



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 19 to 23 February 2024.

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 for more information.



Course length:
5 days



Estimated effort:
7+ hours/day



Price:
Online - 150 USD
In-person - 250 USD



Course type:
Short course



Certificate:
On successful
completion



Language:
English

Course dates
19 - 24
February 2024

Apply until
10 February 2024

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