

# International Domestic Workers Federation



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## IDWF Statement on the May Day 2017

**Uniting for a World of Democracy,  
Human Rights and Social Justice for all.**

Let us use May Day 2017 to intensify our struggle against economic and political decline and human rights abuses. Let domestic workers and allies be at the forefront of the struggle for economic, political, and gender equality. Let us unite for a World where there is true democracy, human rights and social justice for all.

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**IDWF - Winner of the TJI HAKSOON JUSTICE & PEACE AWARD**  
On behalf of the IDWF, Myrtle received the Justice and Peace Award of the Bishop Tji Haksoon Justice & Peace Foundation in South Korea.



## **IDWF at the CSW61**

**IDWF delegates bringing the voices of domestic workers to the UN Commission on the Status of Women 2017.**



## **Regional Updates**

### **Africa**

**Domestic Workers Take Action on the Women's Day**



### **Asia**

**"The Practicum project for Domestic Workers is an ambitious and innovative project undertaken by IDWF and its partnering affiliates. It has the potential to serve as a viable organizing model for organizing domestic workers who are working under such conditions of precarity and adversity."**





## **Caribbean**

### Potential Advances for Domestic Workers in Antigua



## **Europe**

On April 19, 2017 we had the first ever face-to-face meeting of almost all IDWF Europe affiliates UNIA (Switzerland), FNV (Netherlands), FILCAMS (Italy), ACV-CSC and Horval (Belgium), NGG (Germany).



## **Latin America**

**IDWF Regional meeting, Santiago de Chile, March 24-25**

The meeting brought together representatives from all our major affiliates in the Latin America for 2 days to identify the common major challenges within their organizations and in the larger political, economic and social environment.



## Middle East & North Africa

Bahrain: In collaboration with the ILO's FAIRWAY Project, the General Federation of Bahraini Trade Unions joined the My Fair Home campaign.



## North America

**USA: Kids to Trump: Stop Deportations!**

The National Domestic Workers Alliance was one of the main organizers for a kids caravan and week of action for immigrant rights. When elected officials in Miami-Dade county turned their backs on immigrant families, local children and youth refused to back down.



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