

Increasing Support and Resources for LGBT Rights

BERLIN CONFERENCE 2013

5 December 2013, 8.30 am – 6.00 pm

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Location: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, conference hall, Stresemannstr. 94, 10963 Berlin.

Organisers of the Conference are the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in cooperation with the Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany (LSVD).

Objective:

The conference is a follow up meeting of the SIDA-Hivos Stockholm conference, which was held on March 15 and 16, 2010. The ultimate aim of this process is to increase resources and ensure better coordination of financial support for LGBT human rights activists in the Global South and East by sharing promising practices and lessons learned from international LGBT rights work. To achieve this aim, the organisers intend to bring together main stakeholders, such as agencies from donor countries and active or potential donor NGOs involved in international LGBT rights work.

Based on the recommendations of the Stockholm meeting, participants in this working conference will discuss progress made, hurdles encountered and best practices developed regarding the advancement of the human rights of LGBT people since the last conference in 2010, as well as promising ways forward.

Participants:

The number of participants will be approximately 60 (bilateral agencies, donor organisations, national LGBT organisations and local activists). The organisers are reaching out to a mix of those governments who are already doing international LGBT work and those who would like to, but are not on board yet. In preparation, all participants will get reading materials beforehand, such as the Stockholm reports, global and national donor funding reports and up-dated information on LGBT rights in the world.

Bilateral agencies: Participants are representatives from the EU member states, the European Commission, Norway, the United States and Canada. In addition the organisers will encourage participation from Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, and Brazil.

NGOs: Participants include Dreilinden Foundation, German political foundations, other donor organisations from Germany, Hivos Netherlands, Arcus Foundation USA, Wellspring LLC, Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, AmfAR, Oak Foundation, Open Society Foundations, Oxfam International, International Aids Alliance, Gates Foundation and Ford Foundation.

Furthermore, a number of **national LGBT organizations active in** implementing international LGBT work (members of the Amsterdam network) and LGBT activists from the global South and/or Eastern Europe will participate.

PROGRAMME

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Thursday, 5 December 2013, 8.30 am – 6.00 pm

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8.30 am	Arrival and registration of participants
	Host for the day Ise Bosch, Dreilinden gGmbH and Global Philanthropy Project, Germany
9.15 am	Opening and welcome speech by the Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Gudrun Kopp, Germany
9.30 am	Welcome speech by the Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid, Markus Löning, Germany
10.00 am	Welcome remarks: Axel Hochrein, Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany (LSVD)
10.10 - 10.30 am	The Stockholm conference recommendations: Short presentation of the ideas of the Stockholm conference. The session will deliver input for the plenary working rounds. Presentation: Paul Jansen , Hivos, Netherlands/South Africa
10.30 - 11.00 am	Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.00 pm	Lessons learned: Viewpoints from the Global South and Eastern Europe - Five representatives from national or regional NGOs present their experiences, best practices and expectations about support and resources for LGBT rights Co-Moderator: Jasmine O'Connor , Stonewall
12.00 - 1.00 pm	Discussion, recommendations and outlook Moderator: Julie Dorf , Council for Global Equality, USA
1.00 - 2.00 pm	Lunch Break
2.00 - 3.15 pm	Donors from the Global Philanthropy Project (GPP) and governments present the geographical and thematic focal points of their work as well as key lessons learned and promising practices. Speaker: Andrew Park , Global Philanthropy Project, USA
3.15 - 4.00 pm	Global Needs: Based on the documents circulated by agencies beforehand, and earlier conversations, the discussion will identify existing gaps of issues and regions Moderator: Dr. Katharina Spieß , Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
4.00 - 4.30 pm	Tea Break

Plenary working sessions

In two plenary sessions (today and tomorrow) we will discuss the Stockholm recommendations and their implementation. Each working session will draw up an implementation plan or an alternative concrete objective and plan.

4.30 – 5.30 pm

Working session: Mapping & Documentation

Stockholm recommendation: Track and analyse information (who is doing what, where and how much) amongst government agencies and donor NGOs and link the analysis to implementation strategies in the Global South.

The Foundation Center and the International Human Rights Funders Group will present mapping tools and instruments. But how can we map the not so obvious grants in not so obvious departments. Another issue of the workshop will be best practices: can the documentation and accessibility be arranged in the Foundation center's model as well? Do we need another database if at all? Furthermore, this working session will ask how private donors coordinate and how private donors can strengthen the coordination on a regular basis with government donors.

Speaker: **Andrew Park**, Global Philanthropy Project, USA

5.30 - 6.00 pm

Summary of discussions: NGOs and governments – where do we want to go?

Moderator: Ajit Joshi, USAID, USA

6.00 pm

Reception

Key note "Next Steps and the Way Ahead for Increasing Support for LGBT Human Rights in 2014"

H. E. John B. Emerson, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Germany

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8.30 am

Arrival and registration of participants

Host for the day

Klaus Jetz, Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany (LSVD)

9.00 - 10.45 am

Working session: Integration & Mainstreaming

Stockholm recommendation: Effective mechanisms to integrate/ mainstream LGBT rights into development assistance programming

How can we initiate a process of conducting/supporting/analyzing research effective mechanisms to integrate LGBT rights into development and development cooperation (poverty reduction, health, gender, social inclusion).

Each 15 minute presentation will be followed by discussions.

Promising research

A) Sexuality and poverty & LGBT in poverty

Speaker: **Stephen Wood**, Institute of Development Studies, UK

B) The Economic Cost of Homophobia

Speaker: **Dr. Lee Badgett**, University of Massachusetts, USA

C) How can development cooperation effectively support SOGI civil society groups? Current field research in Malawi and Cameroon

Speakers: **Andrea Kämpf**, German Institute for Human Rights, Germany and **Gift Trapence**, Malawi

Moderator: **Birgitta Weibahr**, SIDA, Sweden

10.45 - 11.15 am

Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.00 pm

Alternatives (policy): Creative ways of advancing LGBT rights?

Speaker: **Patricia Davis**, Department of State, USA

Moderator: **Paul Jansen**, Hivos, Netherlands/South Africa

12.00 - 1.00 pm

Lunch Break

1.00 – 2.30 pm

Break-out session per group

Based on the discussions and presentations in the morning, two mixed groups will have separate sessions to develop their viewpoints and preferred ways forward to achieve more resources and support for international LGBT work. The break out will also allow time for delegates to have discussions within their group and updates on their work. Bilateral agencies will have time amongst themselves to discuss topics such as pooled funds and others.

2.30 – 3.00 pm

Coffee Break

3.00 – 4.00 pm

Feedback from the break-out sessions

Discussions per area and other points that came out of the break-out sessions. Formulation of recommendations, conclusions and follow-up work such as ongoing mechanisms, channels of communication and next meeting date.

Moderator: **J. Bob Alotta**, Astraea Foundation and Global Philanthropy Project, USA

4.00 - 4.30 pm

Summary and wrap up, formal closure

Presentation and summary of the results of the conference. Presentation of the next host and planning committee. Discussion on who will monitor, who will lead?

Presenter and Moderator: **Marita Steinke**, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

5.00 – 6.30 pm

Guided visit tour to the German Bundestag

7.00 pm

Opening of the exhibition: If the sand could talk. A live documentary exhibition on “corrective” rape against lesbian women in Cape Town.

Location: Schwules Museum, Lützowstraße 73, 10785 Berlin