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Migrant Domestic Workers: Ensuring Human Rights and Making Decent Work a Reality

3 October 2013 - 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm
United Nations, Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Domestic work is a growing economic sector with about 50 million worldwide, of which around 83% are women. Domestic workers provide an invaluable contribution to societies, yet still too often their work is not valued as such and they remain a largely invisible and often vulnerable workforce. Migrant domestic workers face specific decent work deficits and challenges with regard to economic, social and cultural rights as well as sexual and gender based violence.

This side event will be an opportunity for representatives of governments, international organizations, employers' and workers' organizations and civil society to raise awareness, share experiences and present initiatives seeking to promote decent work for domestic workers and ensure a full enjoyment of their human rights, including labour standards. During the event, the Global Action Project on Migrant Domestic Workers, a global initiative funded by the EU and implemented by the ILO in partnership with the OHCHR and UN Women, will be launched.

Speakers include:

Guy Ryder - *Director General, ILO*

Peter Sutherland - *Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration and Development*

Navi Pillay - *High Commissioner for Human Rights*

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