



CONCEPT NOTE

United Nations LGBTI Core Group IDAHOT Event

Equality, Freedom and Justice for All:
The Role of the United Nations in Countering Discrimination and Violence against LGBTI
Persons

**A special event commemorating the International Day Against Homophobia,
Transphobia, and Biphobia**

Topic

Since 2017, each year the United Nations LGBTI Core Group has hosted an event to commemorate the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOT). The event raises awareness of the marginalization that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons face worldwide. At these events, representatives of civil society, UN entities, and member states discuss successful practices that counter discrimination and violence against LGBTI persons and recommend steps the United Nations and others can take to realize human rights and dignity for all.

Date, Time, and Venue

Friday, 17 May 2024

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Location: UNHQ Conference Room 12

Co-Sponsors

UN Women

UNFPA

Background

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT) is a day to raise awareness of the human rights violations LGBTI persons face around the world. Every year, the IDAHOT committee – composed of local, national, regional and international organizations that consult with LGBTI advocates from across the globe – chooses a theme, which for 2024 is “No One Left Behind: Equality, Freedom and Justice for All.”

Around the world, LGBTI persons are still left behind. Discrimination and violence against LGBTI persons are pervasive and can be witnessed everywhere from the home, to the workplace, to conflict-affected areas, in difference manifestations across all countries. The United Nations, including its agencies, has an important role to play in countering this discrimination and violence and helping to deliver on the promise of equality, freedom and justice for all. In the year of ICPD +30, and in the lead-up to Beijing +30 next year, as well as the upcoming the 25th anniversary of the WPS agenda’s resolution 1325 in 2025, this event is an opportunity for the United Nations as a whole, including its Member States, to recommit to inclusion and equality of LGBTI persons.

Format

This event will gather civil society, Member States, and UN entities for a dialogue on the role of the UN in supporting LGBTI persons globally. Representative of UN Women and UNFPA will speak to the importance of LGBTI equality and present examples of how they support the inclusion of LGBTI persons and civil society worldwide in their work, and civil society will provide examples of how they work in collaboration with the United Nations in different contexts globally. The event will be chaired by the UN LGBTI Core Group Co-chairs, Argentina and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Executive Director of Outright International, Maria Sjödin, will moderate the event.

Run of show

- Opening Remarks by Co-Chair of UN LGBTI Core Group: Argentina
- Keynote by UN Women Deputy Executive Director for Normative Support, United Nations System Coordination and Programme Results, Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda
- Keynote by UNFPA Chief of Sexual and Reproductive Health Branch, Dr. Willibald Zeck
- Conversation about experiences in the field, moderated by Outright International Executive Director Maria Sjödin
 - Civil Society Representative
 - Civil Society Representative
- Interventions from the floor (limited time)
- Closing Remarks by Co-Chair of UN LGBTI Core Group: Kingdom of the Netherlands