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Advancing sex workers' rights to social protection

When: Thursday 14 March 2019 (8:15 AM – 9 :30 AM)
Where: Room CR – 7, United Nations Building, New York
What: Side-event CSW 63: “Advancing Sex Workers’ Rights to Social Protection”
Organized by: The Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Count Me In! (CMI!) Consortium.

Recognizing sex worker’s labour as work, not dissimilar to other forms of labour, and hence of their economic contribution to society, is integral to respecting, protecting and fulfilling sex workers’ human rights. Looking across a range of legal environments, the panel will focus on delineating urgent social protection issues for sex workers combined with a focused discussion on decriminalisation and trafficking. In line with the theme for CSW63, the panel will explore what social protection would mean for sex workers, based on understanding sex workers as informal sector workers to whom labour rights should be guaranteed, including ensuring minimum wages, right to highest standard of health and social benefits guaranteed. The panel will further explore how decriminalising sex work can (and does) strengthen anti-trafficking efforts.

Speakers:

Mette Gonggrijp (Director Social Development / Ambassador Women’s Rights & Gender Equality, The Kingdom of the Netherlands);

Catherine Healy (New Zealand Prostitutes Collective);

Lala Maty Sow Ndaiye (African Sex Workers Association and And Soppeku, Senegal)

The session will be moderated by **Geeta Misra**, Executive Director, CREA

[Kindly RSVP through this link by 10 March.](#)

French interpretation will be provided.

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