

Welcome to join our CSW66 Side-event:  
**The Equality Model, combatting trafficking  
in human beings for sexual exploitation**

Sweden and Israel

Co-sponsors: OSCE, UNODC

Thu 17 March, 8.15 – 9.45 am EST / 1.15 – 2.45 pm CET

[Link to the virtual event platform](#)

**Brief description of the event**

The UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons imposes a demand on states for measures discouraging the demand which fosters trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation. The webinar will explore the ability of the Equality Model to meet this obligation, as well as strengthening gender equality and the rights of women and girls. The Equality Model recognizes that prostitution is a highly gendered issue which largely effects marginalized groups and is inherently harmful to both the individual victims and to society at large. Therefore, it decriminalizes those that are exploited in prostitution while criminalizing the buyer. The webinar brings together government, civil society and international organisations for an evidence-based conversation on the experiences from Sweden and Israel in the practical implementation of their respective laws in this area.

Opening remarks:

**H.E. Ann Linde**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden.

**H.E. Gideon Saar**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, Israel.

Moderator:

**Ms. Anna Ekstedt**, Ambassador at Large for Combating Trafficking in Persons, Sweden.

Technical presentations:

- **Ms. Frida Johansson**, Head of Division for Prostitution and Trafficking in Humans, Swedish Gender Equality Agency.
- **Ms. Dina Dominitz**, Director of the inter-ministerial implementation task force on reducing demand for prostitution and National Anti-trafficking Coordinator, Ministry of Justice, Israel.
- **Ms. Åsa Regnér**, Assistant Secretary-General, UN Women.
- **Mr. Ilias Chatzis** – Chief of Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC.
- **Mr. Valiant Richey** – OSCE Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.
- **Ms. Malaika Oringo** - CEO and founder of Footprint to Freedom and member of International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council.

Closing remarks:

**Ms. Gabriella Kärnekull Wolfe**, CSO Ombudsman at OKSE and founder of Not Your Whore.



Government Offices of Sweden



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

وزارة العدل | משרד המשפטים



Organization for Security and  
Co-operation in Europe



UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime