

National Union of Domestic Employees



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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the executive of N.U.D.E., I wish to invite you to our press conference on Wednesday 12th December, 2012 at our Union Headquarters at Wattley Circular, Mt. Pleasant Road, Arima at 9.30am. Our union would very much appreciate your support by attending to highlight our call to government to protect and respect the ten thousand and more domestic workers in T & T.

Our Union will be one of 41 countries participating in the global call for action in our campaign for rights and protection for Domestic Workers. We are calling all women and men who do Domestic Work whether paid or unpaid, to join us in the call for Government to Ratify the ILO Convention 189 on Decent Work For Domestic Workers.

Uruguay, Philipines and Mauritius have already ratified the Convention and Nicaragua, Paraguay and Bolivia ratification are still to be registered with the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

All over the World Domestic Workers will be mobilising for an end to modern day slavery.

In Trinidad and Tobago Domestic Workers are not recognised as workers, they work as housekeepers, cooks, cleaners, ironers, gardeners, handymen, watchmen, in private homes. They are hired by companies for their CEOs and others who are in high management positions to provide personal and household duties.

The labour Laws as N.U.D.E. have been arguing for years are archaic and need to be amended to address the inequities domestic workers continue to face and it must be amended and kept abreast with the new developments in the world of work.

Ratifying the ILO Convention 189 would bring domestic workers up in line as all other workers and give them the right to exercise and enjoy protection under all existing labour legislation. They must have access to justice and equality before the law.

In The Service of The Working Class,

Ida Le Blanc

General Secretary



2012: Fair laws
for domestic
workers in 12 countries

DOMESTIC WORKERS

Mobilizing for a global
'12 by 12' Action Day
on 12-12-12

Dec. 12 2012 is a unique date to call upon governments to ratify C189 and an excellent opportunity to:

- organise public events (marches, delivering a petition to members of parliament, forming a chain of 12 by 12 union activists and domestic workers etc.)
- spread the message through (social) media on the need to respect and protect domestic workers' rights in law and practice.

ITUC will make available campaign materials and post updates on the '12 by 12' webpage, facebook and via the '12 by 12' email list. Please report your activities to: equality@ituc-csi.org

