

# Reflections from the 57<sup>th</sup> CSW

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# Why the CSW Fellowship?

- Topic of the Commission: Ending Violence Against Women and Girls
- Connection to Law and Legal Issues
- Personal Background and Connection

# NGO Consultation Day

- Human Trafficking was a Priority Theme
- Empowering expressive performance by Girl Be Heard
- Discussion and connections with women and men working on these issues from all over the world.



# NGO Panels

- Practical Solutions
- A forum for interactive dialogue
- A forum for passion and stories from the field
- Panels gave insight to possible career options in this field



# Governmental Sessions

- Working solutions and steps taken by individual governments
- Forum to explore governmental priorities
- Interactive dialogue



# Human Trafficking: Numbers and Facts

- 20.9-27 million people affected by trafficking
- ILO estimates that 68% are held in forced labor, 22% in forced sexual exploitation.
- Women comprise **98%** of those involved in sex trafficking and **55%** of those in forced labor.
- 128 out of 196 countries criminalize all forms of human trafficking

# Human Trafficking: Lessons Learned

- Forms of Trafficking
  - Femicide and Trafficking
  - Sports and Human Trafficking
- Trafficking Connections
  - Connection Between War and Trafficking
  - Connection Between Immigration and Trafficking
  - Power of Stories and Expression
  - Empowerment of Survivors

# Legislation: Lessons Learned

- NY Legislation
  - Comprehensive Legislation that combines efforts of the city and state
  - Adequate Penalties
  - Laws that vacate prostitution convictions for trafficked persons.
  - Consistently revisiting and updating legislation



# Solutions: Lessons Learned

- Collaborative Partnerships
  - Local Governments
  - Non-profits
  - Private Support
  - Examples:
    - Manhattan District Attorney's Office
    - New York and North Carolina Coalitions and Taskforces
    - JusticeMatters

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