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UPCOMING DTP-MFA PROGRAMS

PROGRAM DETAILS	DATE & LOCATION
Malaysia Capacity Building Program on Advocating for the Rights of Migrant Workers 2017 – Module 3 <i>Applications Closed</i>	August 2017 Kuala Lumpur
Regional Workshop on Ethical Business and Recruitment Practices for Migration <i>Applications Opening Soon</i>	November 2017 Dubai

REPORTS ON DTP-MFA CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

Malaysia: 2 – 5 June 2017, Kuala Lumpur – Module2: 'Special Capacity Building Program on Advocating for the Rights of Migrant Workers in Malaysia' [News](#)

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

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

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

A.A. Mamun – Program Manager, [OKUP](#) – OKUP recently conducted a [study](#) entitled "Contribution Vs Allocations: A Quest of Budget for Migrant Workers". Findings of the study was presented at the Annual Congress of Migrant Forum Members on Migrants' Budget in Dhaka on 25 May 2017.

Jasiya Khatoon – Director, [WARBE](#) – Bangladesh Parliamentarian Caucus on Migration & Development was approved and launched by the Honorable Deputy Speaker of Parliament Mr. Fazle Rabbi Miah, in March 2017. This caucus will work to protect rights and dignity of migrants' and their families at home and abroad. WARBE Development Foundation will provide secretarial services and work-in support. [News](#)

Nayela Akter – Program Officer, [HELVETAS Bangladesh](#) – shares her experiences and lessons learned from her participation at the 26th Session of UN Committee on CMW for the review of Bangladesh's initial report to the Committee on 3 – 4 April 2017 in Geneva [Read](#)

Oman/USA

Mariam Bhacker, Project manager, [BHRRC](#) – Article on True cost of hospitality in the Gulf: A call to action for business & investors [Read](#)

Business Human Rights Responsibility for Refugees and Migrant Workers: Turning Policies into Practice in the Middle East [Read](#)

UAE

[Francis Solomantine](#) – Advocate, [MECTD](#) – The Permanent Committee of Labour Affairs (PCLA) in Dubai and the General Directorate for Residency and Foreigners Affairs have announced the [Tagdeer Award Program](#) for the second time. This year the award is to include private companies operating in the construction sector in the Free zones. The award is given annually to firms who implement best global practices in safeguarding labour rights in their workplaces. [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.

OMAN/USA

[Mariam Bhacker](#) – Project Manager, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

NEPAL

[Shreeram Chaudhary](#) – General Secretary, High Court Bar Association, Dang

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 – Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee - [PNCC](#)

Indonesia – Serikat Buruh Migran Indonesia - [SBMI](#)

Bangladesh – Ovbashi Karmi Unnayan Program - [OKUP](#)

MIGRANTS RIGHTS AND RELATED NEWS

- *Unscrupulous recruitment firms exploit Nepal's migrant workers: Amnesty* [Read](#)
- *Qatar World Cup: Air-con stadium opens as worker abuse continues* [Read](#)
- *ASEAN postpones adoption of migrant worker's protection declaration* [Read](#)
- *Remittance: Bangladesh government to take no fee* [Read](#)
- *Distinguished lecture by [José Ramos-Horta](#) AC (DTP Founder) Grand Challenge on Refugees and Migrants Our shared humanity: protecting the rights of refugees and migrants*
- *UN Special Rapporteur launches [tool](#) for lawyers, advocates & judges to support cases with legal arguments to uphold rights of assembly & association*
- *ILO World of Work Magazine: Special 2017 Issue – [Migration Should Be a Choice](#)*
- *A Challenging Market Becomes More Challenging: Jordanian Workers, Migrant Workers and Refugees in the Jordanian Labour Market* [Factsheet](#) | [FULL Report](#)

CALLS FOR ACTION

[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
Human Rights Council	35th Session (6 June – 23 June 2017) – List of Reports
Universal Periodic Review	27th session (Apr–May 2017) – National Reports: Indonesia India Philippines Bahrain

	<p>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>CMW <i>26th Session (10 Apr – 27 Apr 2017)</i> Concluding Observations: Bangladesh Jamaica Nigeria</p> <p><i>27th Session (4 Sept – 13 Sept 2017)</i> State Party's Report: Indonesia Ecuador Mexico</p> <hr/> <p>CEDAW <i>67th session (3 July – 21 July 2017)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thailand: State Party's Report ▪ Info from Civil Society: Human Rights Watch, Women's CSOs, Others <hr/> <p>Reporting Cycle Treaty Bodies</p>
Human Rights Special Procedures	<p>Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants on a 2035 agenda for facilitating human mobility</p> <p>Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants on his missions to Angola, Greece, Australia</p>
Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration	<p>Modalities, New York Declaration and Sutherland Report for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration General</p> <p>Concept Note and Workplan for the Global Compact for Migration</p> <p>Issue Brief #1 Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance.</p> <p>Issue Brief #2 Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution.</p> <p>Issue Brief #3 International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration.</p>
International Labour Organization	<p>Addressing governance challenges in a changing labour migration landscape Read</p> <p><i>106th International Labour Conference, June 2017</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ILO ready to face world of work challenges resulting from crisis, labour migration and green transition Read ▪ Committee for Labour Migration: Resolution and conclusions submitted for adoption by the Conference Report
Colombo Process	<p>Nepal Assumes Colombo Process Leadership Read</p> <p>Colombo Process Member States identified concrete collaborative actions for advancing ethical recruitment Read</p>
Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)	<p>Tenth <i>GFMD Summit (Berlin, 28-30 June 2017)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft Concept Paper ▪ Civil society Steering Committee feedback on Concept Note
Peoples Global Action (PGA)	<p>Draft program for the 2017 PGA Conference, Berlin</p> <p>REGISTER HERE to attend the conference</p>

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