



## **“OUTLOOK OF DOMESTIC WORK IN TURKEY: SCOPE, DIMENSIONS AND ISSUES”**

**ONLINE PANEL – 30 June 2020**

### **Brief**

ILO’s Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) was adopted at the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Labour Conference on 16 June 2011. By the Convention, ILO aims to build legal infrastructure and global labour standards to develop decent work standards for domestic workers.

June 16, as the date of adoption of the Convention, was also declared the International Domestic Workers’ Day. Various events are organised every June both to draw attention to the working conditions of domestic workers and increase awareness on Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189)

In 2020 when face-to-face events cannot be organised due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings are mostly held through social media and other online platforms. A major part of this year’s agenda will include the severe adverse impact of the pandemic on public health as well as on the working conditions of domestic workers due to the significant economic and social transformation caused by the pandemic in a short span of time.

The social and economic lives of domestic workers as a most vulnerable and precarious group were severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Comprised mostly of women, domestic workers were exposed to heightened risk of losing jobs and income, highlighting the importance of social protection measures for domestic work.

Domestic workers constitute one of the target groups of the “More and Better Jobs for Women” programme implemented by the ILO Office for Turkey with funding from Sweden to increase the number of women working in decent conditions in Turkey.

Under the programme, a study is being conducted to analyse the current socio-economic and legal status of domestic workers in Turkey. The study also examines the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The preliminary findings of this analytical study, as conducted in the framework of ILO’s international labour standards, will be presented at the online panel on 30 June 2020 organised as an event to mark the International Domestic Workers’ Day. The panel will discuss the varying pre-, during and post-pandemic working conditions of domestic workers in the spotlight of Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).

The online panel will be held with the participation of relevant social partners, academia, public and civil society organisations.

## AGENDA

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| 11:30 – 11:50 | <b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Numan Özcan</b>, Director of the ILO Office for Turkey</li><li>• <b>Ms. Nurcan Önder</b>, General Director of Labour, Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services</li></ul>                                          |
| 11:50-12:10   | <b>Panel</b> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ebru Özberk Anlı, Senior Programme Officer, ILO Office for Turkey</p> <p>Presentation by Dr. Ceyhun Güler, Karamanoğlu Mehmetbey University on the preliminary findings of the study “Outlook of Domestic Work in Turkey: Scope, Dimensions and Issues”</p> |
| 12:10-12:30   | Q&A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |