

CSOs and Trade Unions' Common Position Four Agendas on GFMD



Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) hosted a consultation meeting among Trade Unions and Civil Society Organizations on 11th August 2016 in Kathmandu to discuss on common country position for 9th GFMD. The consultation agreed to have a common position with four key agendas: *Recruitment Reformation, Access to Justice, Integrating Migrants in Development and Women and Children in Migration Context*. A total 21 (F-10, M-11) representatives from trade unions, civil society organizations, media, lawyers and a victim of migrant work were present in the program. The 9th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) is going to be held in 10-11 December, 2016 in Dhaka. GFMD is a unique intergovernmental process began after the UN High level Dialogue on Migration followed by adoption of operation modalities in Brussels in 2007. There have been already 8 summits before this. The uniqueness of GFMD is Peoples' Global Action and Civil Society Forum along with intergovernmental forum.

The Nepali campaigners on migrants' rights have decided to take four common agenda on upcoming 9th GFMD. ***The Agenda 1: Recruitment Reformation*** will include the issues of employer paid recruitment, standard contract, reference wage for SAARC, addressing transit and destination issues through neighbourhood cooperation among the countries, Bilateral agreement between source and destination country and application of Right to Know for Migrant workers.

The Agenda 2 on Access to Justice will raise concern on accessing court and justice mechanism in both host and sending country, issues of compensation, relief and prosecution, addressing accountability and responsibility on migrant in crisis, role of diplomatic mission, promoting inter-NHRIs cooperation and strengthening south-south cooperation.

The Agenda 3 on Integrating Migrants in Development will raise issues of use of remittance in national development, widening choice for reducing vulnerable migration for work, migrants' targeted opportunities for economic engagement in host and source countries.

The Agenda 4 on Women and Children in Migrant Context, will take up the issues of women and children migrating inside and among nations, children and family members of migrants, safety and respectful repatriation of migrants in crisis and strengthening regional and south-south cooperation for combating trafficking in women and children in migration context.

CSOs and TUs agreed to take these issues in media, government through advocacy and lobbying actions. It is also agreed to publish country position and share among stakeholders. The meeting also discussed about the recent case of forced deportation of Nepali security guards from Kabul by G4S.

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