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Towards Better Rights for Migrant Domestic Workers
IDWF Ensures their Voice in the Processes

MENA civil society consultation on the Global Compact on Migration, Beirut, August 24 to 25.

Marie-José Tayah, Regional Coordinator for MENA participated alongside migrant domestic workers leaders in the country. She led the thematic tracks on labour migration and recruitment >>>

The UN sixth thematic session of the UN Global Compact for Migration: "Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures", Geneva, October 12 and 13.

Vicky Kanyoka, Regional Coordinator for Africa called for end to the Kafala System in the employment of migrant domestic workers >>>
ILO Interregional Consultation on Labour Migration and Mobility from Asia/Africa to the Middle East on October 4 and 5. **IDWF participated at the consultation in Beirut, Lebanon focusing on fair recruitment, decent work, addressing irregularity and governance of labour migration.**

Fish Ip, IDWF Regional Coordinator spoke at the **10th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML) in Manila**, Oct 25 and 26 providing inputs for the adoption of a set of Recommendations by the AFML calling on governments to adopt national plans to ratify C189. A **conference statement** adopted by the participants of the **IDWF-MFA Regional Conference** organized prior to the AFML was submitted.

**IDWF at the IUF 27th Congress:**
The IUF 27th Congress adopted the Resolution on "**Equal rights for Domestic workers through combating racism and Xenophobia**".

**Regional Updates**
Africa: IDWF Training of Trainers Workshop on "Planning" was held in Kigali, Rwanda, October 22-26 >>>

Asia: IDWF-MFA Domestic Workers Conference: Enhancing collective advocacy, action and empowerment of domestic workers in Manila, October 22-24 >>>

Europe: The organized domestic workers in London launched their own charity "The Voice of Domestic Workers - dignity at work" >>>

Latin America: UPACP, Argentina took the lead in building alliances and synergies among Governments and Domestic Workers in the region through the meetings in Panama, August 16 and Paraguay, September 12 >>>

Middle East & North Africa: In partnership with the FES, LO-Norway, national trade unions and others, the IDWF gathered domestic workers leaders and other social partners to discuss concrete suggestions to address rights gaps of migrant domestic workers in the region >>>

North America: NDWA 10th Anniversary - Over the course of a decade, the National Domestic Workers Alliance has emerged as the leading, unified national voice for dignity and fairness for domestic workers in the USA >>>
Resources Highlight
Joint publication by the IDWF and ILO

Tackling child labour in domestic work: a Handbook for action for domestic workers and their organizations

Decent Work for Domestic Workers - Eight Good Practices from Asia

Planning for Success: a Manual for domestic workers and their organizations

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