



INVITATION

• DOCUMENTARY SCREENING DEBATE

THURSDAY JUNE 26 2012

17pm welcome drink - 18pm screening - 19pm debate

TRAINING OF YOUNG DOMESTIC WORKERS, REINFORCING THE TERTIARY SECTOR IN AFRICA

IDAY-International is pleased to invite you to a screening & debate on the training of young domestic workers, on June 26, 2012.

The debate which will be moderated by **Mr Benoît Feyt**, journalist at Télé Bruxelles, will draw on the screening of the documentary movie "The Invisible Workers" and on the views of experts from the North and the South. **His Excellency Ruben Walter Cancela Vilanova**, Ambassador of Uruguay to Belgium, will conclude the debate as representative of the first country that ratified the Convention n°189 of the International Labour Organisation concerning domestic work.

- >> **Mr Rudy Delarue** - Director of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Office for the European Union - Brussels
Promoting the ratification and the enforcement of the Convention concerning decent work for domestic workers of June 16, 2011
- >> **Mr Mamadou Diallo** - Africa Coordinator at the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) - Brussels
ITUC's «12 by 12» Campaign for rights and protection for domestic workers
- >> **Mrs Goreth Kanyange** - Director of Convergence pour l'Autodéveloppement des Domestiques (CAD) - Bujumbura (Burundi)
Training for domestic workers: a socio-economic issue
- >> **Mrs Pilar Pineiro Perez** - Project Officer at Action Développement - Parrainages Mondiaux (ADPM) - Huy
Regional campaign in favour of the training of domestic workers in the Great Lakes region

Domestic work is a social phenomenon in Africa which still affects many children and youngsters nowadays. Some of them enjoy decent living and working conditions; this activity enables them to make a living and offers them some prospects of a better future. A majority of them however experiences long working hours, low wages if any, and a lack of social protection and recognition.

This situation makes all kinds of abuses possible. To address this issue, the ILO adopted on June 16, 2011 the Convention n°189 concerning decent work for domestic workers, with the view to providing a legal framework to this profession.

Although education is a right, many of these youngsters must drop out of school to work or are deprived of the opportunity to continue their studies when «employed» as a domestic worker.

Few Ministries of Education make provisions in their education plans for the training of young domestic workers in order to adapt education opportunities to their specific situation and needs.

The training of domestic workers is not only a matter of fundamental rights, but also a key social and economic issue at a time of profound transformation on the continent.

June 16 is also the date which celebrates the International Day of the African Child, in commemoration of the massacre of black South African students by the apartheid army while they demonstrated peacefully for an education respecting their identity, in 1976 in Soweto. Each year, the IDAY network (International Day of the African Child and Youth) mobilises on this symbolic date to advocate for the right to education for all in Africa.

As only one ratification has been registered one year after the adoption of the Convention, IDAY-International raises concerns over the future of domestic workers.

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Free entrance, registration required (100 participants max.)
French-English translation
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