The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP), Migrant Forum Asia (MFA) and the Middle-East Centre for Training and Development are inviting applications for a regional training workshop on migrant workers and the responsibilities of the private sector in the Middle-East, North Africa and Asia. This training course will take place in Dubai, UAE, from 1 May to 4 May, 2014.

The training program will build the knowledge and skills of individuals concerned with the situation of migrant workers in the Middle East. It will build knowledge of relevant international standards and practices and skills in using available mechanisms in their advocacy, and in engaging with private sector actors. The residential program will also provide a valuable forum for the sharing of knowledge and skills, and for the building of support networks.

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE TRAINING?

The program is aimed at individuals who work for and with NGOs/CSOs and national human rights institutions, and who have the commitment and capacity to apply the training to their work for vulnerable migrant workers. Consideration is given to ensuring a gender and geographical balance. The program will be conducted in English and Arabic.

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS GAIN FROM THE PROGRAM?

- Develop familiarity of advocates with some of the key international human rights/business standards and mechanisms most relevant to migrant workers and the private sector
- Develop understanding of the recruitment procedures, employment conditions and legal protections present in the sending countries in Asia and the receiving countries in the Middle East;
- Explore the challenges to promoting and implementing these standards and mechanisms in the context of migrant workers from Asia in the Middle-East, particularly through the lens of the three pillars of the UN Framework/Principles on Business and Human Rights – that is, state duty to protect, corporate responsibility to respect, and access to remedy;
- Encourage engagement between representatives of civil society and the private sector particularly focussed on issues of ethical recruitment
• Identify priorities for further action, including written/online materials to build the capacity of civil society capacity to more effectively engage the private sector at the national level

**TRAINERS**

Trainers on DTP programs are experienced and highly respected local, regional and international human rights practitioners and academic who 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 DTP/MFA workshop will bring together about 20 civil society activists and experts to build their knowledge and understanding of human rights and labour standards and mechanisms - and how to engage and influence the private sector effectively. The workshop agenda will build engagement between the participants and representatives of the private sector in order to inform further strategy development and explore avenues for collaboration. The workshop will have a major focus on the recruitment industry, in countries of origin and destination as this industry has been identified as central to the abuses experienced by migrant workers.

The workshop will also seek to engage with representatives of the recruitment industry with a commitment to respecting the rights of migrant workers. This workshop is a significant first step in building understanding and collaboration in the area of migrant workers’ rights in the context of the private sector and will also seek to map out factual experiences and legal regimes, including how existing international frameworks and codes of conduct are being applied today, and identify future priorities for research and strategic advocacy.

**PROGRAM PARTNERS**

The Diplomacy Training Program (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. Migrant Forum Asia (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.

**APPLICATIONS**

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