No more top-down approaches

Listen to alternative narratives

Address root causes

Full participation of civil society + affected groups

Inter-movement dialogue

Global convening on trafficking in women in the context of global migration

Goal: Co-create feminist anti-trafficking manifesto

Legal plus!

Not just legal interventions

E.g. welfare

Vulnerable due to structural + systematic discrimination

Jan 2019

Bangkok was just the beginning of the journey

Arusha Dec 2019
ANTI-TRAFFICKING INTERVENTIONS compromise women's dignity! + agency who has the right to move? 

"TRAFFICKING is migration gone wrong!"

TRAFFICKING + restriction of movement

Re-IMAGINING THE gender dimensions of trafficking

Addressing PUSH + PULL FACTORS

NO one size fits all

Not just criminal justice point of view

BUT ALSO labour P.O.V. + people's own perspectives

Beware of data biases

women's rights to bodily autonomy

Migration moves the world forward

Need for decriminalisation of sex work

Stigma/shaming around sex trafficking

Need to be sensitive to needs and choices of all
HUMAN TRAFFICKING + WOMEN'S LABOUR MIGRATION FROM AFRICA + SOUTH ASIA TO THE MIDDLE EAST

MOTIVATIONS:
- Status
- Aspiration
- Lack of recognition of women's work (care of children, elderly etc.)
- Dowry
- Unde EMPLOYMENT
- Kafala system
- Economic independence from husbands

WOMEN AS COMMODITIES

DOMESTIC WORK NOT RECOGNISED

LEGAL PROTECTION

RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT + TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TAKEN AWAY

UNAWARE OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO HELP

RECOMMENDATIONS
- Policies made with wide group of stakeholders
- Fair and transparent recruitment
- Bilateral agreements with destination countries for more protection
- Increase budgets for protection
- Mobile access for workers
- Lift migration bans
ROOTS + ROUTES INTO TRAFFICKING: NIGERIAN SEX WORKERS IN GHANA

CRIMINALISATION OF SEX WORK

IN GHANA: woman is always the guilty party

I ❤ MY JOB

SEX WORKERS CAN HELP ADDRESS SEX TRAFFICKING
THEIR WORK IS IF DECRIMINALISED

Sex Work = MOST ACCESSIBLE MEANS OF LABOUR

SEX WORK VS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

THE JOURNEY COSTS

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HARASSMENT FROM POLICE

AND ABUSE

_Open Borders!!_

OPPRESSIVE MIGRATION DÉTERRENCE MEASURES PACKAGED AS ANTI-SMUGGLING TRAFFICKING

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profit at lowest cost possible
companies regulating themselves
we can’t talk about trafficking without addressing labour standards

human trafficking, forced labour
+ contemporary forms of slavery
in the global economy

the problem of defining coercion

individual coercion

systemic coercion

where are the states?

what about demand?

labour + criminal + civil measures that look at the whole system

compensation burden should be on perpetrator

need legislation with teeth!

need to ask: where’s the money?
Almost 20 yrs of Palermo not working! Lawyers crippled can't address what happens outside Ug.

High rates of material witness holds (us) broken system not victim-centred.

Improving access to justice + compensation for survivors of human trafficking.

State pays regardless: incentive to go after perpetrators (e.g., Netherlands).

Stigma in Uganda: if case is labelled sex work, not followed up.

Judiciary doesn't understand psychological dimension.

Ask victims: what does justice mean to them?

Temporary freezing of assets before conviction.

Need to include: social justice.

Safe + productive involvement of victims.

Victims aren't tools.

Victims are people!

Prioritise financial investigations. Cleansing, healing, restoration, respect!
2bn people 8hrs a day without pay

unrecognised yet instrumental to economy

need: redistribution of burden to state

triple burden of work

women's labour, public services and social protections

how do we fund public services?

lack of access to public services

need: universal, gender-responsive quality public services

migration + vulnerability to trafficking

route to address gender inequalities

self-esteem

reparations

need to empower women to understand their rights

also: bouquet of what justice looks like

austerity: burden falls on women

productive, reproductive, community management

tax as biggest form of csr
Community Based Responses to Trafficking - Reintegration, Aftercare + Organising

- Mapped out sex worker health clinics
- Police sensitization and negotiation + agreements
- Recovery + parenting for children
- Mental health support
- Paralegal training for migrants to know their rights
- Remove the "migrant"

Sex worker's SACCO: Funding houses, cars etc.

- Stop migration better funded than
- Safe migration, a challenge

Income generation support

Stigma: Challenge to rehabilitation

But state to be more involved in welfare of citizens abroad

Opportunity for communities to make their own decisions

"Criminal justice is not justice"
AMPLIFY COMMUNITY-LED INITIATIVE

BETTER FUNDING

COLLECTIVISE + NETWORK WOMEN

Socio-economic empowerment

EDUCATION

(from all stakeholders)

LAW + LEGAL SYSTEMS: UNDERSTAND TRAFFICKING AS A BASKET OF OFFENCES

DATA COLLECTION WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNITIES

Quantitative + Qualitative

Diverse women's voices HEARD

Support of ethical recruitment

STOP CONFLATION OF: SEX WORKER | MIGRANT | TRAFFICKING VICTIM

Protectionism over respect for rights

DATA PROTECTION GUARANTEES

States + corporates HELD ACCOUNTABLE

Promote reparations + transform austerity narrative

-anchor traffic legislation in a labour framework

OPEN BORDERS

Remove barriers to freedom of movement

DECLARISATION OF SEX WORK

"migration is a right NOT a problem!"

CENTRE:

Societal

not CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Feminist anti-trafficking manifesto