



DTP MIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS e-BULLETIN

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UPCOMING DTP/MFA PROGRAMS

PROGRAM DETAILS	DATE & LOCATION
Capacity Building Program on Human Rights Advocacy and Migrant Workers in the Middle East, Qatar 2017 Apply	21 – 25 May, 2017 Doha
Malaysia Capacity Building Program on Advocating for the Rights of Migrant Workers 2017 – Module 2 <i>Applications Closed</i>	2 – 5 June, 2017 Kuala Lumpur

REPORTS ON DTP/MFA CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

Malaysia: 31 March – 3 April, 2017, Kuala Lumpur – Module1: ‘Special Capacity Building Program on Advocating for the Rights of Migrant Workers in Malaysia’ [News](#)

Bangladesh: 2015/2016 – ‘Bangladesh Capacity Building for Advocacy for Migrant Workers and Safe Migration’ [Final Program Report](#)

United Arab Emirates: 12 - 14 December, 2016, Dubai – ‘3rd Regional Workshop on Ethical Business and Recruitment Practices in Labour Migration’ [News](#)

Qatar: 29 October – 3 November, 2016, Doha – ‘Capacity Building Program on Human Rights Advocacy and Migrant Workers in the Middle East’ [News](#)

UPDATES FROM DTP ALUMNI - DTP alumni and their organizations take on initiatives and activities for the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers. In each issue we will share updates from our alumni and their organizations on their work.

Bangladesh

Nayela Akter – Program Officer, HELVETAS Bangladesh – Civil Society Working Group, on behalf of 20 Bangladeshi CSOs, and WARBE Development Foundation organized a national consultation on [CMW Shadow Report](#) with multi-stakeholders and advocates on 4th March 2017. The recommendations and suggestions from this consultation was incorporated in the shadow report which was submitted to the Committee on March 13th [Read News](#)

USA

David Segall – Policy Associate, NYU – Shares [report](#) by the NYU Stern Center for Business and Human Rights entitled – ‘Making Workers Pay: Recruitment of the Migrant Labor Force in the Gulf Construction Industry’

[Read](#) Segalls article on – ‘Building Responsibly is the Way Forward: Engineering and construction firms join forces to protect workers in their supply chains’

UAE

Francis Solomantine, MECTD - Middle East Centre for Training and Development facilitated a workshop which brought multi-stakeholder representatives from the private and public entities in Dubai to discuss possible approaches of creating awareness and to educate migrant workers on their rights and responsibilities [Read News](#)

DTP ALUMNI - ADVOCATES WORKING FOR MIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS - Since 2004, DTP and MFA have provided training for hundreds of advocates working to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers. They are working each day across Asia and the Middle-East. In each issue we will include profiles of these individuals whose work is so important.

INDIA

[Hubertson Tomwilson](#) - Middle East Policy Advisor, Migrant Forum Asia

MALDIVES

[Aishath Shifana](#) – Director, Advocacy Department, Human Rights Commission of the Maldives

DTP ALUMNI ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR MIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS - DTP/MFA provides training for advocates from the many organisations working to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers in countries of origin and destination. Their work is vital to efforts to bring change and in each issue we will provide profiles of and links to these organisations.

Nepal - [Pourakhi](#)

Philippines - [Migrant Forum in Asia](#)

Malaysia - [North South Initiative](#)

OF INTEREST...

- *Transnational Migration of Domestic and Care Workers in Asia Pacific* [Report](#)
- *With Millions Displaced by Climate Change or Extreme Weather, Is There a Role for Labour Migration Pathways?* [Article](#)
- *Follow-Up and Review of Migration in the Sustainable Development Goals* [Report](#)

MIGRANTS RIGHTS AND RELATED NEWS

- *The 2018 Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration* [Factsheet](#)
- *UN Committee underscores all migrants' right to health under international law* [Read](#)
- *Qatar given deadline to end abuse of migrant workers or face investigation* [Read](#)
- *Transparency International Bangladesh: Migrant visa process highly corrupt* [Read](#)
- *The woes of Bangladeshi female migrant workers* [Read](#)
- *ASEAN to endorse policy document for migrant workers* [Read](#)
- *ASEAN migrant workers to benefit from instrument's expected approval in April* [Read](#)

CALLS FOR ACTION

[Save Jennifer Dalquez](#) - Migrant Worker Sentenced to Death by UAE Court

[Don't Deport Rose](#) - Stop the Deportation of the Domestic Workers & Activists

[To Save Two Indian Nationals](#) sentenced to death in Qatar

MIGRANT WORKERS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

ORGANIZATION	EVENTS AND DATES
UN General Assembly	<i>71st session</i> Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Migration Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration
Human Rights Council	<i>34th Session (27 February – 24 March 2017)</i> Principles and practical guidance on the protection of the human rights of migrants in vulnerable situations Report

Universal Periodic Review	<p>26th Session (Oct – Nov 2016) - Timor Leste: National Report</p> <p>27th session (Apr – May 2017) - Indonesia, India, Philippines, Bahrain</p> <hr/> <p>Submission Guideline How to get involved? Practical guide for CSO DTP Short Guide on UPR prepared for DTP program participants</p>
Human Rights Treaty Bodies	<p>CMW 26th Session (10 Apr – 27 Apr 2017)</p> <p>Bangladesh: State Party's Report</p> <p>Information from CSOs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangladesh Civil Society Advocates Read Human Rights Watch Read Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Program Read Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics (HOME) and Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2) Read National Human Rights Commission Bangladesh Read <hr/> <p>CEDAW 66th session (13 February – 3 March 2017)</p> <p>Sri Lanka: State Party's Report; Concluding Observations</p> <p>Jordan: State Party's Report; Concluding Observations</p> <hr/> <p>Reporting Cycle Treaty Bodies</p>
Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Migration Governance in the UN: What is the Global Compact and What does it mean? Read ▪ New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants ▪ Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for migration ▪ Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration Factsheet <p>NGOs, civil society organizations, diaspora organizations, migrant organizations, academic institutions, and private sector entities NOT in consultative status with ECOSOC: APPLY FOR SPECIAL ACCREDITATION TO PREPARATORY PROCESS</p> <p>DEADLINE: 17 April 2017</p>
International Labour Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transnational Migration of Domestic and Care Workers in Asia Pacific Report ▪ Background paper to the 9th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour Report ▪ Safeguarding the Rights of Asian Migrant Workers from Home to the Workplace Report
Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on civil society activities in the 2016 GFMD ▪ Thematic vision for the Tenth GFMD Summit (Berlin, 28-30 June 2017) Draft Concept Paper ▪ Civil society Steering Committee feedback on GFMD 2017 Concept Note

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