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Call for Applications (Participants)
Training of African LGBTI Activists on the African Human Rights
Mechanisms
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Pan Africa ILGA (PAI) in collaboration with The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) and the Women's Health and Equal Rights Initiative (WHER) is calling for applications for a training on the African Human Rights mechanisms. African NGO's from eligible countries due for review at the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) are encouraged to nominate one activist to participate in this 3 day training which is scheduled for 14-18 October 2015 in Abuja, Nigeria.

The African Commission on Human and People's Rights is a quasi-judicial body tasked with promoting and protecting human rights and collective people's rights on the African continent. The Commission is also tasked to interpret the African Charter on Human and People's Rights, receiving and reviewing periodic state reports as well as considering complaints of violations of the Charter.

Eligible countries are:

Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tunisia, and Zambia.

The objectives of the training are as follows:

- To equip LGBTI rights activists with knowledge and skills to engage with ACHPR mechanisms and special procedures.
- To facilitate and support the development of NGO shadow reports for monitoring member states compliance with human rights obligations.
- To build advocacy skills and leadership capacity for effective and strategic engagement at the African Commission sessions.

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Eligibility criteria:

- Must be activists from eligible countries with a maximum of one per country.
- Must be able to show how the ACHPR human rights mechanisms ties into their national advocacy strategy and how they will collaborate with other LGBTI and non-LGBTI organizations in preparing submissions, deciding on priorities and working as a coalition in advocacy.
- Participants are expected to be engaged with the preparations of their country's shadow report or have set up a process to do so.
- Participants must demonstrate a willingness and commitment to follow-up with national advocacy after the ACHPR sessions in their respective countries.

The organizers will cover the participation costs of one designated activist from each of the eligible countries that includes: air travel, accommodation and a modest daily subsistence allowance. Participants are encouraged to research VISA requirements and alert the training organizers should they need assistance to facilitate their visa applications. **Applications close on 28 August 2015.**

Interested applicants are requested to contact Mr.Jacobus Witbooi for the application guidelines by email at jacobus@ilga.org

We look forward to welcoming you all in Nigeria.

Coordination team

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