

DTP Alumni Advocating for Migrant Rights on the Global Stage in Morocco:

December 3-11, 2018 saw Morocco host 'Marrakesh Migration Week' which included the Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD) and the adoption of the new Global Compact for Migration – the first global agreement establishing shared objectives on the governance of migration. Alumni of the MFA/DTP Capacity Building Programs were well represented among the civil society delegates – and DTP alumni present included Timor Leste's Permanent Representative to the UN, Mr. Marciano Octavio Garcia Da Silva

Also taking place over this week were the civil society gathering - the People's Global Action for Migration, Development, and Human Rights (PGA), Global Mayoral, Youth and Diaspora Forums. Additional meetings and side-events organised by the governments, trade unions, business community, national human rights institutions, migrants' groups, and civil society organizations.

Over 350 civil society representatives from across the world participated in events across the week. DTP-MFA alumni were there to ensure the voices and rights of migrant workers were represented and

acknowledged. Amish Karki, DTP's International Programs Coordinator was there to connect with alumni, witness their engagement with the processes and ask them to reflect on the benefits of their training. Mr Nilambar Badal DTP alumnus from Nepal said ***"I was passionate working for migrant rights, but DTP taught me critical thinking and technical planning. The lessons learnt from the DTP training were helpful in strengthening Nepal's National Network on Migration. Since then I have been representing civil society from Nepal at different regional and international forums on labour migration."***



DTP/MFA alumni were involved at each stage of the civil society engagement of the negotiations for the new UN Global Compact on Migration – ensuring that rights were firmly on the agenda and reflected in its commitments and objectives. Participation of the alumni in the migration week was facilitated by Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA). DTP and MFA have been working in partnership together since 2004 to build the capacity of advocates to protect and promote the rights of migrant workers. Amish Karki was able to distribute DTP's new caps **"A Head for Rights"** to many alumni.





His Excellency Mr. Marciano Octavio Garcia Da Silva, Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the United Nations Office and DTP alumni. Being presented with a DTP alumni hat by DTP program coordinator Amish Karki at the Migration Week in Marrakech.



DTP exhibition about its work and its alumni at the GFMD civil Society Days in Marrakech (Left) and alumni with DTP hats.