



Newsletter

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Welcome to this edition of the IRIS Newsletter! The quarterly publication provides regular updates on the development of IRIS and a platform for information sharing on efforts to end the unethical recruitment of migrant workers. Connect with us and share content or feedback.



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2018 Global Forum on Responsible Recruitment and Employment

The Consumer Goods Forum (CGF) and the [Institute for Human Rights and Business](#), alongside key partners, teamed up to host the 2018 Global Forum on Responsible Recruitment & Employment on 11th and 12th June in Singapore.

This important event provided an opportunity to explore successes and barriers to eliminating worker-paid fees, that often lead to debt bondage and forced labour. Over 200 delegates from global brands, suppliers, recruitment agencies, civil society, academics and governmental representatives attended to explore means of accelerating collective action towards a time when no worker pays for a job and the “Employer Pays” model of ethical recruitment becomes the normal way to do business. Delegates heard from those working with migrant workers, practitioners and CEOs about what is needed for faster progress. They also heard from industry experts as they discussed the CGF’s [Priority Industry Principles](#) and how to implement change, as well as markers for progress from the [Leadership Group for Responsible Recruitment](#).

The event was opened by William Lacy Swing, Director General, [International Organization for Migration](#), who appealed to delegates to rise to the challenge to protect the rights of people on the move.

Read more [here](#).

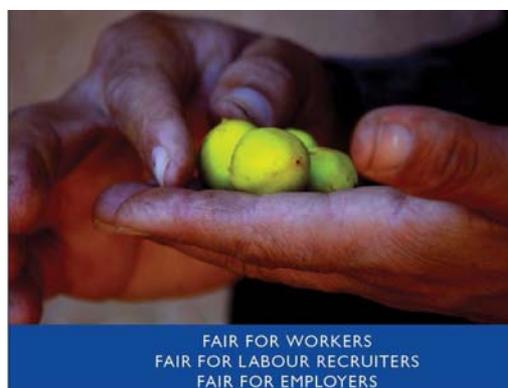
Philippines and Canada start new partnership on ethical labour recruitment

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate the ethical recruitment of Filipino workers between the Philippines and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The agreement will involve pilot testing the International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS).

The agreement was signed on 8 June 2018 by IOM, the Ministry of Service of Alberta, the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety of Saskatchewan and the Department of Labor and Employment of the Republic of the Philippines.

Currently, there are about 150 million migrant workers globally. The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) estimates that there are over 700,000 permanent and temporary Filipinos currently living in Canada.

Read more [here](#).



IRIS Progress Report:

- IRIS test audits underway
- IRIS training for labour recruiters underway
- IRIS advocacy and outreach efforts continue with support of partners



UN Migration Agency trains Nepali labour recruiters on ethical recruitment

Kathmandu - IOM, the UN Migration Agency launched its two-day training course on ethical recruitment for Nepali labour recruiters in Kathmandu in May 2018.

The training is designed to increase recruiters' understanding of ethical recruitment practices, and provides practical information on how recruiters can prepare for the launch of IRIS at the end of 2018. The first training session was attended by representatives of Ethics Practitioners Association of Nepal (EPAN), an umbrella organization of recruitment agencies in Nepal, and other agencies that are committed to ethical recruitment.

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IRIS Interview Series: Darryl Dixon from the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority



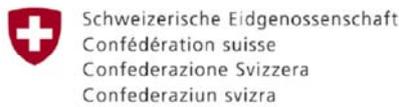
London – The Interactive Map for Business of Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives and Organisations was launched on 22 May 2018 at the British Telecom Centre in London.

IOM, the UN Migration Agency, as part of the RESPECT Initiative, joined the Global Business Coalition Against Trafficking (GBCAT), and the United Nations Global Compact through its Action Platform on Decent Work in Global Supply Chains organizations in launching this platform.

The Map is designed as a knowledge-sharing hub for countering human trafficking and will provide companies and other stakeholders with a global list of initiatives that can help them combat this abuse in their operations and supply chains.

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