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Enhancing NGO and Media Engagement in the Campaign for Migrant Domestic Workers

Beirut (ILO News) - In the context of the EU-funded project “*Action Programme for Promoting the Rights of Women Migrant Domestic Workers/PROWD*,” the International Labour Organization’s Regional Office for Arab States (ILO-ROAS) is convening a three-day workshop on enhancing NGO engagement in the campaign for migrant domestic workers rights.

Participants from 25 different NGOs will meet at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Dune Verdun, on June 20-22, 2012 to discuss ways they can further their commitment to the promotion of migrant domestic workers’ rights from the standpoint of international labour standards. During the workshop, participants will learn how to improve their outreach to media institutions in order to increase the frequency and breadth of their reporting about the living and working conditions of migrant workers.

ILO-ROAS will convene a second workshop on June 27-28, 2012 for media institutions. During this second workshop, media specialists will be introduced to the dynamics of labour migration management in Lebanon relative to international labour and migration standards. The challenges of connecting with NGOs about MDW issues will be discussed in order to suggest ways to overcome them.

Finally, ILO-ROAS is planning a joint meeting for NGO representatives and media specialists on June 29, 2012 to create synergies among these two entities.

ILO’s senior labour standards specialists will introduce workshop participants (media and NGOs) to international labour laws, treaties and conventions regarding the rights of migrant domestic workers. ILO’s senior labour migration specialist will present an overview of the size and types of abuses to which MDWs are subjected in Lebanon. Finally, ILO’s senior workers specialist will discuss ways trade unions can cooperate with NGOs and the media to further the “worker” in MDW reporting.
