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
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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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