



Task Force on  
ASEAN Migrant  
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### **It's Time for Decent Work for Domestic Workers!**

Domestic workers are the biggest sector of workers in the world who are not protected by an international convention. That could change in June: it all depends on whether at least two-thirds of the representatives of governments, employers and trade unionists gathered at this year's International Labour Conference (ILC) vote in favor of the Domestic Workers Convention 2011.

Held in Singapore on 23-25 April, *'Towards an ILO Convention: Building a strong Asian solidarity and delegation to the 2011 International Labour Conference'* was a chance for domestic workers, representatives of national and regional NGOs, trade unions and domestic workers' organisations from the region to discuss how to help make it happen. The consultation was attended by around 70 people from 12 countries and territories: Belgium, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Taiwan.

We welcomed the 'Blue Report' produced by the International Labour Organisation. It sets out the text of the draft convention and recommendations - the result of an extended process of study and discussions at the national, regional, and international levels. When adopted, it will establish an international yardstick of basic standards concerning decent work for domestic workers and could be the basis for adopting and changing national laws. When ratified by member states and applied, it should do much to raise the status of domestic workers and ensure respect for their rights.

We are determined to do all that we can to encourage support for the convention in these final few weeks before the crucial ILC vote.

This year's ILC session will be the 100th, a fitting occasion on which to pass a landmark convention that reflects its core values. It will also mark the 100th celebration of International Women's Day.

We strongly urge the governments, workers' organisations and employers' organisations of our region to put their support behind the Convention. Decent Work for Domestic Workers should go from being an aspiration to being the observed and accepted standard.

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- Federation of Free Workers (FFW)
- General Federation Of Nepalese Trade Unions (GEFONT)-Nepal
- Global Network-Asia
- Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU)
- Hong Kong Federation of Asian Domestic Workers Union (FADWU)
- Hope Workers' Center (HWC)
- Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics (HOME)
- Indian Academy Self Employed Women Association (SEWA)
- International Domestic Workers Network (IDWN)
- Indonesian Family Network (IFN)
- International Trade Unions Confederation (ITUC) - Asia Pacific
- International Trade Unions Confederation (ITUC)
- Indonesian Migrant Workers' Union (IMWU)
- Indonesia National Network for Domestic Workers' Advocacy (JALA PRT)
- Konfederasi Serikat Pekerja Indonesia (KSPI)
- Konfederasi Serikat Buruh Sejahtera Indonesia (KSBSI)
- Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU)
- Labor Education and Research Network (LEARN)
- Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW)
- Migrant Care
- Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)
- Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC)
- Serikat Buruh Migran Indonesia (SBMI)
- Samahan at Ugnayan ng Manggagawang Pantahanan sa Pilipinas (SUMAPI)
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