

INVITATION

European Conference on Human Trafficking

Key actors including scientists, politicians and law enforcement representatives will present and debate national strategies to combat human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

How can trade union organisations and industry-based federations be a part of the fight against human trafficking for sexual exploitation?

3 of December 2009, 8.30-17.30
Polstjärnan, Sveavägen 77
Stockholm, Sweden

Wanja Lundby-Wedin,
President of LO and of the European Trade Union Confederation

WELCOME!

In co-operation with **UNIFEM Sweden** and
Trade Unions against Trafficking
Co-organised with **the Swedish Institute**

Sign up by sending an email to emma.stenberg@unifem.se before the 10 of November with your name and trade union organisation/federation.
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Be a part of the fight!



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Program

- 8.30 Registration
- 8.45 Maj Britt Theorin, former member of the European Parliament and former member of the Swedish Parliament
- 9.00 Wanja Lundby-Wedin, president of LO and of the European Trade Union Confederation
- 9.20 Jenny Westerstrand, PhD in law, Uppsala University
- 10.00 Coffee
- 10.20 Kajsa Wahlberg, Swedish National Rapporteur on human trafficking and Detective inspector at the National Police Board & Jonas Trolle, Detective inspector with the Stockholm police, human trafficking unit
- 11.20 Sietske Altink, Rode Draad
- 11.50 Linda Regan, Senior Research Officer at the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit, London Metropolitan University
- 12.20 Cath Elliott, UNISON UK, National Woman's Committee

13.00-14.20 Lunch

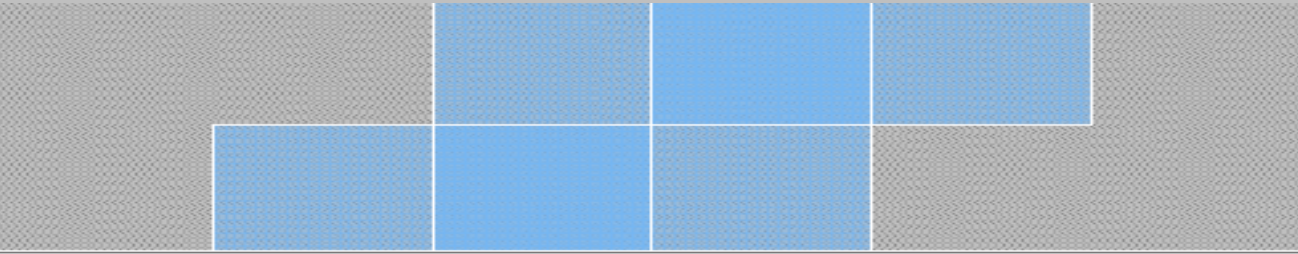
- 14.20 Hubert Dubois, producer of The Dutch Showcase
- 14.30 Movie: The Dutch Showcase
- 15.20 Coffee
- 15.40 Panel Debate and questions
Short introduction by:
 - Gunilla Ekberg, International Expert and former Special Advisor to the Swedish Government on Prostitution and Trafficking in Human Beings
 - Linda Regan, Senior Research Officer at the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit, London Metropolitan University
 - Jan Austad, Senior advisor on Trafficking in Human Beings, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and the Police
 - Ulla Lindqvist, vice president of LO
 - Sietske Altink, Rode Draad

Moderator - Maj Britt Theorin, former member of the European Parliament and former member of the Swedish Parliament

Microphone - Marianne Eriksson, former member of the European Parliament

- 17.10-17.30 Wanja Lundby Wedin, president of LO and of the European Trade Union Confederation





EUROPOL:

- Trafficking in human beings is a serious crime and an **abuse of an individual's human rights**.
- The **escalation** of this crime within the EU can be linked to the enormous profits that can be made by the traffickers, pimps and bar and club **owners who supply and cater for the demand in purchased sex** that exists in Europe.
- There are reasons to believe that the **victims trafficked into and within the EU should be counted in hundreds of thousands**.
- **Poverty and the hope or expectations of a more prosperous future** are the vulnerabilities that are commonly exploited by the traffickers when they set out to recruit or lure their victims.
- Trafficking in human beings is driven by profit. The traffickers **adapt their methodology according to the environment** they work in and the markets that exist for forced labour.
- As long as the fundamental and **root causes** of trafficking exist **there will continue to be global growth** in this crime area.
- As a general statement, it is **inconceivable that there is a single EU Member State that is not affected** in some way by the trafficking of human beings.

Trafficking in Human Beings in the European Union: a Europol perspective, February 2008 and Trafficking of woman and children for sexual exploitation in the EU: The involvement of Western Balkans Organised Crime 2006, July 2007.

ETUC, ITUC and ILO:

- The ETUC works for a **European Union with a strong social dimension**, which prioritises the interests and well being of working men and women, **promotes social justice and fights exclusion and discrimination**.
- ILO has estimated (2005) that at least 12.3 million people are victims of forced labour worldwide, including about **2.45 million in forced labour as a result of human trafficking**. Regarding forced commercial sexual exploitation 98 % are women and girls.
- The ITUC General Council endorsed a **plan of action** for future trade union activities in the areas of forced labour and trafficking listing several action points such as:
 - **awareness raising** on forced labour and trafficking aimed at trade union members and officials, and the wider public
 - alliances or **coalitions with civil society** organisations having recognised expertise and experience in relevant areas
 - **promoting political and material support** within trade union organisations for the development of policies against forced labour
 - ensuring that proper attention is paid to all aspects of racism and discrimination, including in particular its **gender dimension, as women and girls are especially at risk**

Circular N° 3(2008) and Global Trade Union Alliance against Forced Labour and Trafficking (Circular N° 19(2007)) and 2008 brochure on the structure and activities of the ETUC, the voice of the workers in Europe. A Global Alliance Against Forced Labour Global Report under the Follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and rights at Work 2005.