

Task Force on ASEAN Migrant Workers (TF-AMW)

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3. d International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration

The ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML) is a positive development that should be considered as a good practice.

The ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML) is tripartite plus civil society organizations (CSO) in nature and brings together key stakeholders in labour migration in the ASEAN - the ASEAN **Secretariat , ACMW, ILO, IOM, UN Women, and the TF-AMW.**

It gathers annually to discuss, share experiences, build consensus on the protection of migrant workers issues committed under the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (Cebu Declaration, 2007), and concludes with the adoption of Recommendations.

Each year 15 CSO Representatives participate in the AFML. The 10th AFML carried the theme “Towards Achieving Decent Work for Domestic Workers in ASEAN” was held on 25-26 October 2017 in Manila, the Philippines. The 10th AFML Recommendation includes “**1. Recognise domestic workers as workers** and remove outdated terminologies that diminish the dignity of domestic workers. Towards this end, ASEAN Member States should progressively move towards inclusion of domestic workers in their labour and social legislations “.

The TFAMW deems it critical that cooperation is developed among governments in countries of origin, transit and destination, and among Employers, Trade Unions, and Civil Society Organization in ASEAN Member States (AMS). Only through such cooperation can we ensure the ASEAN Declaration on the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers is being effectively implemented, monitored, and reviewed.