

The United Nations and Time for Equality present

CECILIA

The screening will be introduced by film director Pankaj Johar and followed by an interactive panel discussion moderated by Karen Wauters, Time For Equality.



PANKAJ JOHAR – In 2008, Pankaj and a friend quit their cushy jobs in IT and Finance and decided to pursue their passion for films and curiosity to find out the story. They created Penny Wise Films, based in New Delhi, India and have already made dozens of corporate and social films and three features which have played at festivals all over the world. Cecilia www.ceciliathefilm.com is a personal film. While filming both Pankaj and his wife realised that, as consumers, we are unknowingly contributors to trafficking. *“It’s not intentional but that is how our minds have been shaped by the society. We think we are helping these poor kids but in reality, there’s a bigger menace going on. We, in a way, create that demand for them and it becomes a market.”*



CHRISTOPHE VERHELLEN is the Communications Officer for the Benelux and EU institutions at the UN Regional Information Centre (UNRIC). Although he has a background in TV and movie making, his current career has been oriented in a different direction. In 1992 he started with the UN as Communication for Development Expert for the Food and Agriculture Organization in Uganda, followed by assignments in Kenya, Mauritania and South Africa. From 2011 to 2014 he was the Head of Public Information for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Afghanistan. His aim is to advance values behind the work of the UN.



RENE SCHLECHTER has held the role of Ombudsman for the Rights of the Children (ORK) since 2014. He grew up in Luxembourg and studied History in Paris Panthéon Sorbonne and educational sciences in Münster, Germany. He was employed in counseling service for couples and families and worked as a director of the child helpline in Luxembourg offering services for children, young people and parents as well as running the BEE SECURE Helpline and BEE SECURE Stopleveline. During his tenure ORK has submitted to the Government and to the Parliament an annual report on the situation of children's rights. The report focus has varied from Children in Migration (2013) to Children with Special Needs (2016). The 2017 report « *Les droits de l'enfant et les enfants en situation transfrontalière et internationale* » will be issued this month.



ROSA BRIGNONE is the founder of Time for Equality. She brings to this initiative a broad experience within the European Parliament's General Secretariat, where she specialized in gender equality, human rights, disability equality, and was the head of Equality and Diversity Unit. Under her leadership several projects were launched (disAbilities internships, Equality & Diversity Awards). As policy officer at the Women's Rights Committee, she was in charge of files in the field of gender violence, human trafficking, and gender mainstreaming. Rosa is a committed citizen who believes and lives by this Nelson Mandela quote: *"A good mind and a good heart are always a formidable combination"*.



THOMAS KAUFFMANN is the Executive Director of ECPAT Luxembourg and is also in charge of the organisation's projects in South Asia. Thomas holds a Doctorate in Anthropology of Development which subject was the relationship between Western NGOs and Tibetan refugees in India. ECPAT Luxembourg is currently managing an ambitious and vast project in India to combat child sex trafficking in source and destination States. Thomas has just returned from Nepal where a project on the same issue has been launched.



KAREN WAUTERS is an independent director, with over 30 years of experience in international tax and audit matters. As a partner at EY she was responsible within the global leadership team for the strategy and implementation to create an environment of diversity, inclusiveness and opportunity to achieve individual potential.



Slavery and exploitation of human beings have no place in the 21st century. Yet, according to the new [Global Estimates](#) released at the UN General Assembly in September, 40 million people were victims of modern slavery in 2016: 25 million in **forced labour**, 15 million in **forced marriage**. 152 million children were subject to **child labour**. Women and girls are the most affected, they represent 29 million, 71 % of the total. Women represent 99 % of the victims in the commercial sex industry and 84 % of forced marriages. Modern slavery generates annual illegal profits of over US\$ 150 billion - the most lucrative and fastest growing criminal activity after weapons and drugs.

What can you do?

Be an advocate - Support policy change

-  **50forfreedom** is a campaign to promote ratification of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Forced Labour Protocol by 2018. The Protocol is a legally binding treaty that will require governments to take new measures tackling modern slavery in all its forms. It works on three main levels: protection, prevention and access to justice. To date 21 countries have ratified the Protocol. Luxembourg is not among these countries.
- **Luxembourg for Freedom** is a community-based campaign initiated by Time for Equality to support ILO's 50ForFreedom movement and contribute to build a sustainable inclusive society, through respect of human rights, dignity and freedom. We are asking all members of our community to get involved and call on the Luxembourg government to ratify ILO's Protocol on Forced Labour by signing on www.50forfreedom.org. This is your chance to help end slavery once and for all.

Be a role model – Be informed and responsible

- **Responsible Citizens Pledge** "Charte du Citoyen" Commit to respect the 7 rules to protect children created by the ECPAT Youth Group.
- **CCDH Report** Read the highlights and recommendations of the national rapporteur on human trafficking in Luxembourg, the Commission Consultative des Droits de l'Homme (CCDH). In its first report, covering the period 2014-2016, CCDH highlights the need for awareness raising, resources and power for proactive identification, rigorous detection procedures, improved reporting ccdh.public.lu
- **ORK Report** Read the recommendations of the Ombudsman for the Rights of the Child. A neutral and independent institution to publicize the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Luxembourg and to ensure that it is respected. All the world's children have the same rights. Everyone should know these rights so that they are better respected and that every child is listened to ork.lu
- **Luxembourg websites** Visit www.stoptraite.lu, www.childprotection.lu, "Don't Look Away" campaign www.ecpat.lu/nos-actualites/je-vois-je-reagis which are among a few
- **TimeForEquality** Visit our website, which has been recognized in the Top 50 Gender Equality Blogs and Websites on the Web, for regular follow up and current information www.timeforequality.org

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