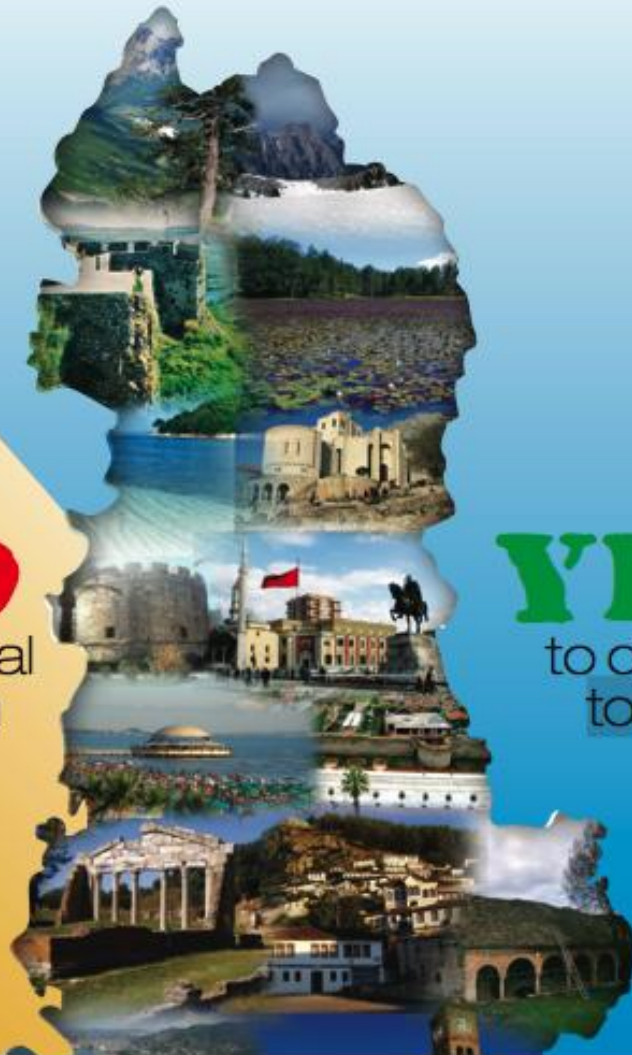
*Corporate Responsibility: The Internet and Sex
Trafficking*

Lead Sponsor: UNANIMA International

Friday, February 25, 2011, 2:00 - 3:30pm

*Church Center for the United Nations
2nd Floor

Albania, a country of
natural and **cultural**
miracles!



NO
to sexual
tourism

YES
to cultural
tourism!

Albania Media Campaign

Craigslist protests



Breaking Free

- 'Sisters of Survivors' support group
- Permanent housing
- 'John School' aka the Offenders Prostitution Program



Vendita Carter, survivor of prostitution,
founder of Breaking Free

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- Initial Results from the International Men and Gender Equality Survey (IMAGES)
- Renaissance Male Project



Sex Tourism

“I kept the girl about 24 hours, [getting with] her 3 times. Took her barhopping (she was embarrassed by the bars). Bought her dinner and breakfast. Put p1000 in her purse and sent her on her way walking down fields. Everyone seemed happy. We didn't chat online after that and she didn't txt.”

- International Sex Guide, forum title: “The Phillippines, Angeles City”

United Nations Policy

- United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Protocol to Prevent Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, 2000
- “Very few criminals are convicted and most victims are probably never identified or assisted”



What is necessary?

- Ratify international treaties
- Raise awareness



How to get involved?

- In North Carolina
 - stophumantrafficking.wordpress.com
- In the US
 - polarisproject.org
 - breakingfree.net
- Internationally
 - catwinternational.org