



CONCEPT NOTE

10th anniversary of the law of 13 April 2016 aimed at strengthening the fight against the prostitution system and support to prostituted persons.

CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

In April 2026, France will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the [law of 13 April 2016 aimed at strengthening the fight against the prostitution system and support to prostituted persons.](#) On this occasion, CAP International and its member associations wish to organise a national and international meeting with the following objectives:

- **Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the adoption** of this historic feminist and abolitionist law and recall its philosophy and main principles
- Share an **assessment of its impact and results** after 10 years and their **recommendations** for better implementation
- Highlight the **upholding of this law since its adoption**: enshrined by the Constitutional Court in 2019, then by the European Court of Human Rights in 2024
- Present the **progress made over the last ten years** of the abolitionist model at **European and international level**
- Explore the **prospects** for **other states** adopting this progressive model

DRAFT PROGRAMME

12/04/2026 - World March of Survivors for the Abolition of Prostitution

Date: Sunday 12 April 2026

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: to be determined

Route: to be determined

Context:

On 12 April 2026, Paris will host the Global March of Survivors for the Abolition of Prostitution. This event will bring together **survivors of prostitution**, feminist, abolitionist and human rights organisations, as well as trade unions, associations and allies from France and around the world.

Organised to mark the 10th anniversary of the French abolitionist law, this march will highlight the major role of this text as **a feminist, social justice and anti-racist** advance. It will emphasise both the progress made and the need for stronger and more ambitious implementation to respond to the realities on the ground.

Event open to the general public.

13/04/2026 - Conference at the National Assembly

Date: Monday 13 April 2026

Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Location: morning Room Colbert and afternoon Hotel de Lassay at the French National Assembly (to be confirmed)

Context:

A symbolic event at the National Assembly to celebrate 10 years of the French abolitionist model.

Programme:

- I- Review of the adoption of the law of 13 April 2016 in the presence of its architects
- II- Assessment of the law and its implementation after 10 years
- III- Comparative evaluation of abolitionist and regulatory models (Sweden, Germany, Netherlands)
- IV- Mobilisation of society in support of the abolition of the prostitution system
- V- Abolitionist advances and prospects at European and international level (EU, ECHR, UN)
- VII- Presentation of ongoing national mobilisations in other countries
- VIII – New front lines in the fight against the prostitution system

Audience and prospective speakers:

- 37 member associations of CAP Intl, from 29 countries
- French associations
- French and foreign parliamentarians
- Ministers
- Ministry representatives
- Survivors of prostitution
- Lawyers, magistrates, trade unions
- Foundations
- Architects of the 2016 law
- Journalists

Event open to the general public upon registration.

14/04/2026 International meetings and workshops

1) [Closed working meeting between attending State representatives](#)

Time: 9:00 – 10:30

Date: April 14, 2026

Venue: Main Hall – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Closed event (not open to the public)

2) [Parliamentary Workshops: Exchange of Best Practices for an Abolitionist Law](#)

Time: 11:30 – 13:00

Date: April 14, 2026

Venue: National Assembly (to be confirmed)

Participants: Members of Parliament and invited associations

1) [« EXIT »: voices of grassroots experts from the global south for the abolition of prostitution](#)

Time: 3pm to 5pm.

Date: Tuesday 14 April 2026

Location: La Cité Audacieuse (to be confirmed)

Context:

On Tuesday 14 April 2026, La Cité Audacieuse will host the "EXIT" event, dedicated to pathways out of prostitution and the fight against the prostitution system.

Four member organisations of CAP International, working **in Nepal, India, Lebanon and Mongolia**, will share their expertise and **experiences in the field**. They will highlight: the impact of the prostitution system in their countries, the most targeted and vulnerable populations, **best practices for building sustainable alternatives**, and comprehensive support for exiting prostitution.

This exchange will be an opportunity to showcase concrete initiatives, highlight the work carried out with survivors and strengthen **international cooperation** in favour of the abolition of prostitution.

Speakers:

- Kafa (Enough) Violence & Exploitation, Lebanon

- South Kolkata Hamari Muskan, India
- Talita Asia, Mongolia
- Maiti Nepal, Nepal

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