

CSOs and NGOs for Migrant Workers and Business and Human Rights¹

Name of Organisation:

Middle East Centre for Training and Development (MECTD),
UAE, 2014



Website of Organisation: <http://www.mecentre.ae>

Organisation of DTP Alumni: Yes

The Middle East Centre for Training and Development (MECTD) is a training institute, which was established in 2014 to educate individuals, corporations, government agencies and other relevant bodies on local, regional and international laws regarding labour migration and development. The vision of MECTD is to promote greater understanding among relevant stakeholders on national, regional and international laws on human mobility for an efficient and sustainable development practice.

In fulfilling its objectives, the MECTD provides trainings and consultations on human mobility and development. In particular, the MECTD has expertise on issues including health and migration, human trafficking, undocumented foreign labour, labour inspections, ethical business and recruitment practices and the impact of globalisation on labour migration. Further, MECTD's most recent programs have facilitated regional discussions on migrant workers in Dubai and regional workshops on ethical recruitment practices. In furthering human rights education regionally, MECTD signed a memorandum of understanding with the Permanent Committee for Labour Affairs in Dubai to educate expatriated workers about their rights and laws.

The Centre has been a proud partner of the DTP since 2014. As a partner organisation, the DTP and MECTD have provided forums in the Middle East on business and human rights, and migrant workers' rights in 2014 and 2016. Moreover, MECTD has also sent representatives and provided trainers for the DTP's other programs and initiatives on business and human rights, and migrant workers regionally.

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¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2600 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP ([ww.dtp.unsw.edu.au](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of migrant workers, and business and human rights more broadly.

