



## 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 <a href="#">Apply</a> <i>Receiving Applications</i>	30 October – 3 November, 2016 / Doha
Regional Workshop on Ethical Business and Recruitment Practices for Migration <i>(Applications opening soon)</i>	12 – 14 December, 2016 / Dubai

### REPORTS ON DTP/MFA CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

**United Arab Emirates:** 27-29 April, 2016, Dubai - 'Regional Workshop on Ethical Business and Recruitment Practices in Labour Migration' [Draft Report](#)

**Bangladesh:** 22-25 August 2016, Dhaka - 'Bangladesh Capacity Building for Advocacy for Migrant Workers and Safe Migration' Summary [Report](#) - (Module 4)

**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**

**Pervez Siddiqui, Manager - Advocacy, Media and Communication, BRAC** - My film '[the Door](#)' was screened at the launching ceremony of the Labour Attaché conference organised by the Government of Bangladesh. The film focuses on the role of the labour attaché for protecting the migrants at destinations.

#### **INDONESIA**

**Rizky Oktaviana, Coordinator – Maritime Department, SBMI** – shares [news](#) on the recently organised event by the Republic of Korea on Ethical Recruitment and Policy Harmonisation in the Fishing Industry, which addressed the importance of good recruitment practice and protection of human rights for migrant workers working on Korean fishing vessels.

#### **MALAYSIA**

**Sumitha Shaanthinni Kishna, Assistant Director, Bar Council Malaysian** – Sumitha would like to share [news](#) on the ASEAN Bar Association Coalition on Migration that was formed in KL recently. [Watch](#)

#### **NEPAL**

**Nilambar Badal, Program Director, Migrants' Center - National Network for Safe Migration (NNSM)** delegates met Minister for Labour and Employment to raise our concern over the news reporting that the

ministry was under pressure to reconsider the policy of Free Visa Free Ticket. The minister assured us that there won't be any decisions that adversely affect migrant workers... NNSM was also able to raise our concern of standard contract and regional cooperation in responding to the migrant workers from the SAARC region at the meeting organized by the Government of Nepal for the preparation of the zero draft of the Agenda 21 of SAARC....NNSM has had four rounds of discussions on the GFMD 2016 preparation in the last three months and is also planning to have a national consultation soon.

#### **OMAN/INDIA**

**Rita Samuel, Counsellor and social worker** - I have been selected for the Woman's empowerment Award for 2016 in my state of Hyderabad, Telengana, India

#### **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

**Francis Solomantine, Middle East Centre of Training and Development (MECTD)** – Since June 2016, MECTD has educated nearly 1,000 workers about workers' rights in Dubai. Please find news links in [Arabic](#) and [English](#) version.

**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.

**Sumitha Shaanthinni Kishna**, Assistant Director, Bar Council Malaysia [Read](#)

**Nilambar Badal**, Director, Migrants' Center [Read](#)

**Elysa**, Chairperson, Serikat Buruh Migrant Indonesia (SBMI) - Hong Kong [Read](#)

**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.

#### **Singapore**

Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics (HOME) [Read](#)

#### **Bangladesh**

Welfare Association for the Rights of Bangladeshi Emigrants (WARBE) [Read](#)

#### **OF INTEREST...**

[Policy Briefs](#) from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mayoral Global Forum on human mobility, migration and development (29-30 September 2016)

Stories of Origin: same story, different countries [Video](#)

Ways forward in recruitment of low-skilled migrant workers in the Asia-Arab States corridor [Read](#)

Promoting Effective Governance of Migration from South Asia [Read](#)

Expanding Social Security Coverage to Migrant Domestic Workers [Read](#)

Infographic: Migrant domestic workers - Facts everyone should know [Read](#)

#### **MIGRANTS RIGHTS AND RELATED NEWS**

Sri Lankan migrant workers optimistic of their right to franchise [Read](#)

Qatar's Amnesty for Undocumented Migrants Leaves Workers and Embassies in the Dark [Read](#)

Migration in the Gulf: Open doors but different laws [Read](#)

NY Times reports trial of British migrant rights activist for exposing exploitation of migrant workers [Read](#)

UN Special Rapporteur urges Kuwait to redouble efforts to stop trafficking and exploitation of domestic workers [Read](#)

#### **MIGRANT WORKERS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>EVENTS AND DATES</b>
<b>General Assembly</b>	71st session

	International Migration and Development – <a href="#">Report</a> of the Secretary-General
<b>Human Rights Council</b>	<i>33rd Session (13 – 30 September 2016)</i> - <a href="#">Reports</a>
<b>Universal Periodic Review</b>	<i>26th Session (Oct – Nov 2016)</i> - <b>Timor Leste</b> <i>27th session (Apr – May 2017)</i> - <b>Indonesia, India, Philippines, Bahrain</b> <a href="#">Submission Guideline</a>   <a href="#">How to get involved?</a>   <a href="#">Practical guide for CSO DTP Short Guide on UPR prepared for DTP program participants</a>
<b>Human Rights Treaty Bodies</b>	<b>CMW</b> <i>25th session (29 Aug - 7 Sep 2016)</i> <b>Sri Lanka:</b> <a href="#">Concluding observations</a> on the second periodic <a href="#">report</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Info from CSOs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Migration Policy Associates <a href="#">Report</a></li> <li>Action Network for Migrant Workers Women and Media Collective <a href="#">Report</a></li> <li>Civil Society Organizations <a href="#">Report</a></li> <li>Migrant Forum in Asia <a href="#">Report</a></li> <li>Migrant News Lanka/NCC/IMADR <a href="#">Report</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>CEDAW</b> <i>65th session (24 October – 18 November 2016)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Bangladesh:</b> Committee will review <a href="#">State Party's Report</a>. Citizens' Initiatives on CEDAW has submitted a <a href="#">shadow report</a> which include recommendations for women migrant workers</li> <li>▪ DTP/MFA participants from the Bangladesh Capacity Building Program submitted their <a href="#">recommendations</a> to the NGO coalition – <i>Citizens' Initiative on CEDAW in Bangladesh</i> – and to the CEDAW Committee</li> </ul> <hr/> <a href="#">Reporting Cycle</a>   <a href="#">Treaty Bodies</a>   <a href="#">HRTB Weekly Update</a>
<b>UN Special Procedures</b>	Preliminary findings on the visit to Kuwait by Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children - 4-8 September 2016 <a href="#">Read</a> <hr/> <a href="#">How to submit information?</a>   <a href="#">More about Special Procedures</a>
<b>United Nations High Level Summit on Refugees and Migrants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">New York Declaration</a> for Refugees and Migrants - <a href="#">Press Release</a></li> <li>▪ Civil society globally calls upon world leaders to urgently adopt solutions for refugees and migrants beyond the UN Summit <a href="#">Read Joint Statement</a></li> <li>▪ Hope and half-heartedness at the UN Summit <a href="#">Read</a></li> <li>▪ Civil society <a href="#">scorecard</a> for the UN High-level Summit</li> </ul>
<b>International Labour Organization</b>	Geneva, 5-7 Sep, <a href="#">Report</a> of the Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Fair Recruitment Principles and Operational Guidelines
<b>Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Briefing Paper on GFMD <a href="#">Read</a></li> <li>▪ Government Concept Paper for Bangladesh 2016 <a href="#">Read</a></li> <li>▪ Civil Society Concept Note for GFMD Bangladesh 2016 <a href="#">Read</a></li> <li>▪ People's Global Action – <a href="#">Updates</a> and <a href="#">Discussion Forum</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Registration</a> for PGA opening soon</li> </ul>
<b>Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)</b>	ASEAN Instrument on Migrant Workers in the <a href="#">Chairman's Statement</a> of the 28th & 29th ASEAN Summit 2016

DETAILS	DEADLINES
Global media competition “Breaking Stereotypes on Labour Migration” <a href="#">More Info</a>	October, 31, 2016
Allard Prize Photography Competition <a href="#">More Info</a>	November, 1, 2016
EVENTS	DATE AND LOCATION
3rd Friends of the Forum Meeting for GFMD 2016 <a href="#">More Info</a>	October, 6 - 7, 2016/Geneva
5th Annual United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights <a href="#">More Info</a>	November, 14 – 16, 2016/Geneva

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