



Global 12+12 Campaign on Ratification of the ILO Convention 189 and the Recommendation 201 on Domestic Work

The global 12+12 campaign was launched by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) in promotion of the ratification of the ILO Convention 189 on Domestic Work. The first stage of the 12 by 12 campaign (i.e., reaching 12 ratifications of the C189 over the course of 12 months) was deemed successful in raising awareness on C189 among governments. As of June 2015, 20 countries ratified the ILO Convention 189 and dozens of countries adopted labour reforms and concluded new collective bargaining agreements since the launch of the campaign. Furthermore, since the International Domestic Workers Federation was founded, more than 12 unions were formed and approximately 100,000 domestic workers joined the federation.

The campaign mobilized national centres, unions and organizations of domestic workers, migrant women, and human rights organizations in more than 90 countries. In collaboration with the Global Action Programme on Migrant Domestic Workers and their Families (GAP-MDW), a second phase of the 12+12 campaign was designed and launched at the ITUC's 3rd World Congress in May 2014. In addition to contributing to the design of the campaign, the GAP-MDW is actively supporting the campaign implementation at global and national levels, especially in countries where the project is being implemented. As an example, in the framework of the GAP-MDW, further harmonization of the C189 with the national legislation of Paraguay was achieved in collaboration with the domestic workers organizations and Paraguayan Senate Committee deliberating the new bill on domestic work. Another example is a booklet with questions and answers regarding C189 being developed in Ukrainian language. Furthermore, an ITUC-IDWF-ILO publication documenting the strategic alliance between trade unions and domestic workers' organizations in the design and implementation of the 12 +12 campaign will be released in the second half of 2015.

