Lao PDR national recommendations for the 10th AFML on
"Towards Achieving Decent Work for Domestic Workers in ASEAN"

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Theme 1: International and national standards for the protection of migrant domestic workers

1. Encouragement domestic workers are able access to social security

2. Ensure that domestic workers have employment contracts that clearly specify the scope of work and conditions of work and employment.

3. Ensure that MOUs between sending and receiving countries facilitate regular migration of domestic workers.

4. Realize implementation of ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Vientiane Declaration on Transition from Informal Employment to Formal Employment towards Decent Work Promotion in ASEAN to protect rights of domestic workers.

Theme 2: Implementation of policies and support services

5. Provide pre-departure orientation and education and disseminate information to outgoing domestic workers:
   o rights of domestic workers;
   o correct documents needed for migration through regular migration;
   o access to justice; and
   o hotlines and support organizations in countries of destination.

6. Capacity building to labour attaches in embassies in countries of destination to respond to domestic work issues.

7. Improve collaboration between concerned government and related organizations on protection of domestic workers.
8. **Raise awareness** among local authorities to enable them support domestic workers and educate them about their rights.

9. **Raise awareness of recruitment agencies and mass organizations** on safe migration and good practices in employment of domestic workers.

10. **Reduce irregular migration** through improving access to and incentives for regular migration.

11. Study **demographics** of domestic workers in Lao and their **contribution to Lao economy**.

12. **Improve monitoring and inspection** of domestic workers' work places.