

## Second Regional Meeting of Home-based Worker Organizations and Supporters in Latin America, Santiago de Chile

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Brief Information sent to participants



*Group photo of the Second Latin American Meeting in Santiago de Chile. Photo: J. Barrett*

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### Introduction

The purpose of the meeting was to exchange information, reflect on the situation of Home-based Workers, discuss future activities and develop a regional action plan.

The meeting was held in Instituto de Ciencias Alejandro Lipschutz in Santiago de Chile. It brought together 18 participants: 14 representatives of Home-based workers organizations and supporters from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Nicaragua, Peru and Uruguay and 4 WIEGO Team members. During the opening ceremony and first session, we had the presentations of Gerhard Reinecke, representative of the ILO Office in Santiago-Chile, and Maria Eugenia Puelma, representative of Secretaría Regional Ministerial de Trabajo y Previsión Social (SEREMI).

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*Jane Barrett of WIEGO and Gerhard Reinecke of ILO-Chile. Photo: L. Morillo*

### **Summary of key discussions and decisions:**

- a. We got to know each other through presentations of participants' organizations, including a description of location, number of members and what work they do, structure, activities related to home-based work, challenges, and future plans.
- b. We got to know WIEGO activities relating to home-based workers in the region during the FLOW Project (2013-2015).
- c. We shared home-based worker organizations' experiences at the international level: organizations of home-based workers and their activities in other regions, and development of Nets of different sectors of workers in the informal economy.



*Verónica López of Confederación de Trabajadores por Cuenta Propia CTCP Nicaragua.*

*Photo: J. Barrett*

d. We agreed to form a “Coordinadora Regional de Organizaciones de Trabajadores en Domicilio en América Latina y el Caribe”. We agreed that those organizations that need to get a mandate for such a Coordinadora should do so as soon as possible. We noted that representatives from Nicaragua said they can do this within two weeks, and that representatives from Brazil said they can do this in three months. We agreed that workshop participants would act as the contact people for the Coordinadora, unless their organizations designate a different person, and would inform Laura Morillo of this.

e. We agreed on a campaign slogan for the “Coordinadora Regional de Organizaciones de Trabajadores en Domicilio en América Latina y el Caribe”:

“Home-based Workers united and organized fight for our rights.  
The economy is informal, we are workers.  
Latin America and the Caribbean”



*Tania Espinosa of WIEGO and Blanca Márquez of Cooperativa Copacabana, Confederación de Trabajadores de la Economía Popular, CTEP, Argentina. Photo: J. Barrett*

f. We reflected on an strategic plan of activities for the region and agreed on the following concrete initial activities:

- To put pressure on our national governments to ratify ILO Convention 177.
- To celebrate Home-based Workers Day on October 20<sup>th</sup> in our countries to give visibility to home-based workers in the region.
- To check our legislation and regulation on home-based workers against the information provided in the workshop, and to provide any additional information or corrections to Laura Morillo, WIEGO ORP Officer for Latin America, within three months.
- To communicate the agreed slogan to the members of our home-based workers organizations so they can internalize it.
- To take up the WIEGO Child Care Campaign in our own countries, using the information that will be circulated to organizations.
- To continue our own programmes nationally with renewed vigour.



*Edileuza Guimarães of Cooperativa MAESOL and Marcia Freitas, Associação Vencer Juntos APROVEJ, Brasil, participate in country group work. Photo: J. Barrett*

- g. We also agreed that WIEGO will do the following:
- Support initial activities of the “Coordinadora” through Laura Morillo, WIEGO ORP Officer for Latin America.
  - Help in the design of a logo for the “Coordinadora” that organizations can use on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Create a WhatsApp group for the workshop participants with Laura Morillo, WIEGO ORP Officer for Latin America, as the administrator, for the sharing of news and ideas.
  - Create an e-mail list/group of the workshop participants for the sharing of useful information.
  - Post items of interest to home-based worker organizations in Latin America on the WIEGO Spanish Facebook page, as well as on the Spanish pages of the WIEGO website.
  - After receiving updates from the workshop participants on laws and regulations relating to home-based workers, work on developing a model legal framework for home-based workers in the region.



*Flor de Liz Feijoo Viana reports on HBWs in Uruguay. Photo: J. Barrett*

### For Further Reading

- Delhi Declaration of Home-Based Workers (also available in Spanish)
- Global Action Plan of Home-Based Workers (also available in Spanish)
- Decent Work for Homeworkers in Global Supply Chains Platform of Demands (also available in Spanish)
- Strengthening the Movement of Home-based Workers: Home-based Workers on the Move (also available in Spanish)

A full report will be available in due course.