

PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATES IN A ROUNDTABLE WITH ILO DIRECT CONTACT MISSION TO THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN



Left photo: Participants included the Ambassadors of the Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal and diplomats from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Jordan, Egypt and Palestine. Right photo: Ambassador Ver and Labor Attaché Atty. Vicente Cabe of POLO-Bahrain (right, partly covered).

Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Alfonso A. Ver, participated in a roundtable discussion with the International Labor Organization (ILO) Direct Contact Mission to Bahrain relative to the implementation of the Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1058 (No. 111) reiterated at the Commission on the Application of Standards in ILO's June 2017 and June 2018 sessions. The event was held at the United Nations Office under the auspices of HE Amin El Sharkawi, UN Resident Coordinator, and Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Roundtable was led by Karen Monaghan, Expert, ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations together with the top diplomats of labor-sending countries to Bahrain.

In his interventions, Ambassador Ver highlighted the reforms undertaken by Bahrain in compliance with labor standards for expatriate workers, particularly the initiatives of the Philippines in partnering with Bahrain in the implementation of a new measures that will address the issues facing Filipino household service workers. These initiatives include the unified HSW contract, lowering the cost of deployment, referral of Filipino wards to the Bahrain shelter and ways towards the regularization of undocumented workers.



(From Left: Indonesian Ambassador Nur Syahrir Rahardjo, ILO Expert Karen Monaghan, UN Resident Coordinate Amin El Sharkawi and Ambassador Alfonso Ver)