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Domestic workers are organizing globally to challenge their public invisibility and slave-like working conditions, and have now transformed their international network IDWN into a worldwide federation. The transformation was decided by the delegates of 48 domestic workers' organizations from 42 countries at the founding congress of the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) held in Montevideo, Uruguay on 26 to 28 October 2013.



Delegates adopted the constitution of the new federation and elected an Executive Committee in which each region has a representative. The leadership of the IDWN steering committee received the confidence of the congress to continue as leaders of the IDWF for the next five years:

Myrtle Witbooi, SADSAWU, South Africa, President;
Ernestina Ochoa, IPROFOTH, Peru, Vice-president; and
Elizabeth Tang, Hong Kong, General Secretary.

A 5-year Action Plan was adopted to guide the federation in moving ahead. For the full report, please go to:



["Yes, We Did It!" How the Worlds Domestic Workers Won Their International Rights and Recognition](#)

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