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## Migrant Domestic Workers Rights Discussed at the Global Forum on Migration and Development Stockholm, Sweden, 13 May 2014

On the margins of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), the Global Migration Group (GMG) organized a side event on migrant domestic workers, held on 13 May 2014 in Stockholm, Sweden. The event was chaired by the ILO and featured speakers from the UN system, governments, NGOs, employers' and workers' organizations. Panel members were invited to share concrete experiences and good practices that seek to address the discrimination experienced by migrant domestic workers. 250 civil society organizations from over 75 countries (from diaspora and migrant organizations, human rights and development groups, labour unions and academia and the private sector) were selected to take part in the Civil Society Days of the GFMD.

A video, produced in the context of the EU-funded Global Action Programme on Migrant Domestic Workers and their Families (GAP-MDW), was presented at the side event. The video summarized the experiences of migrant domestic workers in organizing themselves in various regions. The GAP-MDW has also provided an important input in terms of materials and evidence related to labour migration and migrant domestic workers' rights that was feeding into discussion at the side event.

During the GFMD, the key thematic areas of further cooperation were defined: labour mobility and decent work, with a special attention to such topics as reduction of labour migration costs, including recruitment costs, and improved protection for migrant domestic workers. Furthermore, Peter Sutherland, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for International Migration, underlined the importance of ratification of the ILO Convention 189.

