



Open Call to LGBTI Media Activists in Southern Africa

Iranti-org is a Johannesburg-based visual media organization for lesbians, gender non-conforming, trans and intersex persons. Iranti-org works within a human rights framework raising issues on gender identities and sexual orientation. Founded in March 2012 by South African born human rights activist, Jabulani Chen Pereira and Kenyan-born activist and academic Neo Musangi. Iranti-Org is formed with the clear intention of building local partnerships and movements that use media as a key platform for critical engagement and mobilization, capacity development, reframing of perceptions and advocacy interventions across Africa.

Our **mission** is to be a media platform for lesbians, gender non-conforming, trans and intersex persons and their organizations in order to strengthen our collective visual, audio and written evidence based documentation and reporting on SOGI for the advancement of human rights in Africa. Increased knowledge and implementation of digital and physical securities in our work as Women Human Rights Defenders and Human Rights Defenders is central to our media and advocacy strategies.

Iranti-org invites LGBTI media-makers (bloggers, journalists) in southern Africa, as well as advocacy and human rights LGBTI organizations to apply for a one-week training programme on Shifting LGBTI Human Rights Reporting, Reporting Safely with Media Digital and "Analogue" Tools.

16 places are available in this training programme for organizations and individuals in the region with a deep commitment to documentation and media reporting. The training will comprise **three components**.

1. Human Rights Framework approaches to LGBTI documentation.
2. Technical and tactical tools for documentation.
3. Making media and use of social media platforms for social change.

You can apply as follows:

- Submit a 300 word concept on how you use media within your organization to advance social justice.
- Please explain (200-300 words) a short bio on your organization and a personal description of your role and interest in becoming part of an LGBTI media-makers network.

This programme will take place in the **first week of February 2014** at the Iranti-org office in Johannesburg. Only persons and organizations working in media may apply for this programme.

This training programme is a pilot programme aimed at developing a more comprehensive training strategy for creating an LGBTI Africa Media and Documentation Network.

A more detailed application form will follow upon receiving your concept and short bios.

The deadline for submission is **25 November 2013**.

Please email all applications to **getinfo@iranti-org.co.za**. For more information call the **Iranti-org** offices on **+2711 325 2330**.