

domestic workers trabajadoras del hogar personnel domestique trabalhadoras domésticas

2012: fair laws for domestic workers in 12 countries
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The '12 by 12' Campaign aims at 12 ratifications of C189 by 2012. The Campaign runs now in **56 countries**. Dozens of unions /coalitions organised events in December 2011 to officially launch the Campaign ([see photo gallery](#)).

The Campaign is organised by ITUC in partnership with IDWN, IUF, PSI, ETUC, Human Right Watch, Solidar, Migrant Forum Asia, World Solidarity and Caritas.

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'12 by 12' NEWS

Keeping up the pressure on the ratification of C189:

- The Philippines aims to ratify C189 before June 2012.
- Unions/ coalitions/ partners in 30 countries indicate potential for ratification of C189 between 2011 - 2013.
- Teams keep up the pressure through social dialogue, formal and informal meetings with members of parliament and through actions like in Brazil where CUT is collecting 1,200.000 signatures by March 8 2012 in support of C189. In Indonesia, KSBSI will present results of their petition to members of Parliament in February 2012.

Join our calls to action:

- **Human Right Watch - On-line Action:** new web action to support the 12 x12 campaign. [Click here](#) (English only) to send automatic letters to the ministers of labor of countries targeted by the 12x12 campaign (Indonesia, Paraguay, Brazil, South Africa, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saudi Arabia, Philippines, India, Senegal and Kenya - except for all EU). Please sign and ask your networks to sign too!
- **Domestic Workers Netherlands:** Thousands of Dutch cleaners, members of the trade union FNV-Bondgenoten, are standing up to fight their invisibility within society. They have been on strike for more than 30 days to demand respect and fair pay on the job.

Demands include a new collective agreement for domestic workers (e.g. coverage for those employed individually, access to social security) and ratification of ILO Convention 189.

[Sign up to support the Dutch Cleaners](#)

More and better rights for domestic workers in India and Spain in 2012:

- India: To ensure domestic workers are included in labour legislation, it is expected that amendments for all relevant legislations will be adopted in 2012 (e.g. the trade union Act 1926, the payment of wages Act, etc).
- Changes in national legislation in 2012 are also expected in Indonesia (a draft law on domestic workers rights will be discussed in parliament) and Hong Kong.
- Spain: Put into force on January 1 a new law for domestic workers which includes e.g. provisions for social security. It also provides clarity on the employment relationship.

Support domestic workers with organising/ setting up trade unions, which is an important goal of the '12 by 12' campaign too! Please check out the [ITUC Action Guide on organising domestic workers](#).

- Namibia: The domestic workers' Union, supported by the National Farm Workers' Union (IUF affiliate)organised 453 domestic workers (from: IDWN Newsletter)
- Paraguay: CUT-A set up an official trade union for domestic workers on 8 January 2011
- US: The New York State passed a Bill of Rights in 2012, and the Domestic Workers' Union (DWU) produced a [handbook 'Rights Begin at Home'](#) to educate workers and employers (from: IDWN Newsletter)
- Malaysia: MCTU 's Migrant Forum offers hundreds of migrant domestic workers a platform to voice their concerns (in Malaysia migrant workers have no right to form and join a union).

And join:

- Forward the '12 by 12 Campaign News' to colleagues, friends and friendly organisations
- Join our email list: register on the '12 by 12' webpage or <mailto:equality@ituc-csi.org>
- Share information with us on [the '12 by 12' Facebook page](#)
- Support the '12 by 12' Campaign! [Fill in the participation form](#).