



DTP MIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS e-BULLETIN

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HIGHLIGHTS

5 February 2018 – [Zero draft](#) of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

UPCOMING DTP-MFA PROGRAMS

PROGRAM DETAILS	DATE & LOCATION
Malaysia Capacity Building Program on Advocating for the Rights of Migrant Workers 2017 – Module 5 <i>Applications Closed</i>	March 2018 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Reflection and Review Program on Building Effective Advocacy and Collaboration Strategies for Civil Society Advocates Along Key Migration Corridors <i>For interest email – dtp@unsw.edu.au</i>	March 2018 Kathmandu, Nepal

REPORTS ON DTP-MFA CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

Fiji: 2 – 3 November 2017, Nadi, Fiji – ‘Pacific Islands Civil Society Consultation on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration’ [Report](#) and [Concluding Statement](#)

Malaysia: ‘2017 Special Capacity Building Program on Advocating for the Rights of Migrant Workers in Malaysia’ – [Module 1](#) | [Module 2](#) | [Module 3](#) | [Module 4](#)

Qatar: 21 – 25 May 2017, Doha – ‘Capacity Building Program on Human Rights Advocacy and Migrant Workers in the Middle East’ [Report](#)

UPDATES FROM DTP ALUMNI - DTP alumni and their organizations take action for the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers.

SRI LANKA

Nihal Chandrasiri, Acting Director – Research & Monitoring, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka – Human Rights Day Message of the Chairperson of Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka [Read](#)

INDIA/ UAE

Hubertson Tomwilson, Middle East Policy Advisor, Migrant Forum in Asia – Requests to sign his petition to the Government of India to abolish recruitment fees and to repeal amended Rule No.25 of Emigration Rules 2017 hiking Recruitment Charges to 30K INR [Sign Petition](#)

INDIA

Rejimon Kuttappan – Shares his article on the plight of 5000 plus Indians Stranded in Kuwait. In response to the story, Sharan Burrow, ITUC Secretary General, provided an opportunity for a special interview as a follow-up story. [Read](#)

PHILIPPINES

[Elene Sana](#), Director, Centre for Migrant Advocacy (CMA) – shared an update on how CMA has replicated the DTP course on migrant’s rights at the national level conducting a training every year for the last three years. The programs are conducted in different regions in the Philippines and they are also called DTP.

USA

[Mariam Bhacker](#), Project Manager, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRRC) – BHRRC is hiring a Programme Manager to lead its work on access to decent work for migrant workers, refugees and host populations in Lebanon and Jordan. The full job description [is available here](#)

QATAR

Deepak Bhetwal, Country Manager, Asia Training Center (ATC) – Shares news about the establishment of a training Asia Training Center in Doha to provide post-arrival orientation to workers. The orientation course helps workers to enhance their confidence, capacity, creativity and problem-solving skills. [More info](#)

DTP ALUMNI AND ALUMNI ORGANISATION PROFILES – 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 and their organisations whose work is so important.

ALUMNI PROFILE

INDIA : [Hubertson Tomwilson](#) – Middle East Policy Advisor, Migrant Forum in Asia

SRI LANKA : [Ranjan Kurian](#) – Project Manager at HELVETAS Swiss Inter-cooperation

ALUMNI ORGANISATION PROFILE

UK : [Business & Human Rights Resources Centre \(BHRRC\)](#)

MALAYSIA : [Tenaganita](#)

MIGRANTS RIGHTS AND RELATED NEWS

- Making Fair Recruitment a Reality [Read](#)
- Migrant Forum in Asia Statement on International Migrants Day [Read](#)
- Migration can benefit the world. This is how we at the UN plan to help - [António Guterres](#)
- Migrating to Opportunity: How can ASEAN Countries Maximize the Benefits of Labor Mobility [Read](#)
- UAE to set up independent human rights committee [Read](#)
- Responsible Recruitment: Remediating Worker-Paid Recruitment Fees – [IHRB Report](#)

CALL FOR ACTION

- Make a stand to end modern slavery [#50forfreedom campaign](#)
- Drop charges against Jolovan Wham. Protect our freedom of expression [Sign Petition](#)

MIGRANT WORKERS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

ORGANIZATION	EVENTS AND DATES
General Assembly	72 Session: Making migration work for all Read
Universal Periodic Review	28th Session (Nov 2017) : Pakistan Sri Lanka 29th Session (Jan-Feb 2018) : UAE 30th Session (Apr-May 2018): Bangladesh 31st Session (Oct-Nov 2018) : Saudi Arabia Jordan Malaysia 32nd Session (Jan-Feb 2019) : Cambodia
	Submission Guideline How to get involved? Practical guide for CSO DTP Short Guide on UPR prepared for DTP program participants Recommendations

<p>Human Rights Treaty Bodies</p>	<p>CMW 27th Session (4 Sept – 13 Sept 2017) State Party's Report: Indonesia Ecuador Mexico Concluding Observations: Indonesia Ecuador Mexico</p> <hr/> <p>CEDAW 68th Session (23 Oct – 17 Nov 2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Party's Report: Oman Kuwait Israel Singapore ▪ Concluding Observations: Oman Kuwait Israel Singapore <p>69th Session (19 Feb – 9 Mar 2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Party's Report: Malaysia Saudi Arabia ▪ Info from Civil Society on Malaysia: WAO/JAG, HRW ▪ Info from Civil Society on Saudi Arabia: GDP <hr/> <p>Reporting Cycle Treaty Bodies</p>
<p>Human Rights Special Procedures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants - Mr. Felipe González Morales visited Nepal from 29 January to 5 February 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ End-of-mission statement of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants on his visit to Nepal □ Press Release: UN expert calls for better protection against abuse and exploitation for Nepali workers seeking foreign employment ▪ New Special Procedures communications search website ▪ Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants on a 2035 agenda for facilitating human mobility <hr/> <p>How to submit information/complaints to the UN SPs Directory of Special Procedures Mandate Holders</p>
<p>Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concept Note and Workplan for the GCM ▪ Phase I – Consultations (April to November 2017) – General Concept Note ▪ Phase II – Stocktaking (November 2017 to January 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Preparatory Meeting 4-6 December 2017, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept Note - Chair's Summary ▪ Phase III – Intergovernmental Negotiations (February to July 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration ZERO DRAFT □ Schedule
<p>International Labour Organization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ILO Fair Recruitment Initiative Newsletter ▪ ILO announces the four winners of the 2017 Global Media Competition on Labour Migration Read ▪ Policy Brief: The role of fair and effective labour migration governance in regional climate adaptation ▪ Risks and rewards: Outcomes of labour migration in South-East Asia Report ▪ ITC-ILO Training on Forced Labour (9-13 April 2018, Turin, Italy) Apply here Deadline for applications is 28 February 2018

UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6 – 8 November 2017, Bangkok – UN ESCAP Regional Consultation on Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Report of the Meeting □ Statement by Migrant Forum in Asia ▪ Towards Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Asia-Pacific Region – Challenges and Opportunities Report
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers ▪ ASEAN Consensus on Migrant Workers Gets Cautious Welcome Read ▪ The ASEAN Consensus on Migrant Workers: not Ideal but a Basis to Continue Working Read

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