Welcome and opening remarks by former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Maria Costa. Following the screening, Director Robert Bilheimer and Antonio Maria Costa will partake in a dialogue moderated by Karen Wauters (Time For Equality).

ROBERT BILHEIMER

Robert Bilheimer, President of the non-profit organization Worldwide Documentaries, is one of the most influential documentary filmmakers working in the world today. In 1989, Robert was nominated for an Academy Award for Cry of Reason, a feature-length documentary that profiles the South African anti-apartheid leader Beyers Naude. Since that time, he has made carefully crafted documentary films on a wide range of social, cultural, and humanitarian concern. Robert is presently working on a new film, Heart of the Matter, about the intersection of the global migration crisis and the human trafficking industry. “Human traffickers are earning billions of dollars on the backs and in the beds of our children and yet no one knows this is happening. We have a huge responsibility, right now, to learn the truth and act on it.”

ANTONIO MARIA COSTA

Antonio Maria Costa served as an Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations to the positions of Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Director-General of the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV) from May 2002 to August 2010. Costa was the first to hold this double tenure for two consecutive 4-year mandates. Prior to this, Costa was Secretary General of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) from 1994-2002 and EU Director General for Economics and Finance (DGII) at the European Union from 1987-1992. In the role of Executive Director Costa was in charge of UNODC’s drug control program as well as fighting illicit trafficking. Costa is currently Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Policy Models, Elsevier Int’l.

UN DIMANCHE COMME LES AUTRES

A short video by Albano Franzoso

Presentation of the humanitarian situation of migrants and refugees in North France by the association Walking In the Streets’ Essence (WISE), represented by Clément Franzoso in discussion with Rosa Brignone (Time For Equality)

CLEMENT FRANZOSO

Slavery is not merely a historical relic. According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of modern slavery. Although modern slavery is not defined in law, it is used as an umbrella term covering practices such as forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking. Essentially, it refers to situations of exploitation that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, and/or abuse of power. Slavery is closer than you think; although illegal in every country, it persists in every corner of the world, including the most advanced democracies.

The deadly link between human trafficking and the involuntary displacement of millions of children, women, and men around the world is the defining human rights issue of our time. A recent Thomson Reuters report states that Rohingya refugee children and women can be bought for approximately $6. The average modern-day slave can be sold for $90-100.

This is the world we live in, and this is unacceptable so - BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

LEARN –Bring Awareness to others

The first step in eradicating modern slavery is awareness and education. Together, we can put an end to the exploitation of millions of children, women, and men around the world.

Worldwide Documentaries, the producers of Not My Life www.notmylife.org and Heart of the Matter, wish to thank Time for Equality and United Nations/UNRIC CINE ONU for the opportunity to share Not My Life’s message. We also would like to thank all who attended tonight’s screening, and we are offering a 10% off coupon code for Not My Life to share with colleagues, family and friends through Vimeo On Demand;

Link: https://vimeo.com/ondemand/notmylife Discount code: cineonlux Code valid 12/4-12/31

SHARE –Spread the Word

We believe this film can prevent thousands of innocent, vulnerable refugees from being trafficked, and it begins with awareness that this danger exists.

Under the direction of Academy Award-nominated director Robert Bilheimer, Worldwide Documentaries has addressed many of the defining human rights issues of our time. With Heart of the Matter, our work in progress, Worldwide will tell the stories of the millions of migrant and refugee children who are exploited by the modern-day slave industry, which has reduced human life to a mere commodity. The research and development for Heart of the Matter is complete and we are now seeking:

(A) funding support to begin full-scale, uninterrupted production in January 2018;
(B) effective partners to maximize the impact of the film once it is complete.

For more information on how you can become a member of our donor family, please visit www.heartomfilm.org and contact: heidi@worldwidemomentaries.com

If you cannot make a monetary contribution, there are other ways you can help us!
Please SHARE our film page www.heartomfilm.org, FOLLOW us on Twitter and Facebook. SPREAD THE WORD.

ACT - Help us to Help

 Provide immediate assistance for the basic comfort, health, hygiene and dignity of someone in need. Participate in the humanitarian actions of WISE by volunteering or donating goods, services or funding. Contact WISE assowise@yahoo.fr and follow its activities https://facebook.com/assowise . Join the solidarity campaign that will be launched by Time For Equality to support their humanitarian action.

ACT - Advocate for Policy Change

Luxembourg for Freedom is a community-based campaign initiated by Time for Equality to support the 50ForFreedom campaign of the International Labour Organisation to promote ratification of the Protocol on Forced Labour 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. We are asking all members of our community to get involved to show our Luxembourg government that we want ratification of ILO's Protocol on Forced Labour. SIGN on www.50forfreedom.org. This is your chance to help end slavery once and for all.

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