



## Centre for Human Rights Advanced Human Rights Course Sexual Minority Rights in Africa

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, will host a 5-day intensive short course on Sexual Minority Rights in Africa from 20 to 24 February 2023.

This course is designed for people who wish to obtain basic/introductory information, an understanding of the terminology, and a general appreciation of the problems faced by LGBTIQ+ persons in realising basic human rights in many African societies. Participants get to understand ways they can contribute to advancing the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons, especially at the national level. Participants typically include academics, police officers and magistrates (who often lack basic knowledge and are often accused of abusing LGBTIQ+ persons); and NGOs that do not work on sexual minority rights issues or that have only recently begun to do so and need capacity building.

### Course Outline

The programme may contain elements of the following themes:

- Conceptual clarification of the terms 'gay', 'lesbian', 'bisexual', 'transgender' and 'intersex' (the origin of these and other related terms and their influence);
- Bio-medical data on homosexuality, and its interpretation;
- African tradition/culture and homosexuality (the 'unAfrican' debate, anthropological perspectives on homosexuality in traditional Africa);
- Public opinion on sexual minority rights: media, popular culture and literature in Africa and sexual minority rights;
- A typology of human rights violations of sexual minorities in African states (attempts to address them; reasons for violations);
- Criminal law and LGBTIQ+ persons (sodomy laws, and the application of criminal law);
- Sexual minority rights under international law (ICCPR; Toonen case; Yogyakarta Principles; are LGBTIQ+ persons 'minorities' under international law);
- Domestic legal provisions affecting LGBTIQ+ persons in African states (eg criminalisation of same-sex relations);
- Strategies and best practices of litigation to vindicate the rights of sexual minorities (the role of civil society organs, media etc);
- Current case law development in African states.

Visit [www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc](http://www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc) for more information.

- 📅 Course length: 5 days
- 🕒 Estimated effort: 7+ hours/day
- 💰 Price: Free (online)
- 📖 Course type: Short course
- 🌟 Certificate: On successful completion
- 🗨️ Language: English

Course dates  
**20 February -  
24 February 2023**

Apply until  
**10 February 2023**

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