



## Evidence on Exit: A Seminar on Strategies for Transitioning out of Sex Work

SWEAT is supported by BMZ and in partnership with the ILO and SANAC is undertaking an exploration of South African projects that assist sex workers to implement alternative economic activities or who choose to transition out of sex work through economic empowerment programmes including business training and mentorship, access to markets as well as access to business loans.

The project aims to strengthen strategies and provide evidence to support work in this area by engaging with what works in current programmes, engaging sex workers themselves in focus groups and through examinations of projects in South Africa as well as other countries which have reported on their strategies and outcomes. In particular the project will contribute to the Sex Work National Strategic Plan (2016 – 2019) which includes a package of care related to economic empowerment.

The project will begin by holding a one-day SEMINAR in Cape Town on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

### 1. Seminar: Invitations

Institutions, including faith based organisations; sex worker co-operatives or groups; representatives of organisations, or institutions and companies that work with people who sell sex and have implemented strategies for economic alternatives and/or transitioning out of sex work are invited to attend the seminar.

Those interested in attending are invited to save the date, and send an email to [sallys@sweat.org.za](mailto:sallys@sweat.org.za) to express their interest in attending. An open invitation will also be added to [www.sweat.org.za](http://www.sweat.org.za).

Unfortunately, there is no support for travel costs to attend the seminar, however conferencing and lunch is supplied.

### 2. Call for Abstracts: Scholarships

Organisations and individuals located in South Africa are also invited to **submit a paper and/or Presentation**, and successful applicants will receive a bursary to attend the Seminar (covering all costs for attending the seminar).

Applications are invited for papers and presentations that provide case studies, experiences or research about:

- Initiatives that provide skills building, or vocational training to sex workers

- Initiatives that provide small business support or training to sex workers
- Initiatives that provide alternative employment or employment support to sex workers
- Initiatives offering educational support to sex workers
- Projects that establish savings clubs or cooperatives with sex workers
- Initiatives that offer counselling, rehabilitation, shelter/housing or psychosocial support services in support of transitioning sex workers
- Any other strategies in support of transitioning out of sex work or alternative economic activities for sex workers.

Presentations and discussions at the Seminar will contribute to a Report published in April 2017.

#### How to apply:

- Please complete the application below, and attach your presentation to an email to; [sallys@sweat.org.za](mailto:sallys@sweat.org.za)
- Deadline for applications is close of business, **Friday 21 October 2016**.
- Applications will be reviewed by a committee and successful applicants will be notified in the week of 24-29<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

#### Submission of Abstract

<b>About you:</b>					
Full Name: (first name, surname)		Organisation's name:			
Your designation:		Location (city and province)			
Your email:		Organisation's tel:			
Your cellphone number		Organisation's website:			
Please indicate your gender identity:					
<b>About your Presentation</b>					
My presentation is about (tick what applies)					
Research conducted	<input type="checkbox"/>	The results of an Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Case Study	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tell us where the research/evaluation or case study took place (town/city/province)			Tell us how many sex workers were involved in the project/initiative		
Please summarise your presentation below:					

**For travel purposes: (should your application be successful)**

Do you have an Identity document for travelling? (yes/no)		Preferred travel mode (flight/bus/ etc)		Your departing city is:		
Other requirements or special needs:						

Please attach your presentation in pdf or word format. Thank you!