

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## 2019 Capacity Building Program for Promoting the Rights of Migrant Workers in the Middle East, North Africa and Asia

9 - 13 April 2019, Beirut, Lebanon

**Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) in partnership with Migrant Forum Asia (MFA) and Cross-Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants (CCRM)**

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) and Migrant Forum Asia (MFA) are inviting applications from the GCC countries, the Middle East and Asia for a regional training course on human rights advocacy and migrant workers in the Middle East. This training program will take place over 5-days in Lebanon from 9-13 April 2019 and is hosted by the Cross Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants (CCRM).

The training program will build the knowledge and skills to protect and promote the human rights of migrant workers. It will enable participants to more effectively use internationally agreed standards and mechanisms in their advocacy for the human rights of migrant workers in the Middle East. The residential program will also provide a valuable forum for the sharing of knowledge and skills, and for the building of support networks and collaboration between countries of origin and destination.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE TRAINING?

Applications are sought from those who are from the region or those who are actively working in the region. Applicants should be actively involved in working with the rights of migrant workers or with migrant support communities and be interested and committed to learning more and working with others to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers. Consideration is given to ensuring a gender balance within each course.

### WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS GAIN FROM THE PROGRAM?

- Increased capacity to integrate knowledge of the international human rights framework, and specific human rights treaties including CMW, ILO Conventions and human rights mechanisms and complaints processes into work to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers.
- Increased understanding of the role that civil society, NHRIs, and the UN system can play in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the rights of migrant workers.
- Knowledge and understanding gained from interaction with experienced practitioners – both trainers and facilitators and other participants.
- The opportunity to build skills in strategic advocacy techniques including lobbying and media
- The opportunity to develop collaborative working relationships across the region and between sending and receiving countries.

## TRAINERS

Trainers on DTP programs are experienced and highly respected local, regional and international human rights practitioners, academics, and officials who understand and support DTP's philosophy of participatory training.

## TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The DTP recognizes and values the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs. The opportunity to share experiences and lessons with other participants and trainers is one of the real benefits and highlights of participating in the program. The training methodology is interactive with an emphasis on group work, role-plays, case studies and discussion.

## BACKGROUND TO THE PROGRAM

The treatment of migrant workers is one of the key human rights challenges of the region and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Rapid economic change is driving more people to cross borders in search of decent work. Increasingly it is women who are migrating for work, and women are particularly vulnerable to abuse and violations of their human rights. Migrant workers are subject to discrimination, unsafe and unhealthy working conditions, non-payment of wages violence and detention. In many cases migrant workers are forced to live on the fringes of society, beyond the usual protection of the law. The abuses experienced by migrant workers are reported in heartbreaking stories the media in the Philippines, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Indonesia and in the reports of Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. Effective advocacy is vital to narrowing the gap between internationally accepted standards and the real-life experiences of many migrant workers. This program will assist participants to work together in developing practical strategies to protect and promote migrant workers' rights at the national and regional level.

## PROGRAM PARTNERS

**DTP** is an independent NGO seeking to advance human rights and empower civil society through quality education and training and the building of skills and capacity in NGOs. **MFA** is a regional network of NGOs, associations and trade unions of migrant workers, and individual advocates in Asia who are committed to protect and promote the rights and welfare of migrant workers. It is guided by a vision of an alternative world system based on respect for human rights and dignity, social justice, and gender equity, particularly for migrant workers. DTP and MFA have been working in partnership together for 10 years to build the capacity of advocates to protect and promote the rights of migrant workers. **CCRM** is a network of active refugee and migrant rights organizations in the Euro Mediterranean and Arab Region working on promoting the rights of refugees and migrants, and fostering experience sharing, dialogue and cooperation between Civil Society Organizations in Euro-Mediterranean countries and the Arab world.

## COURSE COSTS

DTP and MFA are working on securing the funding to meet the costs of participation of a number of participants from civil society for this course.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Application forms are available on request from [ntp@unsw.edu.au](mailto:ntp@unsw.edu.au) and [mfa@mfasia.org](mailto:mfa@mfasia.org)