

## **Understanding the challenges in securing women migrant workers' rights in the global world**

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Women make up approximately half of the 244 million international migrants worldwide. In order for migration to be a catalyst for women's empowerment, their labour and human rights must be protected at all stages of migration. Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families (ICRMW) is a key instrument for the protection of migrants' rights. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) General Recommendation No. 26 seeks to strengthen protections for women migrants in all situations, including those with irregular status. A number of ILO Conventions also respond to the situation of migrant women, the most recent of which is the ILO Domestic Workers Convention No. 189 and its supplementing Recommendation No. 201, which has sought to extend basic labour rights to all domestic workers.

This panel invites papers addressing governance gaps and barriers in policy and practice to securing women migrant workers' rights in receiving countries. Specifically, the panel welcomes papers that consider the two following issues;

What role do international conventions and agreements play, including a core international instrument of ICRMW, ILOs standards on migrant workers, and UN convention on women migrant workers' rights on the national level?

Creativity and resilience: how women migrant workers engage and organize in different national settings and across borders in order to secure women migrant workers' rights.