



12 by 12 NEWSLETTER – May 2014

15 ratifications of C189! 13 ratifications and 2 countries (Dominican Republic and Colombia) which are in a process to register at the ILO. The 13 countries which ratified are:

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| 1. Argentina | 5. Germany | 10. Paraguay |
| 2. Bolivia | 6. Guyana | 11. Philippines |
| 3. Costa Rica | 7. Italy | 12. South Africa |
| 4. Ecuador | 8. Mauritius | 13. Uruguay |
| | 9. Nicaragua | |

Keep up the pressure! Call for rights and protection of domestic workers!

Link to C189 on the ILO website:

http://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=1000:11300:0::NO:11300:P11300_INSTRUMENT_ID:2551460

12 by 12 campaign at the ITUC Congress (18-23 May, Berlin, Germany).

Campaign action points for 2014 and beyond will be discussed at the ITUC Congress. **Share during the Congress period your campaign action plans on '12 by 12' Facebook** – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/231305920281513/> and post a picture of a campaign activity! At the Congress delegates will be invited to leave messages on the '12 by 12' Facebook page. *ITUC Congress website: <http://congress2014.ituc-csi.org/?lang=en>*

16 June: International domestic workers day!

Ask your government to ratify and implement **C189** and to adopt **labor law reforms** * Connect with domestic workers to **organize more members** and build stronger unions * Call for the protection of **migrant domestic workers rights** * More news will be available end May

1 May events:

From Chile to Belgium, Thailand to Hong Kong, Costa Rica to Trinidad and Tabago, in Spain and Lebanon as well in Africa – domestic workers and trade unions called for ratification of C189, rights and protections for domestic workers. **Check out the photo album on 12 by 12 Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152380345698850&set=oa.630391790372922&type=1&theater>



Resources:

- **Claiming Rights: Domestic Workers' Movements and Global Advances for Labor Reform – Human Right Watch, IDWF and ITUC publication:** Claiming Rights tracks key advances between 2011 and 2013 for the protection of domestic workers around the world. The report highlights countries that have ratified the Domestic Workers Convention, examples of national labor law reform, and the growing strength and reach of the domestic workers' rights movement <http://www.ituc-csi.org/claiming-rights-domestic-workers>
- **Myrtle Witbooi, President IDWF: speaking on how to better protect domestic workers:** <http://idwfed.org/activity.php?id=33>
- **ILO survey on domestic workers:** http://www.ilo.int/travail/whatwedo/publications/WCMS_239520/lang--en/index.htm
- **Qatar: Shocking report from Amnesty International 'Foreign domestic workers in Qatar: Shocking cases of deception, forced labour, violence':** <http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/foreign-domestic-workers-qatar-shocking-cases-deception-forced-labour-violence-2014-04-23> - Qatar criticised for domestic workers' abuse <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/04/qatar-failing-protect-household-workers-201442302859927674.html> Here you can find out more about ITUC's Qatar campaign on migrant workers:
- **Ethiopia: the ILO's Aida Awel on the future of Ethiopia's 160,000 returning migrants – after they were expelled from Saudi Arabia in December last year.** <http://www.migrant-rights.org/2014/04/interview-the-ilos-aida-awel-on-the-future-of-ethiopias-160000-returning-migrants/>
- **UK: Kalayaan reports increase in abuse since abolition of domestic worker visa:** http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/news/2014/kalayaan-reports-increase-abuse-abolition-domestic-worker-visa?utm_source=Migrants+Rights+News&utm_campaign=33bb6a0faa-MRN_News_14-04-2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1084a7080c-33bb6a0faa-217214957
- **Anti-Slavery International's latest report: Into the Unknown: Exploitation of Nepalese migrant domestic workers in Lebanon.** http://www.antislavery.org/includes/documents/cm_docs/2014/i/into_the_unknown_report.pdf
- **Child domestic labor:** As per [recent data released by the International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/press/news/2012042501.htm), the estimated number of child domestic workers in the age group of 5-17 years has increased from around 15.5 million in 2008 to 17.2 million in 2012. Check out the Global March Against Child Labor 'Resource Manual : tackling child labor and protecting young domestic workers': <http://globalmarch.org/Child-Labour-domestic/resources/global/ResourceManual.pdf>

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- 12 by 12 webpage: <http://www.ituc-csi.org/domestic-workers-12-by-12>
- Join us on the 12 by 12 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/231305920281513/>
- Sign up to the 12 by 12 email list: <http://www.ituc-csi.org/domestic-workers-12-by-12> (see orange box on the right below)
- Contact: Marieke.koning@ituc-csi.org

International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF):

Webpage: <http://www.idwn.info/>
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