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Prejudice-based violence towards Lesbian & Bisexual women and Transgender persons

Good practices of governmental policies

Wednesday 29th February 2012

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Ford Foundation, East River Room

320 EAST 43rd Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenue

Hosted by the Governments of: Argentina, Botswana (*t.b.c.*), the Netherlands, Norway, South Africa and the United Kingdom

Moderators: Lydia Alpizar Duran - Executive Director - Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
&
Carlien Scheele - Director of the Gender & LGBT Equality Policy Department - The Netherlands

The Beijing Platform for Action states:

"Human rights and fundamental freedoms are the birthright of all human beings; their protection and promotion is the first responsibility of Governments"

At this side-event we would like to share with you our experiences in the development of policies to counteract and prevent prejudice-based violence towards LBT women.

We will go into following questions: *Why focus on this particular group of women? What can be done by governments and NGO's?*

Panelists (in alphabetical order):

- **Argentina:** Virginia Giménez Legal Advisor Instituto Nacional contra la Discriminación, la Xenofobia y el Racismo, INADI
- **Botswana:** Kelebogile Kgabi Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs (*t.b.c.*)
- **the Netherlands:** Marja van Bijsterveldt Minister of Education, Culture and Science and for Gender & LGBT Equality
- **Norway:** Audun Lysbakken Minister of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion
- **OHCHR:** Ivan Simonovic Secretary-General Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **South Africa:** Lulu Xingwana Minister for Women, Children and People with Disabilities
- **United Kingdom:** Lynne Featherstone Minister for Equalities

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