



FREE & EQUAL

UNITED NATIONS FOR LGBT EQUALITY

High Level LGBT Core Group Event¹

“Leaving No-one Behind: Equality & Inclusion in the Post-2015 Development Agenda”

Tuesday, 29 September 2015

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the challenges facing members of the LGBT community around the world, and to highlight the linkages between LGBT inclusion and the pace of social and economic development. The UN Secretary General, a former Head of State and a leading activist of the human rights movement will reflect on the importance of leadership in challenging discriminatory attitudes towards LGBT people and taking steps to end human rights violations against them.

Venue: Conference Room 2, Conference Building, UN headquarters

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

[All participants are kindly invited to be seated 10 minutes in advance]

Before the opening of the meeting there will be a **photo opportunity** with the UNSG and the panelists with the members of the core group. All ministerial level representatives attending are invited to join the picture.

PROGRAMME

H.E. Frans Timmermans, First vice-president of the EU Commission will deliver introductory remarks followed by:

- Opening Remarks by the Secretary-General , H.E. Ban-Ki Moon
- Remarks by H.E. Festus Mogae, former President of the Republic of Botswana
 - Remarks by Ms. Hina Jilani, Human rights Lawyer and pro-democracy campaigner, member of The Elders

A foreign minister of another member of the Core Group will deliver closing remarks.

¹The LGBT Core Group is a cross regional group that includes Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile Colombia, Croatia, El Salvador, France, Israel, Japan, Montenegro, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Uruguay, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the European Union, as well as the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Human Rights Watch and International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission

PARTICIPATION

Please confirm your participation: Anna.STORGAARD@eeas.europa.eu

Delegates will have access from the first basement without requiring a secondary pass.

NGO participants: (including accredited NGO) will need a secondary pass and they will need to be met at one of the two greeting points on Second Avenue and escorted in groups. Meeting points will be communicated after confirmation.

UN staff: will only have access if they have an all areas secondary pass (and if they don't, they will need a special event ticket).

The **size of each Delegation** should be limited to one Principal plus four advisers. There will be one seat reserved from the principal and another one behind for each delegation.

MEDIA

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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INFORMATION

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