

International Conference

## Struggle for equality: Sexual orientation, gender identity and human rights in Africa

15-16 November 2010

The Pavilion Conference Centre, Cnr. Portwood and Beach Road, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town

### 15. November 2010

17:30 Registration

18:00 Welcome

Dr. Antonie Nord, Regional Director, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Cape Town

Keynote Speech

Michael Cashman (MEP), Co-President, Intergroup on LGBT Rights, European Parliament, Brussels

18:30 Panel Discussion

Un-African? Homosexuality and homophobia in Africa

Chair: Prof. Sylvia Tamale, Dean of Law, Makerere University, Uganda

Dr. Chi-Chi Undie, Associate, Population Council, Kenya

Prof. Marc Epprecht, Global Development Studies, Queen's University, Canada

Zackie Achmat, Director, Centre for Law & Social Justice, Cape Town

20:00 Reception

Drinks, finger food and music

### 16. November 2010

9:00 Registration

9:30 Panel Discussion

Recognition of the rights of sexual minorities under the African human rights system

Chair: Prof. Frans Viljoen, Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Chivuli Ukwimi, Programme Officer, International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, Cape Town

Siphiwe Ntombela, Senior Legal Admin Officer, Department of Justice & Constitutional Development, Pretoria

Audrey Mbugua, Project Officer, Transgender Education and Advocacy, Kenya

- 11:00      Tea Break
- 11:30      Panel Discussion
- The gap between international human rights law and local realities: state-sponsored, cultural and religious homophobia
- Chair: Joel Nana, Executive Director, African Men for Sexual Health and Rights, Pretoria
- Frank Mugisha, Chairperson, Sexual Minorities Uganda, Kampala
- Fadzai Muparutsa, Gender Programme Manager, Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe, Harare
- Dorothy Aken'Ova, Executive Director, International Centre for Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights, Nigeria
- Georges Azzi, Executive Director, Arab Foundation for Equality and Freedom, Lebanon
- 13:00      Lunch Break
- 14:00      Panel Discussion
- Social integration of LGBTI people in South Africa and Namibia: one step forward, two steps back?
- Chair: Prof. Vasu Reddy, Human and Social Development Research Programme, Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria
- Eusebius McKaiser, Centre of Ethics, Wits University, Johannesburg
- Robert Hamblin, Deputy Director, Gender Dynamix, Cape Town
- Elizabeth Khaxas, Director, Women's Leadership Centre, Namibia
- Advocate John Walters, Ombudsman for Namibia, Windhoek
- 15:30      Tea Break
- 16:00      Panel Discussion
- The way forward: strategies for furthering LGBTI rights and equality
- Chair: Dr. Yvette Abrahams, Commissioner, Commission for Gender Equality, Cape Town
- Dawn Cavanagh, Board Member, Coalition of African Lesbians, Johannesburg
- Monica Mbaru, Africa Programme Coordinator, International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, Cape Town
- Kasha Jacqueline, Director, Freedom and Roam Uganda, Kampala
- 17:30      Closing
- Dr. Yvette Abrahams, Commissioner, Commission for Gender Equality, Cape Town