



## International Domestic Workers Federation IDWF e-Newsletter #19 - November 2017

### Towards Better Rights for Migrant Domestic Workers IDWF Ensures their Voice in the Processes

MENA civil society consultation on the Global Compact on Migration, Beirut, August 24 to 25.

[Marie-José Tayah, Regional Coordinator for MENA participated alongside migrant domestic workers leaders in the country. She led the thematic tracks on labour migration and recruitment >>>](#)



The UN sixth thematic session of the UN Global Compact for Migration: "Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures", Geneva, October 12 and 13.

[Vicky Kanyoka, Regional Coordinator for Africa called for end to the Kafala System in the employment of migrant domestic workers >>>](#)





ILO Interregional Consultation on Labour Migration and Mobility from Asia/Africa to the Middle East on October 4 and 5. IDWF participated at the consultation in Beirut, Lebanon focusing on fair recruitment, decent work, addressing irregularity and governance of labour migration >>>



Fish Ip, IDWF Regional Coordinator spoke at the 10th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML) in Manila, Oct 25 and 26 providing inputs for the adoption of a set of Recommendations by the AFML calling on governments to adopt national plans to ratify C189. A conference statement adopted by the participants of the IDWF-MFA Regional Conference organized prior to the AFML was submitted >>>



### **IDWF at the IUF 27th Congress:**

The IUF 27th Congress adopted the Resolution on "Equal rights for Domestic workers through combating racism and Xenophobia" >>>

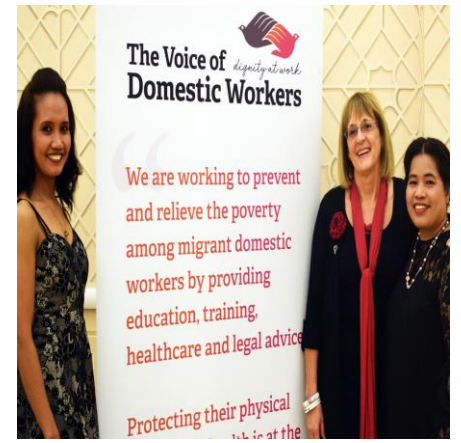
**Regional Updates**



**Africa:** IDWF Training of Trainers Workshop on "Planning" was held in Kigali, Rwanda, October 22-26 >>>



**Asia:** IDWF-MFA Domestic Workers Conference: Enhancing collective advocacy, action and empowerment of domestic workers in Manila, October 22-24 >>>



**Europe:** The organized domestic workers in London launched their own charity "The Voice of Domestic Workers - dignity at work" >>>



**Latin America:** UPACP, Argentina took the lead in building alliances and synergies among Governments and Domestic Workers in the region through the meetings in Panama, August 16 and Paraguay, September 12 >>>



**Middle East & North Africa:** In partnership with the FES, LO-Norway, national trade unions and others, the IDWF gathered domestic workers leaders and other social partners to discuss concrete suggestions to address rights gaps of migrant domestic workers in the region >>>



**North America:** NDWA 10th Anniversary - Over the course of a decade, the National Domestic Workers Alliance has emerged as the leading, unified national voice for dignity and fairness for domestic workers in the USA >>>

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Tackling **child labour** in domestic work:

a **Handbook** for action for domestic workers and their organizations



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[Decent Work for Domestic Workers - Eight Good Practices from Asia](#)



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