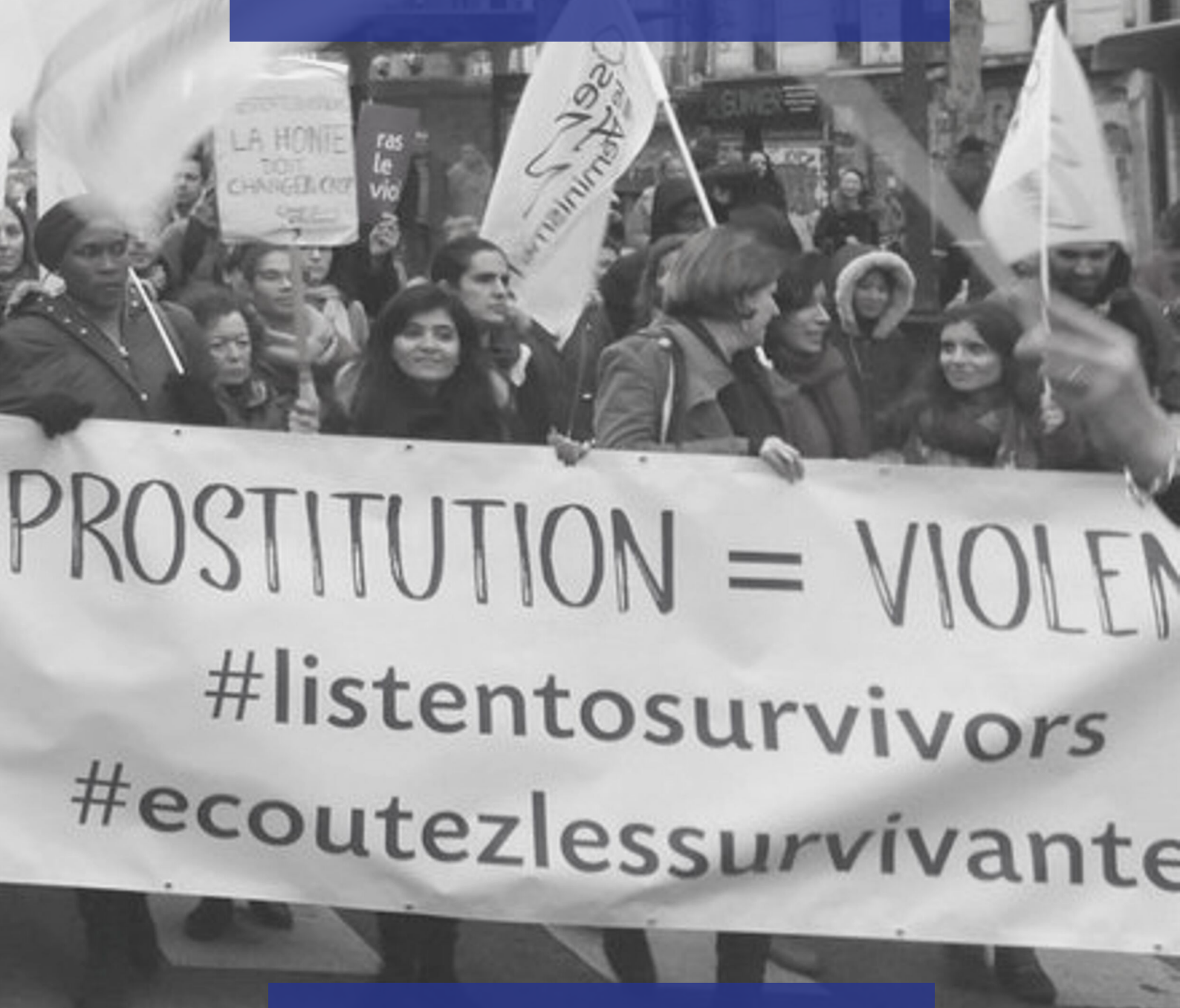




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# Annual Report 2018



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It gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome readers to this CAP International Annual Report for 2018. This year, our unique coalition grew in both strength and numbers from 20-26 NGOs, operating in 21 different countries, in 5 continents.

CAP members focus on providing frontline services to victims of violence and on combating the inherent harms of the sex trade. All also promote the Nordic (or 'Equality') model of prostitution legislation as the best mechanism to minimise the exploitation of prostituted and sex trafficked persons globally, to protect the human rights, bodily autonomy and human dignity of those most affected.

During 2018 the small but exceptionally dynamic Executive Team of CAP, led by Executive Director Gregoire Thery, achieved numerous important and high-profile achievements in collaboration with members and allies.

At the UN level, a CAP delegation met with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to discuss the urgent need for all UN agencies to respect UN agreed language and standards on prostitution, and combating sexual exploitation and abuses. CAP also coordinated 2 highly successful events at the Commission on the Status of Women: a side event in the UN HQ was held in partnership with the Irish Government, and our parallel event (as part of our continuing participation in the "Last Girl First" Campaign) gave voice to representatives from some of the groups most vulnerable to exploitation in the sex trade.

CAP also mobilised interventions during the year towards the ILO in respect of their continuing work on ILC Conclusions on ending sexual harassment in the workplace, and addressed a side event at the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva.

At domestic levels CAP addressed members and allies' abolitionist events, and supported domestic advocacy across the globe including in Stockholm, Lisbon, Riga, Paris, Kiev and London. Continuing to promote and amplify the voices of survivors, CAP was proud to partner with SPACE intl, Mouvement du Nid and Osez le Féminisme! on a world première event: "#MeToo and prostitution".

These highlights encompass just a snapshot of the powerful output of our small but growing organisation in 2018. It would not have been possible without the energy, solidarity and commitment of the staff team, the Board and all of CAPs members, to whom I offer my most heartfelt thanks. Also, our funders are critical in ensuring our growth and impact can be sustained into 2019 and beyond. My deepest gratitude extends also to them for their continuing support.



## Letter from the President Sarah Benson



Why we stand up  
against prostitution

## Prostitution is a form of violence

The vast majority of prostituted persons have suffered from violence, often sexual, before entering prostitution. Most of them are victims of many forms of violence while in prostitution (physical, verbal, sexual, psychological).

The repetition of sexual acts without physical desire, but instead experienced as the consequence of financial need, inequality or as an exploitation of vulnerability, constitutes sexual violence in and of itself.

## Prostitution is an exploitation of inequalities

Prostitution is a part of a long patriarchal tradition of making women's bodies available for men's benefit (droit du seigneur, rape, sexual harassment, "conjugal duties", etc.). It exploits multiple forms of inequality: men's domination over women, rich over poor, North over South, majority groups over minorities. Minority, discriminated and migrants groups are over-represented in prostitution all over the world.



# Prostitution is a violation of human dignity

By placing the human body and sex into the realm of the marketplace, the system of prostitution reinforces the objectification of all women and their bodies. It is a direct violation of the physical and moral integrity of prostituted persons.

Prostitution reinforces the domination of men over women, in particular the attitude that women's bodies are available and accessible, which is present in other forms of violence against women such as rape, sexual harassment and intimate-partner violence.

The system of prostitution fuels and perpetuates trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation.

Prostitution is a societal obstacle to establishing truly free, respectful and egalitarian sexuality. It is also a direct violation of the physical and moral integrity of prostituted persons.

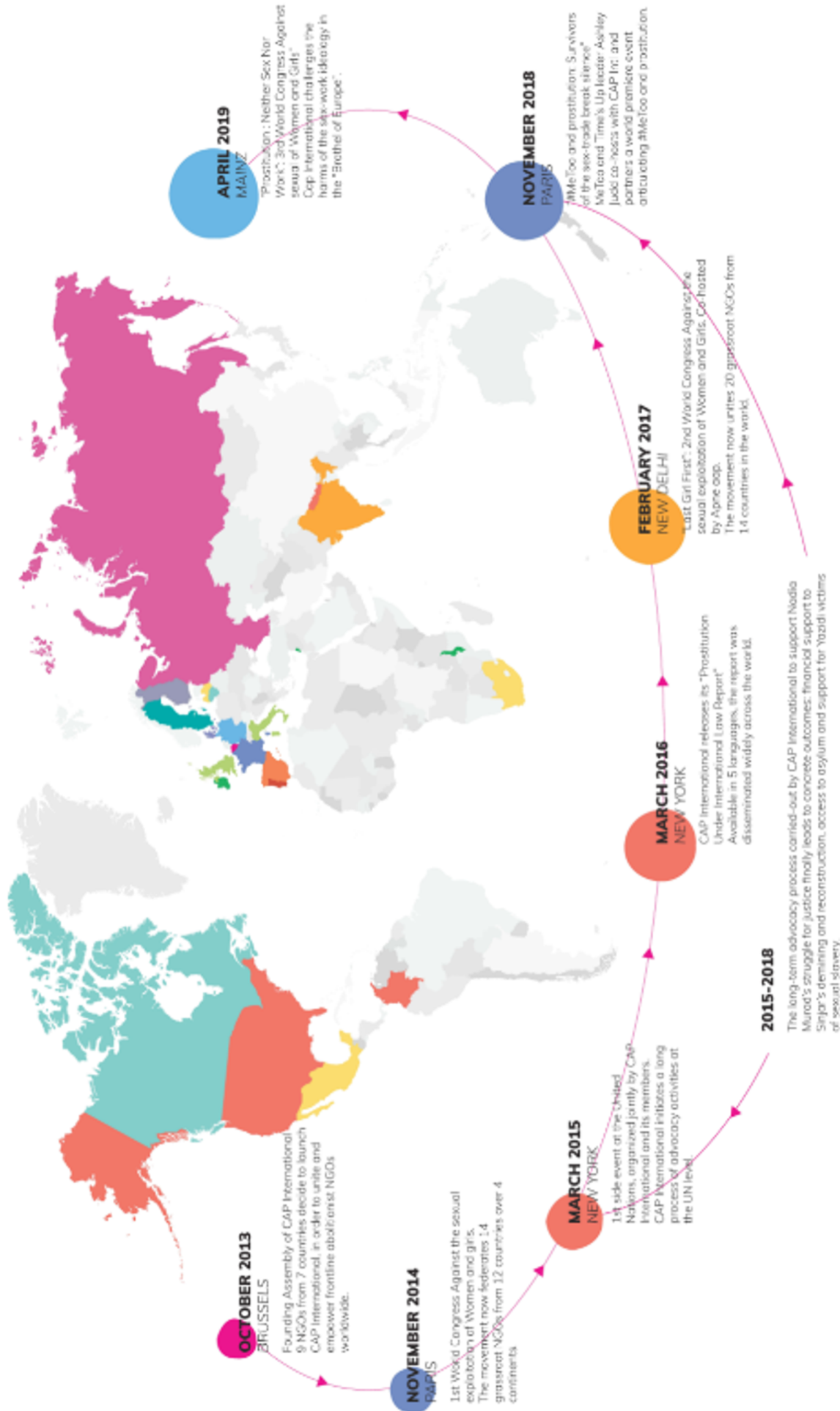
# Prostitution is a violation of human rights

The United Nations Convention of 2 December 1949 adopted by the General Assembly states in its preamble that "Prostitution and the accompanying evil of the traffic in persons for the purpose of prostitution are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person."

The 1979 UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) ask States Parties to "take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women".

Further, prostitution is incompatible with articles 3 and 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which state that "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person" and that "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".





# Who we are

The Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution (CAP International) is an advocacy vehicle for frontline NGOs and a global convener for change. The 26 members of CAP International provide direct assistance to victims of prostitution and sexual exploitation and/or advocate for the adoption of abolitionist legislation in Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia, the Middle-East and Africa. Our members work with, or are founded by, survivors of prostitution.

## Our mission

The fundamental objective of CAP International is to advocate for the adoption of domestic legislation and international standards that aim to :

- eliminate sexual exploitation of women and girls;
- deliver effective protection, support and exit options to prostituted persons and victims of trafficking;
- empower frontline services and survivors of prostitution.



CAP international empowers its members in their capacity to obtain progressive legal reforms in their countries and to be heard internationally. To do so, its members, with the expertise of its Secretariat, define the strategy and priorities of CAP international. Our General Assembly and Board are composed only with elected representatives of our member organizations. CAP Intl is thus an international abolitionist organization effectively driven by its domestic NGO members.

## Our policy objectives

- Decriminalisation of prostituted persons;
- Access to protection, support and exit options for all prostituted persons;
- End to impunity for traffickers, pimps and sex buyers;
- Criminalisation of sex purchase;
- Training for professionals, prevention measures and youth sensitization.
- Empowerment of grassroot / survivors movements.

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## Our team in 2018

### International Board

Sarah Benson / Chair  
Ruhama (Ireland)

Rita Hernandez / Vice Chair  
Unidos vs Trata (Mexico)

Claire Quidet / Secretary  
Mouvement du Nid (France)

Yves Scelles / Treasurer

Ghada Jabbour / Executive Board Member  
KAFA (Lebanon)

Ruchira Gupta / Board Member  
Apne Aap (India)

Lynda Dearlove / Board Member  
Women@thewell (UK)

Diane Matte / Board Member  
La CLES (Canada)

Iluta Lace / Board Member  
MARTA Center (Latvia)

Philippe Scelles / Board Member  
Fondation Scelles (France)

### International Secretariat

Executive Director: Grégoire Théry

Communications and Campaigns Officer:  
Zala Žbogar

### Pro bono advisors and focal points

Latin America : Marta Torres Herrero

USA : Heidi Phillips

EU Advocacy: Johan Chermette-Wagner

Webmaster : Elisabeth Gandy

### Strategic partners

- Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)
- European Women's Lobby (EWL)
- Equality Now
- SPACE international
- Swedish Women's Lobby
- Unizon
- Donor Direct Action





## 4 Strategic Campaigns to end prostitution in the world.



## #1 Last Girl First

© Apne Aap

Originally developed in India by our member Apne Aap, the Last Girl First concept is rooted in the fact that all over the world, and throughout history, the most systemically disadvantaged groups have been overrepresented in sexual exploitation and prostitution.

Prostitution is a highly gendered and patriarchal system that disproportionately impacts the poorest women and young children. Victims of incest and sexual violence, indigenous women and children, low caste communities, migrant women and children, and women and girls from ethnic minorities are still the primary victims of sexual exploitation by pimps, traffickers and sex buyers. Our coalition works to identify, convene and mobilise the most vulnerable groups worldwide, from aboriginal communities in Canada to low-caste communities in India, who are disproportionately affected by the system of prostitution.



## #2 Human rights-based approach

"States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women"

### ARTICLE 6 CEDAW CONVENTION

The system of prostitution is a violation of human rights and a fundamental obstacle to gender equality. International human rights law recognises prostitution as such, and prohibits its exploitation. For States to respect their obligation to eliminate the exploitation of prostitution to respect human rights, they must implement abolitionist policies.

Our coalition advocates for the universal elimination of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, holding states accountable to their obligations under article 6 of the CEDAW Convention, the UN Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, and the Palermo protocol.

# We Can Do It!



## #3 Access to decent work

"The primary goal of the ILO today is to promote opportunities for women and men to obtain decent and productive work, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity"

Juan Somavia, former ILO Director General

Prostitution of others is not not a "sex work". It is actually neither sex nor work but a lucrative system of sexual and economic exploitation that jeopardises social justice and gender equality efforts. It is incompatible with worker's rights and "decent work" as defined by the International Labour Organisation.

Our coalition is succesfully mobilising dozens of trade unions, representing more than 10 millions workers, and standing in solidarity with our efforts to abolish the exploitative system of prostitution.





## #4 Parliamentarians for the abolition of prostitution

The fundamental aim of CAP international is to advocate for the adoption and implementation of abolitionist legislation and standards.

At the domestic level, obtaining progressive legal reforms on prostitution and trafficking requires to identify and mobilise Parliamentary champions. Experience shows that cross-party alliances of MPs, even in limited numbers, is a key success factor for the adoption of abolitionist legislation.

Our coalition mobilises hundreds of parliamentarians across the globe to exchange best practices on the passing and implementation of abolitionist policies in MPs' respective countries.



## 2018, A year of abolitionnist achievements

Related campaigns:

#1 Last Girl First

#2 Human Rights-based Approach

#3 Access to decent work

#4 Parliamentarians for the Abolition of prostitution



International  
advocacy



Domestic  
advocacy



## March 1, 2018 – UN advocacy: high-level meetings with Secretary General of the UN and High Commissioner for Human Rights of the UN during CSW62 – New York



#2

CAP delegates obtained the first abolitionist NGO meeting with the Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres to discuss the urgent need for all UN agencies to finally respect UN agreed language and standards on prostitution, its exploitation, and the fight against sexual exploitation and abuses. CAP also participated in a meeting with High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations, Zeid bin Ra'ad.



## March 2018: UN advocacy with members: CSW62 actions – New York



#1

The CAP delegation at CSW was made up of 10 of our 23 member organisations, from 5 continents. We organised two public events and took the opportunity of being together to have internal working meetings with members and the wider abolitionist community. Activities included a standing room only official first abolitionist side event with the Irish government, in collaboration with Ruhama and with the Irish Minister for Equality, Immigration and Integration, the Permanent Representative to the UN, four CAP member representatives from four continents, and a representative from the Council of Europe. Under the umbrella of the Last Girl First campaign, we also organised a parallel event giving the floor to representatives of vulnerable communities including indigenous, Black and Brown women in the U.S., indigenous women and a survivor from South Africa, internally displaced persons in Colombia (Picture on the next page).



## April 2018: keynote presentations and domestic advocacy - Stockholm



CAP international was invited to speak at the Stockholm Forum for Gender Equality. Together with its strategic partners UNIZON and the Swedish Women's Lobby, CAP intl participated co-organised a forum panel on "Prostitution and pornography: not a job, not a choice" and a press conference on the use of Swedish development and cooperation aid in the field of prostitution. In the margins of the forum, Grégoire Théry obtained a strategic meeting with Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Margot Wallström. Alongside its South African member organisation, Embrace Dignity, CAP intl was then invited to speak at the SIDA Development talks.

## May 2018: participation in the States department International Visitors Leadership Program on trafficking - USA



CAP intl's executive director was invited by the US States department to take part in an International Visitors Leadership Programme's tour on trafficking in human beings. Grégoire Théry joined a group of 20 international experts for a three weeks tour of the USA. The group met with federal agencies, general attorneys, NGOs, shelters and survivors in DC, Minneapolis, Corpus Christi and Seattle. Breaking Free, member of CAP intl was part of the visited groups in Saint-Paul. CAP intl significantly increased its understanding of the US anti-trafficking framework and expressed its concerns about the too narrow definition of "trafficking" used and promoted by the State department.



## May 2018: Advocacy letter from NGOs to the ILO - Geneva



CAP international and its members mobilised 85 NGOs to sign a letter calling on ILO Standard Setting Committee to refrain from using the language of “sex work” or “sex workers” in the ILC Conclusions on ending violence and harassment in the world of work.

#3

## May 2018: conference and domestic advocacy in the French parliament - Paris



CAP international and Mouvement du Nid organised, with the support of MP Pierre Cabaré and of the Parliament’s women’s rights delegation, a public event in the French Parliament on “Prostitution and trafficking in human beings in Europe”. Eight members of the Parliament took part to the event. The German psychologist and abolitionist activist, Dr Ingeborg Kraus, made a powerful presentation about the very preoccupying situation in Germany. Among others, Swedish Ambassador at large, Per-Anders Sunesson, and French Prosecutor, Guillaume Lescaux, brought great value to the event.

#4

## June 2018: International advocacy at the UN Human Rights Council - Geneva



CAP International co-sponsored and participated in a Human Rights Council (38th session) side event held at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Organised by Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23), the event covered “The Nordic (Equality) Model – a good practice to counter sexual exploitation and human trafficking”.

#2

## September 2018: Regional conference and advocacy training - Riga



CAP international was invited to speak and participate in a regional conference organised in Riga by its member organisation MARTA Centre. The conference gathered representatives from 17 countries (Nordic and Baltic countries, Georgia, Ukraine, Molddova, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and experts from Ireland, the USA, France and Belgium).

#4



## September 2018: Intervention at the EXIT conference - Lisbon



In September 2018, CAP international was invited to speak at the EXIT conference organised in Lisbon by the Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights in cooperation with the European Women's Lobby.

## October 2018: Meeting with the French President in support to the action of Nadia Murad, Nobel Peace Prize 2018 – Paris

#1

Since February 2015, CAP international has been acting in solidarity with the victims of the Yazidi genocide perpetrated by ISIS in Sinjar. In particular, the executive director of CAP international has been providing direct high-level advocacy support to Nadia Murad. On the 25th of October 2018, CAP international facilitated a second bilateral meeting between the French President Emmanuel Macron and the new Nobel Peace Prize 2018, Nadia Murad.



## October 2018: Conferences and domestic advocacy events– Kyiv



On the invitation of its Ukrainian partner, Democracy Development Center, CAP intl participated in a 3-day domestic advocacy tour in Kyiv. The delegation held conferences and meetings with the Office of Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights, the Parliamentary Cross-party Caucus on “Equal Opportunities”, the Kyiv Press Club and the Institute of Journalism and the Sociology Department, Shevchenko National University.

#4

## November 2018: World première event dedicated to #MeToo and prostitution - Paris

#1

CAP intl, SPACE intl, Mouvement du Nid and Osez le Féminisme ! organised in Paris a world première event dedicated to “#MeToo and prostitution”, where survivors of the sex trade broke the silence on the daily and inherent violence of the prostitution system. The event helped to understand that prostitution is part of a continuum of sexual violence and abuse and cannot be dissociated from other forms of sexual abuses which are growingly being exposed and denounced in the context of #MeToo. Together with Ashley Judd, co-host and keynote speaker of the event, the organizers moderated an outstanding panel of speakers and provided a space for survivors to speak out.

World Premiere : #MeToo and prostitution

### Prostitution survivors break the silence!

Friday 23th November 2018. 18:30  
Venue: Espace Jean Dame, 17 rue Leopold Bellan. Paris

**Ashley Judd**  
Activist, Key figure of  
#MeToo and Time's up  
Co-host and  
keynote speaker



Rachel Moran



Mickey Meji



Rosen Hicher



Anne Darbes

## November 2018: Launch of an abolitionist video for Spanish speaking countries - global

#2

The exploitation of the prostitution of others should not be debated, it should be combated. As we celebrated the International day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, CAP International launched, in partnership with Iniciativa Pro Equidad de Genero, a pedagogical campaign for Spanish speaking countries drawing attention on States' obligations under international human rights law to eliminate trafficking in women and the exploitation of the prostitution of women.



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FRONTLINE NON-GOVERNMENT  
ABOLITIONIST ORGANISATIONS



Global impact of the  
movement in 2018

**15.556**

VICTIMS OF PROSTITUTION  
SUPPORTED BY CAP MEMBERS

**20**

COUNTRIES OF  
INTERVENTION

**1040**

VOLUNTEER  
ACTIVISTS

**427.500**

INDIVIDUALS SENSITIZED TO THE  
REALITIES OF PROSTITUTION

**485**

EMPLOYEES WORKING  
FOR THE ABOLITION



## OPERATING RESULT FOR 2018

CAP international operating result for 2018 is positive:

+ 6.480 €

# Financial Report 2018

## OPERATING EXPENSES FOR 2018

Our annual charges have decreased from 173.526 € in 2017 to 136.493 € in 2018. This decrease between 2017 and 2018 mainly comes from two factors:

- A decrease of 11.723 € in social charges and remunerations after our Communication and Campaigns' departure in July 2018;
- The absence of expenses related to a Congress in 2018 (17.000 € for the World Congress in 2017). Next Congress in 2019.

## INCOMES FOR 2018

Our operating incomes have also decreased from 175.063 € in 2017 to 142.974 € in 2018. However, CAP international has raised in 2018 significant funding for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Our main incomes for 2018 come from:

- Grant from Donor Direct Action: 12.814 €
- Grant from the NoVo-Tides foundation: 88.022 €
- Grant from the Lucq Foundation: 40 000 €

## BALANCE SHEET FOR 2018

CAP International's balance sheet is balanced: assets of €215,062 and liabilities of €215,062.

## METHOD

The annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 have been prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of the accounting rules in force in France.

They have been externally audited by a Statutory Auditor.

The accounting policies have been applied fairly and in accordance with the principle of prudence, in accordance with the following assumptions :

- continuity of operations,
- consistency of accounting methods from one financial year to the next,
- independence of financial years.

The basic method used to value items recorded in the accounts is the historical cost method.

Income Statement	FINANCIAL YEAR 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	FINANCIAL YEAR 01/01/17 – 31/12/17
INCOMES		
NOVO/TIDES FOUNDATION Grant	88 022,68	46 176,00
MOUVEMENT DU NID Grant	1 000,00	60 000,00
Grant Endowment Fund P&Y S.		50 000,00
Parliamentary Grant		13 000,00
Donor Direct Action	12 814,01	
Donations	1 137,00	5 707,00
Grant Foundation Lucq Espérance	40 000,00	
Total Operating Grants	142 973,69	174 883,00
Members' fees		180,00
Total	142 973,69	175 063,00
EXPENSES		
Purchases of studies and services		152,58
Purchases of administrative supplies		163,74
Translation services	250,70	
Rentals		1 621,44
Office rentals	3 749,32	4 188,70
Rental charges & co-ownership	306,06	
Maintenance	767,20	
Insurance premiums	823,06	543,10
Management Fees Partena	2 095,11	2 313,02
Fees Statutory Auditor	3 533,58	3 504,00
Contractors' Honorariums	4 200,00	
Communication costs	8 086,36	12 364,65
Miscellaneous (tips, current donations)		710,00
Employees' travel expenses	8 699,60	12 156,43
Office travel expenses		1 299,74
Members' travel expenses	1 147,52	14 581,97
Congress and Conferences mission expenses		11 989,71
Missions	13 877,31	5 169,69
Banking services	447,06	426,41
Salaries	41 754,74	52 363,88
National Social Security Office fees	24 870,94	24 608,94
National Social Security Office Payroll Tax	18 357,46	22 126,75
Amortization of intangible assets	3526,91	2404,18
Depreciation of property, plant / equipment		147,33
Depreciation, amortization and provisions	3526,91	2551,51
Various expenses for ordinary operations		690
TOTAL	136 493	173 526
RESULT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	+6480,76	+1536,74

## PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2019

CAP International's projected budget for 2019 provides for an increase in its resources through additional funding from the Novo Foundation, which has committed to significant multi-year support.

It also forecasts an increase in spending due to various factors:

- The 3rd World Congress against the Sexual Exploitation of Women and Girls in Germany;
- The organization of an international awareness event in Paris at the end of the year;
- The recruitment of at least 1 additional full-time staff;
- The rental of new facilities in Paris;
- The implementation of an international video awareness campaign on the realities of prostitution and sexual exploitation.

This increase in resources and expenditures is part of CAP International's structural and operational development strategy, which has grown from 9 members in 2013 to nearly 30 members in 23 countries in 2018.

## Financial Report 2018

CAP Intl provisional budget	2019
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Rents	20000
Insurance	1500
Documentation and printing	7000
Partena	2400
Accounts external audit	3600
Communication	2000
Travels and Transports	17000
Missions	9000
Legal action	2500
Bank fees	150
Congress	25000
Salaries	75000
Social charges	65000
Others and taxes	500
Amortisation charge	1000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>231650</b>
<b>INCOMES</b>	
<b>2018 products from 2017</b>	
Grant NoVo / Tides	175000
Grant Scelles family	40000
Other grants and donations	16650
Others	
Production	
<b>TOTAL INCOMES</b>	<b>231650</b>



Support our movement!

## UNITED FOR A WORLD FREE FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION !

CAP International is an international movement that fights for the abolition of prostitution worldwide through the dedication of its member organizations and its team of employees and volunteers.

Our movement welcomes support from all individuals sharing our values and willing to dedicate their time and energy themselves to the abolitionist cause. If you want to volunteer with us, participate in our actions or share your initiatives, do not hesitate to contact us at: [contact@cap-international.org](mailto:contact@cap-international.org)

## BECOME A SPONSOR FOR THE ABOLITION OF PROSTITUTION !

CAP International's actions exist only thanks to the generosity of its supporters. As our ambition to fight for the abolition of prostitution grows, your donations are crucial to the implementation of our advocacy and capacity building programs.

By donating to CAP International, you will contribute to our daily activities supporting the actions and campaigns of our unique coalition of frontline NGOs providing direct assistance to victims of prostitution, sexual exploitation and trafficking in Europe, North America, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

To become a sponsor, you can send us your donation at:

**CAP International, 14 rue Mondétour 75001 Paris**

or make an online donation at: [www.cap-international.org/take-action/donate/](http://www.cap-international.org/take-action/donate/)





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