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The EU funded Global Action Programme on Migrant Domestic Workers and Their Families (GAP-MDW) was launched at the 2nd High-level Dialogue on Migration and Development of the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York on Thursday, 3 October 2013.

In order to raise awareness on the need to promote human and labour rights and decent work for migrant domestic workers, the ILO, in partnership with the Governments of Italy and the Philippines and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), organized a high level panel discussion on "Migrant Domestic Workers: Ensuring Human Rights and Making Decent Work a Reality".

More than 100 participants attended the event to discuss the practical steps that countries can take - and are currently taking - towards better recognition of the value of domestic work, enhanced protection of migrant domestic workers, and priorities for future action. The timely discussion at the High Level Dialogue addressed a manifold of challenges pervasive in context of domestic work and highlighted the eminent role of Convention No. 189 in ending exploitation and placing migrant rights at the centre of the development agenda.

