

International Domestic Workers Federation



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**International Domestic Workers Day June 16 2017,  
the IDWF calls for**

**"All for one, One for all: Dignity and Decent Work  
for all National, Migrant and Refugee Domestic Workers"**

As domestic workers, women, migrants and refugees, the members of the International Domestic Workers Federation stand united across the globe on this June 16th in a call for comprehensive policy frameworks that tackle the root causes of poverty, discrimination and insecurity to ensure everyone has decent work, freedom of mobility, and lives free of violence in all its forms.

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## **IDWF at the ILO**

Several IDWF leaders from the ExCo, staff, and affiliates are participating now in the International Labour Conference discussions on labour migration, governance, and fair recruitment, ensuring the realities and needs of migrant domestic workers are addressed.

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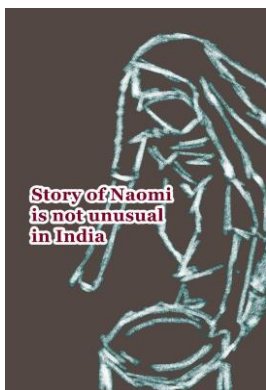


## **Regional Updates**

### **Africa: Uganda**

#### **Ugandan Migrant Domestic Workers - Challenges and organizing successes**

HTS-Union (UHFTAWU) helped this worker return from the UAE and recovered the Ugx. 2,000,000 recruitment fees she had paid from the agency that trafficked her. [Read the story >>>](#)



### **Asia: India**

#### **How "development" forces women to migrate**

Under the auspices of development, many women are displaced, forced to migrate, and face exploitation. In India, many domestic workers are internal migrants displaced from their communities because their livelihoods were destroyed by mining, deforestation, and other types of "development". [Read more >>>](#)

### **Europe: Spain**

#### **Sign Petition for C189 Ratification in Spain**

The campaign for C189 ratification is underway in Spain, by Grupo Turin. Please [sign this petition](#) to lend our international support!



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## Latin America

### Migrant Domestic Workers in Latin America

IDWF and its affiliates, together with a global network of organizations that work to protect migrant workers, join forces and develop different actions, services, research and resources in their struggle to guarantee the human rights of all domestic workers independently of their nationality or immigration status. [Highlights in the region >>>](#)

## North America: USA

**"When there is an extreme power imbalance, people—particularly women—are vulnerable to slavery."**

Last month an article entitled "[My Family's Slave](#)," published in the magazine The Atlantic, went viral on social media in the US and Philippines. NDWA responded to the article with an OpEd in The Atlantic written by our Director, Ai-jen Poo entitled, "[Lola Wasn't Alone: Slavery Persists in Homes Across America](#)," shining a light on how common trafficking is in domestic work and what survivors are doing to end it. [Read more >>>](#)



## Resource Highlight

June 16 -

### International Domestic Workers Day

The IDWF website is full out useful resources. Each month we'll pull out one more to highlight. In honor of International Domestic Workers Day (IDWD) [we want to share two >>>](#)

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