



# Workshops and Training

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## Regional Domestic Workers Knowledge Sharing Forum in Latin America

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A regional knowledge sharing forum on domestic work was held in Santiago de Chile on 4-6 December 2013. The forum provided a space for discussion and learning between governments, employers and workers regarding a platform for a social security system for domestic workers, improvement of protections and reduction of occupational hazards. The forum was attended by tripartite representatives from five countries: Chile, Argentina, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and Bolivia.

The event made possible the discussion about the implementation of regional agreements and treaties on social security –such as the MERCOSUR Convention and the Iberoamerican Treaty on Social Security– and the challenges to include MDWs under these treaties.

Commitment to review social security systems was agreed on. Challenges differ from pension rights to establishing health coverage and expanding it in order to secure rights for the segment of domestic workers. Specific cases, best practices and expertise were shared among participating countries, and liaisons between the counterparts of the participating countries were strengthened with a view to promote decent work and improve social security under the ILO Convention 189 on Domestic Work. One of the main outcomes of the forum was generated action plans for decent work and social security for domestic workers.

