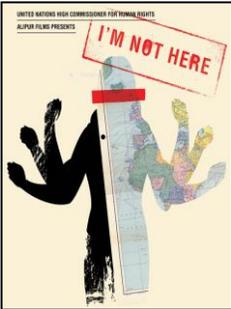


'Behind closed doors' Global seminar on the human rights of migrant domestic workers in an irregular situation

28-29 September 2015 | Shangri-La Hotel | Room: The Study
89 Soi Wat Suan Plu , New Road , Bangrak , Bangkok 10500 Thailand

A G E N D A

DAY ONE - 28 September 2015	
9:00-9:15	Reception of participants
9:15-10:00	<p>Session 1: Opening</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Jyoti Sanghera</i>, OHCHR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jyoti Sanghera and Matilda Bogner</i>, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) • <i>François Crépeau</i>, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants (video message) • <i>Maria Elena Valenzuela</i>, International Labour Organization (ILO) • <i>José Serrano Brillantes</i>, Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW)
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-12:00	<p>Session 2: Screening of 'I Am Not Here'</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Pia Oberoi</i>, OHCHR</p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Viktor Vavricka</i>, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Switzerland, Bangkok. <p>Interactive panel discussion with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Christina McGillivray</i>, Alipur films • <i>Jennifer Bernard Norgriff</i>, National Domestic Workers Alliance • <i>Liva Sreedharan</i>, Tenaganita • <i>Beatrice Schwager</i>, SPAZ Sans-Papiers Anlaufstelle 
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	<p>Session 3: Setting the scene: the global care crisis and beyond</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Kate Sheill</i>, OHCHR</p> <p>This session will aim to set the meeting's discussion in the contemporary context of a global care crisis and the lack of sufficient legal channels for the entry of low-skilled migrants and care workers. The most immediate result has been a highly visible human rights crisis for migrants who are compelled to take ever more desperate measures to migrate. While in transit, many migrants are compelled to seek out hazardous and undignified employment in order to survive en route and to be able to fund further movement towards their intended country of destination.</p> <p>Presentations by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bridget Anderson</i>, COMPAS (Centre on Migration Policy and Society), University of Oxford • <i>Navamane Ratna Patten</i>, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) • <i>Maria Giovanna Manieri</i>, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) • <i>Myrtle Witbooi</i>, South Africa Domestic and Services Allied Workers Union (SADSAWU) and International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF)

15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	<p>Session 4: Health care, health services, health rights</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Carolina Hernández</i>, OHCHR</p> <p>This session would focus on the right to health, including sexual and reproductive health, of migrant domestic workers in an irregular situation. In many countries irregular migrants are legally excluded, partly or completely, from health care and health services. Migrant women face additional risks because of their sex, including physical violence, sexual harassment and abuse, and are often denied access to sexual and reproductive health care. This session will also look at the revised Global Strategy on health (Every Woman, Every Child, Every Adolescent) to be adopted at the GA in September 2015, which identifies migrant women (children and adolescents) as a group in need of special attention. What are the various elements of respecting the right to the highest attainable standard of health for migrant women in an irregular situation?</p> <p>Presentations by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kamala Chandrakirana</i>, Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice • <i>Nenete Motus</i>, International Organization for Migration (IOM) • <i>Omsin Boonlert</i>, Mekong Migration Network • <i>Sim Poey Choong</i>, Reproductive Rights Advocacy Alliance of Malaysia (RRAAM) • <i>Harun Mohammad Rashid</i>, CARAM Asia - Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility

DAY TWO - 29 September 2015

9:00:9:15	<p>Screening</p> <p>Caritas Internationalis - video: "Decent work for domestic workers in Lebanon" http://www.caritas.org/2015/06/film-decent-work-for-domestic-workers-in-lebanon/</p>
9:15:10:30	<p>Session 5: More than a roof and four walls</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Pia Oberoi</i>, OHCHR</p> <p>The focus on this session would be on the right to an adequate standard of living, and the access of irregular migrant domestic workers to housing, water and sanitation. International standards provide that the right to housing should not be interpreted narrowly in terms of shelter (meaning just the provision of walls and a roof) but understood to imply an entitlement to live in security, peace and dignity, with adequate privacy and adequate space.</p> <p>Presentations by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Leilani Farha</i>, Special rapporteur on adequate housing (video message) • <i>Erwiana Sulistyarningsih</i>, Organisation of Returned and Family of Indonesian Migrant Workers • <i>Paula Riedemann</i>, Ban Ying • <i>Theresa Symons</i>, Good Shepherd Sisters Asia Pacific • <i>Marivic Sucaldito and Robina Navato</i>, Humanitarian Organisation for Migration Economics (HOME)
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	<p>Session 6: Isolation, freedom of association and solidarity</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Jyoti Sanghera</i>, OHCHR</p> <p>Migrant domestic workers are likely to be unfamiliar with national laws, public services and local judicial systems, and may not find it easy to obtain information about their rights. Migrant domestic workers are often denied freedom of movement and hence their ability to meet friends and maintain social contacts. Networks of support and representation, including those provided by informal networks based on faith or nationality as well as formal trade unions, are essential. Support networks and trade unions can diminish the social and physical isolation of migrant domestic workers and the latter can represent migrant domestic workers in mediation procedures or labour courts. This session will discuss the importance and the various dimensions of the right to freedom of association in this context.</p> <p>Presentations by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Elizabeth Tang</i>, International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) • <i>Allison Julien</i>, National Domestic Worker Alliance (NDWA) • <i>Jane Barberino Xavier</i>, Domestic Workers Action Group • <i>Brahm Press</i>, MAP Foundation • <i>Ana Lucia Lagunes</i>, Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Matias de Cordova

12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p>Session 7: Protection, regularisation, return</p> <p>The session will consider protection and solutions to the situation of migrant domestic workers in an irregular situation; including the challenges of employment bans, how to ensure irregular migrants are granted access to essential social security and social protection, the benefits of regularisation, the importance of adequate governance of labour migration, and a discussion on whether and how return to their country of origin is the most appropriate 'solution' to the situation of irregular migrant domestic workers.</p> <p>Presentations by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Marieke Koning</i>, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) • <i>Pablo Rojas Coppari</i>, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland/Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) Working Group on Work • <i>Deborah Valencia</i>, KASAPI HELLAS and the Women & Global Migration Working Group • <i>Sarah Katrina Maramag</i>, Migrante International
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:00	<p>Session 8: Conclusions</p> <p>Presentations by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agnes Matienzo</i>, Migrant Forum in Asia (#OurHands Campaign) • <i>Ruchika Bahl</i>, UN Women • <i>Anna Olsen</i>, International Labour Organization (ILO) • <i>Pia Oberoi</i>, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
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EVENT - 29 September 2015	
18:00-20:00	<p>Launch of: 'Forced Labour and Human Trafficking', <i>Anti-Trafficking Review</i> Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women</p> <p>Film screening of: 'I Am Not Here' Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p><i>* Please see the separate invitation to the launch and film screening</i></p>
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