



## UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT

To gain knowledge about human trafficking, the [CNN Freedom Project](#) film *Trafficked* — based on the book [Modern Slavery: A Global Perspective](#) by Siddharth Kara — was screened, along with an intimate dialogue with the author at a book signing in the United Nations bookstore.

The event was conducted 5-6 October 2017 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York City, New York, United States.

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CNN Freedom Project produced the film *Trafficked* based on the book mentioned above, which came from 16 years of qualitative and quantitative research by Siddharth Kara in 51 countries. The author is currently a senior fellow and lecturer at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a senior fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health, and a lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley. I watched the film, which was also viewed by 20 United Nations Ambassadors who later expressed their shock at the reality of what was exposed in the film. It told the true stories of three young women from California, India, and Nigeria who were abducted and forced into slavery in the sex trade. These ambassadors were moved to action as a result of this powerful film.

I also had a chance to speak personally to the author, who signed my book, and to a representative from the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime](#). It was the opinion that first responders, nurses, and medical personnel are often the first point of contact with victims of the sex slave trade, and other forms of forced slavery in labor, and therefore need to have more specific knowledge and training about the right questions to raise and the best interventions based on the circumstances that are revealed. Conflict and natural disasters that force migration make people more vulnerable to slavery. Consumers who create a market for the sex industry or cheap manufactured goods produced by trafficked laborers, including children, perpetuate the cycle and support trafficking. Human trafficking yields more annual income for the traffickers than the combined profits made by Apple, Google, Amazon, Intel, and Facebook. There is progress being made to interrupt the cycle, but everyone must raise awareness and make changes for trafficking to become less profitable.

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