



Federal Foreign Office

Information Tour Homosexuality and Religion in Africa

AT THE INVITATION OF THE FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE
AND THE HIRSCHFELD-EDDY FOUNDATION

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Program

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Sunday, November 18

Arrival of guests
Welcome at the airport by the guides
Transfer to the hotel

20:00

Welcome dinner at the hotel Esplanade

Introduction to the program

Monday, November 19

9:15 Meeting at the hotel lobby

10:00 **Guided visit to the Holocaust Memorial and the Memorial to Homosexuals persecuted under Nazism**

Introduction to the history of the memorials by
Dr. Klaus Müller

Ebertstraße 17, 10117 Berlin

10:30 **Discussion with Dr. Klaus Müller**

*Landesvertretung Brandenburg
In den Ministergärten 3 10117 Berlin*

11:15 **Guided visit of the Topography of Terror Documentation Center**

12:30 **Lunch**

*Stolz und Vorurteil
Motzstraße 30, 10777 Berlin*

13:30 **Opening workshop by the Hirschfeld-Eddy Foundation**



The Hirschfeld-Eddy-Foundation is named after the German physician, sexologist, sexual reformer and civil rights activist Dr Magnus Hirschfeld (1868-1935) and the prominent lesbian human rights activist Fannyann Eddy (1974-2004) from Sierra Leone, who was murdered in 2004.

Presentation and discussion with:

Klaus Jetz, Hirschfeld-Eddy Foundation
Representatives of the „pink pillow“ project

*LSVD Berlin-Brandenburg,
Kleiststraße 35
10787 Berlin*

Evening at leisure

Dinner (own arrangements)

Tuesday, November 20

10:00

“Homosexuality and the Catholic Church”

Speech by David Berger (theologian, philosopher, author)
Followed by roundtable discussion

Conference room at the hotel ESPLANADE

12:30-13:30

Buffet Lunch

Hotel restaurant

13:30

Discussion: “Homosexuality and Islam”

Rabeya Müller
Liberal Islamischer Bund e.V. (Liberal Islamic Union)

Conference room at the hotel Esplanade

15:00-16:15

*Lesben und Schwulenverband in Deutschland (LSVD)
(Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany) is the largest
civil rights organisation of homosexuals in Germany.*



Presentation of the migrant's program of the Lesbian and Gay Federation Berlin-Brandenburg „MILES“

with So-Rim Jung

*LSVD Berlin-Brandenburg
Kleiststraße 35
10787 Berlin*

16:45-18:00



Guided visit of the Gay Museum Kreuzberg

Exhibition about the history of the gay movement
in Berlin and Germany - guided visit by Mr Detlef
Mücke

*Schwules Museum Kreuzberg
Mehringdamm 61, 10961 Berlin*

Dinner: own arrangements

Cultural Program starting 19.30h

Wednesday, November 21

08:15 Meeting at the hotel lobby

09:00-10:45 **Exchange and interviews with African and Asian journalists**



Exchange and individual talks in cooperation with the International Institute for Journalism (giz project).

Introduction by Kerstin Kilanowski

*giz office
Gabriele-Tergit-Promenade (Potsdamer Platz)*

11:00-14:30 **Workshop on „donor strategy towards LGBTI“**



Andrea Kämpf, German Institute for Human Rights

Lunch break with sandwiches

*Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte
Zimmerstraße 26/27
10969 Berlin*

15:00-17:00 **Roundtable Discussion with Church Representatives**

Prelate Dr. Karl Jüsten, Head of the Commissariat of German Bishops

Dr. Volker Faigle, Member of the High Consistory, Protestant Church of Germany

Katrin Gerdsmeyer, Commissariat of German Bishops

Pastor Thorsten-Marco Kirschner

Tim Kuschnerus, Protestant Centre for Development and Social Service

*Kommissariat der deutschen Bischöfe
Kath. Büro Berlin
Hannoversche Straße 5*

Dinner: own arrangements

19:45 Meeting at the hotel lobby

21:00 **Film Screening “Call Me Kuchu”**

Followed by Q&A panel with participants

*Cinema: EISZEIT Kreuzberg
Zeughofstr. 20
10997 Berlin*

Thursday, November 22

08:15 Meeting at the hotel lobby

09:00-11:15 **Visit to Publishing House of LGBT media**

*Special Media SDL GmbH
Ritterstraße 3, 10969 Berlin*

12:00-13:00 **Lunch buffet**

Guest: MP Michael Kauch, Free Democratic Party (FDP)

*Sen Restaurant
Leipziger Straße 54-55, 10117 Berlin*

13:30-18:00



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Participation at the conference

“The persecution of sexual minorities and the role of religious communities in Africa.”

13:30 - Arrival/Registration

14:00 - **Welcome**

Axel Hochrein, Hirschfeld-Eddy Foundation

The German government’s commitment to LGBTI human rights defenders in Africa

Markus Löning, Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid at the Federal Foreign Office

14:30 - **Sketch: Protecting and strengthening LGBTI human rights as a challenge for church development projects**

Tim Kuschnerus, Protestant Secretary of the Gemeinsame Konferenz Kirche und Entwicklung [GKKE – Joint Conference on Church and Development]

15:00 - **Reports from the field: LGBTI human rights defenders and their approach to homosexuality and religion**

Judith Kotzé/Muhsin Hendricks, South Africa
Michael Kimindu, Kenya
Dorothy Aken’Ova, Nigeria
Georges Azzi, Lebanon

16:00 - Coffee break

16:30 - **Strengthening LGBTI human rights in Africa: expectations, instruments, strategies**

Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera, Freedom and Roam Uganda
Marita Steinke, BMZ
Peter Jörgensen, Vereinigung Evangelischer Freikirchen [Federation of Protestant Free Churches]
Muhsin Hendricks, The Inner Circle, South Africa
Host: Klaus Jetz, Hirschfeld-Eddy Foundation

17:45 - **Summary**

Axel Hochrein, Hirschfeld-Eddy Foundation

Thereafter

Get-together and Snacks at the Federal Foreign Office

*Auswärtiges Amt
Visitors’ Centre
Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin*

Friday, November 23

08:15 Meeting at the hotel lobby

09:00-10:15 **Meeting with Dr. Michael Brinkschröder**

Co-President of the European Forum of LGBT Christian Groups

*Abraham Geiger Kolleg e.V.,
Kantstr. 152, 10623 Berlin*

10:30-11:45 **Meeting with Rabbi Prof. Walter Homolka**

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12:00-13:00 **Lunch**

*Schwarzes Café
Kantstraße 148, 10623 Berlin*

14:00

Dialogue Meeting with Members of the Bundestag Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid

Welcome note and moderation by MP Tom Königs

Statements by the Members of the Bundestag
Discussion

*Bundestag (Paul-Löbe-Haus, room 4.200)
Konrad-Adenauer-Straße, 10557 Berlin*



17:00-19:00

Closing Workshop

Presentation of results by the participants in three groups reflecting the different topics of the program

General feedback

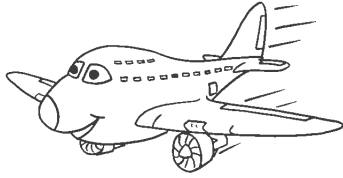
Conference Room at the hotel



20:30

Farewell dinner

*Casalot
Claire-Waldoff-Straße 5
10117 Berlin*



Saturday, November 24

Departure of guests

Transfer to the airport by taxi service