



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

EVENT DETAILS

17 - 21 February 2025

Online via zoom and Graduate Centre, Hatfield campus
University of Pretoria, South Africa

ZOOMLINK

Day 1

Monday, 17 February 2025

Moderator: Chanel Van Der Linde

Time

09:00 - 09:30

WELCOME: Course logistics opening and course objectives.

Introduction of participants, introduction to class exercises

Mr Dennis Antwi

Manager, Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

09:30 - 09:45

INTRODUCTION: Setting the Scene why are we here

Prof Nkatha Murungi

Acting Director, Centre for Human Rights

09:45 - 10:45

Introduction to SOGIESC/LGBTIQ+ concepts and terminology

Pierre Broaurd

Research associate, Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender (UP); Extraordinary Lecturer, Centre for Human Rights (UP); Executive Member, Sexuality and Gender Division, Psychological Society of SA; Board Member, Professional Association for Transgender Health SA (PATHSA)

10:45 - 11:15

TEA BREAK & GROUP PHOTO

[Media Team]

11:15 - 12:30

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Time

12:30 - 13:30

Reading of Tribute to Prof Charles Ngweni + video presentation on 'What is Africanness?'

13:30 - 14:30

LUNCH

14:30 - 15:00

Recap & Group Allocation (including assignments)

15:00- 15:20

AFTERNOON TEA

15:20 - 16:20

The Legal Protection of SOGIE-Related Rights and the Challenge of Violence Against Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer (LBQ) Women

Thiruna Naidoo

Human Rights Lawyer & Multidisciplinary Artist, OUTRIGHT International

Day 2

Tuesday, 18 February 2025

Moderator: Tholoana Mosia

Time

09:00 - 10:45

Role of religion in regulating sexual minority rights in secular states

Prof Osogo Ambani

Dean, Kabarak Law School, Associate Professor of Law, Public Law & Governance Scholar, Legal Philosopher

Lakshita Kanhiya

Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA)

10:45- 11:00

TEA BREAK

11:00 - 12:00

Role of religion in regulating sexual minority rights in secular states [Continued]

Prof Osogo Ambani

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Lakshita Kanhiya

Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA)

12:00 - 13:00

LUNCH

13:00 - 14:00

The reality of discrimination and hate crimes: Case study of South Africa

Prof Anton Kok

Lecturer, Department of Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

Time

14:00- 15:15

Sexual and gender minority rights: the law and politics of international human rights

Prof Frans Viljoen

Professor of International Human Rights Law, Interim Chair, SARChI Chair on International Constitutional Law, Member, Advisory Committee, UN Human Rights Council, Editor-in-chief, African Human Rights Law Journal Convening editor, African Human Rights Yearbook

15:15 - 15:40

REFRESHER BREAK

15:40 – 16:45

Sexual and gender minority rights: Perspectives from the Caribbean

Gaynel Curry

Assistant Professor of Law, University of The Bahamas

Day 3

Wednesday, 19 February 2025

Moderator: Dr Landilani Banda

Time

09:00 - 09:30

RECAP & MID CHECK IN

09:30 - 10:30

Law school and film school on queer rights rights

Dr David Ikpo

Postdoctoral fellow and Communications and Advocacy Officer, Centre for Human Rights

10:30 - 10:45

TEA BREAK

10:45 - 12:00

The myth of heteronormativity and fluidity in expression

Dr Mzikazi 'Mzi' Nduna

Freelance academic and Research Associate at AVREQ, University of Stellenbosch

12:00-13:00

LUNCH

13:00 - 14:30

UN Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Mandate

Dr Graeme Reid

United Nations Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (IE SOGIE)

14:30- 15:00

TEA BREAK

15:00 - 16:30

Introduction Resolution 275: Context, Implementation, and Challenges

Dr Ayodele Sogunro

Research Scholar, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

17:00

**University of Pretoria, Hatfield Campus:
Masker Theatre**

Departure to Born Naked Play & Panel Discussion

Day 4

Thursday, 20 February 2025

Moderator: Nathan Milanzi

Time

09:00 - 11:00

Strategic Litigation and Advocacy in criminalised environments: The case of Uganda

Dr Adrian Jjuuko

Executive Director of Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum (HRAPF)

11:00 - 11:15

TEA BREAK

11:15 - 12:15

Trans identity in 2025 - replacing pathologisation with personhood

Dr Anastacia Tomson

Medical Doctor, My Family GP, author, activist

12:15 - 13:00

LUNCH

13:00 - 14:00

Intersex Rights Advocacy in Africa

Peace Maquba

Intersex Rights Officer, Iranti

14:00 - 15:00

Solidarity in times of global backlash – bridging the Belgian and international LGBTIQ+ movements

Johannes Cools

Policy Officer

15:00 - 15:15

REFRESHER BREAK

15:15 - 16:30

A multidisciplinary or historical context to issues around the realisation of LGBTIQ+ rights in Africa

Prof Marc Epprecht

Professor and Research Fellow

Day 5

Friday, 20 February 2025

Moderator: Pierre Brouard

Time

09:00 - 09:30

Group Activity

09:30 - 10:30

Criminalisation, HIV and access to health care for sexual and gender minorities in Africa

Dr Landilani Banda

Post-doctoral fellow, Centre for Human Rights

10:30 - 11:00

TEA BREAK

11:00 - 12:30

Strategies on countering the anti-rights movements in Africa

Dr Mandipa G Machacha

Researcher and Advisor, Gender; Gender, Racial Justice, Refugees and Migrants Programme, Amnesty International, International Secretariat

12:30 - 13:10

Evaluation and Certificates

13:10 - 13:20

Closing Remarks

Chanel Van der Linde

Acting Manager, SOGIESC Unit

13:20 - 14:20

LUNCH

14:20 - 16:20

HRDA & SRRA STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

Presenter Biographies

Prof Nkatha Murungi, *Acting Director, Centre for Human Rights*

Prof. Nkatha Murungi is the Acting Director of the Centre for Human Rights, and a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria. She holds a Master of Laws (LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) in human rights from the University of Pretoria, and a Doctorate in Law from the University of the Western Cape in South Africa. Prof Murungi is a qualified advocate of the Kenyan Bar, and a lecturer and researcher in human rights with a keen focus on the rights of vulnerable groups such as children, women and persons with disabilities, and sexual and reproductive health rights. She has extensive experience in pan-African human rights programming and advocacy, civil society engagement with the African Union and its mechanisms, as well as human rights research, particularly in Africa. Her research covers a range of human rights issues including child rights, education, sexual and reproductive health rights of women and girls in Africa, disability rights, and access to justice.

Pierre Brouard (he/him), *Research associate, Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender (UP); Extraordinary Lecturer, Centre for Human Rights (UP); Executive Member, Sexuality and Gender Division, Psychological Society of SA; Board Member, Professional Association for Transgender Health SA (PATHSA)*

Pierre Brouard is a clinical psychologist with a long history of working in HIV, sexualities and gender, 25 years of which was with the Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender at the University of Pretoria. His interests and work include sexualities, gender, human rights, stigma, governance, leadership, accountability, transformation, diversity and social justice.

Thiruna Naidoo (she/her), *Human Rights Lawyer & Multidisciplinary Artist, OUTRIGHT International*

Thiruna is a passionate advocate for human rights, with a focus on LGBTIQ+ rights, women's rights, and the rights of refugees and migrants. She strives to promote inclusivity, combat discrimination, and ensure equal rights for all. She actively works towards gender equality and empowerment. Through this, she contributed to the development and finalisation of the UP Trans Protocol. She designed and produced the Model Policy Framework for Trans and Gender Diverse students in Higher Education institutions while working as a consultant. Thiruna's professional experience includes roles as a Litigation Coordinator at the Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa; Project Officer for the SOGIESC Unit; and an Associate in Communications and Advocacy at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. In these roles, she conducted research, led advocacy campaigns, and engaged with national bodies and equality courts, and contributed to media advocacy campaigns.

Thiruna leverages her academic knowledge and practical experience as she pursues an LLM in multidisciplinary human rights at the University of Pretoria. With her expertise in multidisciplinary human rights and her artistic prowess, Thiruna envisions a future where art and Media becomes a catalyst for meaningful dialogue and social transformation.

Dr Mzikazi 'Mzi' Nduna (she/her), PhD, Freelance academic and Research Associate at AVREQ, University of Stellenbosch

With 29 years of work experience, 17 of which was spent in the University sector, Mzi Nduna (PhD) is a freelance academic and advocate for social justice. Dr Nduna's research output includes 69 peer reviewed journal articles, 3 books, 4 special issue journals, 8 book chapters, and several research reports. On Google Scholar, Mzi has 7499 citations and an H-index of 32. Among others, Dr Nduna started and led the Net 10, and FACT: research groups consisting of researchers from ten Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) universities who conduct research in the fields of Father (dis)connections as well as sexual and gender identity expressions (LGBTIQ). Mzi Nduna is an honorary Research Fellow at the Centre for the Study of the Afterlife of Violence and the Reparative Quest (AVReQ), University of Stellenbosch and a regular guest lecturer for various institutes and Universities. Mzi has expansive leadership experience as a non-executive director/Board member and technical advisor for various organizations.

Prof Osogo Ambani (he/him), Dean, Kabarak Law School, Associate Professor of Law, Public Law & Governance Scholar, Legal Philosopher

Professor J Osogo Ambani is an esteemed academic, legal scholar, and leader, currently serving as the Dean at Kabarak Law School. As an Associate Professor of Law, their expertise spans public law, governance in Africa, legal philosophy, and decolonisation studies. With a commitment to advancing legal scholarship and institutional leadership, Professor Ambani is dedicated to fostering critical discourse on governance, law, and societal transformation. With a robust background in legal education and advocacy, Professor Ambani engages in thought leadership on constitutionalism, rule of law, and personal development for legal professionals. Their scholarly work critically examines legal history, philosophical underpinnings of law, and the evolution of governance structures in Africa.

Beyond academia, Professor Ambani is a passionate advocate for decolonisation in legal studies, seeking to challenge and redefine legal paradigms to better reflect African jurisprudence and governance realities. Through research, mentorship, and public engagement, they contribute to shaping the next generation of legal scholars and policymakers.

Lakshita Kanhiya (She/her), Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA)

Lakshita Kanhiya is a human rights advocate and scholar from Mauritius, with particular focus on the intersections of religion and sexuality, climate justice, and digital surveillance. Currently pursuing her doctoral studies, Lakshita holds two master's degrees: an LLM from the University of Pretoria and an MA from Amity University, India, (both with distinction) and a bachelor's degree from the University of Mauritius. She brings a wealth of experience from her work with civil society organisations, NHRIs, academia, government agencies, the private sector, and donor partners. Her expertise spans program development, project management, strategic litigation, advocacy, campaigns, research, and coalition building. Multilingual and a well rounded facilitator, she is committed to advancing transformative justice and fostering inclusive change across Africa and beyond.

Prof Anton Kok (he/him), Prof Anton Kok, Lecturer, Department of Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

Professor Anton Kok, from University of Pretoria, holds the degrees BCom (Law) LLB LLM LLD (Pret). After completing his articles of clerkship at Deneys Reitz Inc (now Norton Rose Fulbright), Sandton, Anton was appointed senior lecturer to the Department of Legal History, Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy (now the Department of Jurisprudence) in 1999. He completed his doctorate in March 2008, entitled "A socio-legal analysis of the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act 4 of 2000". He was promoted to associate professor in 2010. He was appointed as the Programme Coordinator for the LLB for 2008 and 2009 and as Deputy Dean of the Faculty in 2010. He was appointed as acting dean from January to October 2011. He was reappointed for a second term as Deputy Dean in 2014 until June 2018. At undergraduate level, Anton has taught Legal Skills, Critical Race and Gender, Introduction to Law, Law and Literature and Human Rights and coordinated Essay and Seminar 410. At postgraduate level he has taught on Discrimination Law in the LLM (Human Rights and Constitutional Practice), LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) and the LLM/MPhil (Multi-disciplinary human rights).

Prof Charles Ngwena (In Memoriam)

Prof. Ngwena (fondly known to us as 'Charles') was a towering intellectual, academic, an astute scholar, and a wonderful colleague by any measure. His death is a deep loss to the human rights field, especially in the fields of sexual and reproductive, as well as disability rights. Prof. Ngwena joined the Centre for Human Rights in 2012 from the University of the Free State where he had worked as a Professor of Law for many years. Since he joined the Centre, he led the development of the Centre's academic and programmatic work in the areas of disability, and sexual and reproductive rights. Through his intellectual leadership, the Centre launched the Masters in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa, and the Disability Rights in Africa Programmes. Since 2023, he has been with the Centre on a post-retirement contract. On 13 and 14 November 2023, the Centre brought together over 50 scholars, researchers and activists from all over the world to commemorate his exceptional contributions to human rights and to highlight his pioneering work in advancing SRHR in Africa.

These academic programmes that Charles initiated have been transformative for human rights efforts in Africa, yielding a new generation of advocates for SRHR and Disability Rights, and amplifying Africa's voice in the global human rights discourse. Charles has been a pillar resource for the programmes, serving both as a faculty member, but also a valuable guide and mentor for those who have come after to support the work. Charles' extensive research and publication are ground breaking, and an unmatched contribution to scholarship and knowledge. He added his unique voice to debates on contentious topics of contemporary concern such as the right to abortion, access to gender-affirming care and the intersectional between various rights. His recent 2018 monograph titled "What is Africanness? Contesting nativism and race, culture and sexualities" published in 2018 was awarded the University of Pretoria Vice Chancellor's Award for Scholarly Books. His expertise was global, and recognised across the world. Most recently, Charles was a Research Scholar for 2022 - 2024 at the Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women's Rights at Yale University. He was also the Convening Editor of the Disability Rights in Africa Yearbook, published by the Pretoria University Law Press. Until his death, Charles was a supervisor for a number of masters and doctoral students, as well as postdoctoral fellows at the Centre. He was also actively engaged in numerous other initiatives in the Centre, including our work on race and common citizenships, and support to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health. Charles was a gentleman, in manner and form. He gave his time and wisdom without reservation. He valued everyone equally. He loved his family dearly. He will be sorely missed. As we continue to mourn this loss, we also extend our deepest condolences to his wife Patricia, and his whole family that he so dearly loved, friends, colleagues, and students the world over. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

Dr Anastacia Tomson (she/her), Medical Doctor, My Family GP, author, activist

Dr Anastacia Tomson is an author and an activist, in addition to being a doctor. She's regarded as an expert on LGBTQIA+ and transgender healthcare, and led the team that wrote South Africa's first official guideline on gender-affirming hormone therapy. Anastacia's lived experience as a queer, trans, autistic doctor drives her passion for making healthcare safer, more accessible, and kinder. She has an irrepressible drive for justice, and a profound capacity for compassion. When she's not working herself ragged, you might find her running, building LEGO, gazing at her collection of fountain pens and exquisite inks whilst feeling guilty that she's not using them to write or draw, or cooking up a delicious vegan storm.

Dr Graeme Reid (he/him), United Nations Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (IE SOGIE)

Graeme Reid is a South African scholar, who has conducted research, taught and published extensively on gender, sexuality, LGBT issues, and HIV/AIDS. Reid attended the University of Witwatersrand where he received his bachelor's degree in literature and master's degree in anthropology. He also holds a PhD from the University of Amsterdam. He is currently a research scholar and lecturer at the Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs. Before his appointment as Independent Expert, Reid acted as director for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program at Human Rights Watch, an organization he joined in 2011. He has taught as a lecturer in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies and Anthropology at Yale University and at the School of International Public Affairs at Columbia University. Reid is the founding director of the Gay and Lesbian Archives of South Africa, and previously worked as a researcher at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research. Reid's published monographs are: *How to be a Real Gay. Gay Identities in Small-Town South Africa* (2013) and *Above the Skyline. Reverend Tsietsi Thandekiso and the founding of an African gay church* (2010). He also co-directed the video documentary *Dark and Lovely, Soft and Free* (2000).

Dr David Ikpo (Dr Dee) (he/him), Postdoctoral fellow and Communications and Advocacy Officer, Centre for Human Rights

David is a Nigerian lawyer and storyteller. He comes from international human rights and motion picture backgrounds.

His debut novel *Fimisile Forever* was shortlisted for the 2017 Lambda Literary Prize for Best Gay Fiction. His recent project includes *HOLD*, a Centre for Human Rights documentary celebrating decades of legalised same-sex marriage in Belgium, France and South Africa. At the moment he is a postdoctoral fellow as well as Communications and Advocacy Officer at the Centre for Human Rights.

Gaynel Curry, *Assistant Professor of Law, University of The Bahamas*

Ms. Gaynel Curry serves on the United Nations (UN) Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, a platform dedicated to improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, while also functioning as an advisory body to the UN Human Rights Council. With over 23 years of experience at the UN across various locations such as Geneva, New York, Afghanistan, South Sudan and Timor-Leste, Curry's expertise spans human rights, gender equality and sustainable development. In her most recent UN role as a Human Rights Advisor at the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, Curry led work on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development within the Human Rights Council, supporting States to adopt a human rights-based approach in the implementation of the Agenda. Previously, as Gender and Women's Rights Advisor and Acting Chief of Global Issues at the UN Human Rights Office in New York, Curry played a pivotal role in implementing Security Council resolutions on conflict-related sexual violence. She also engaged with various UN bodies, including the Commission on the Status of Women, the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, and the CEDAW Committee. At the OHCHR-New York Office, Curry oversaw efforts supporting the International Decade for People of African Descent. She lectured at the OHCHR Fellowship Program to Promote the Rights of People of African Descent and advised the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, as well as the UN Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action on Racism. Curry has held several government positions in the Bahamas, her home country, including as the founding Director of the Bahamas Department of Gender and Family Affairs within the Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development. She is currently a Member of the Law Faculty at the University of the Bahamas where she lectures in International Human Rights Law and Public International Law. She has been a guest lecturer at several universities in North America and Europe and a Fellow at the Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs (IIHA) at Fordham University. As an independent consultant, Curry advises governments and organizations, including the Caribbean Development Bank, on various human rights and social justice issues such as gender equality, environmental racism, climate justice and sustainable development.

Prof Frans Viljoen (he/him), *Professor of International Human Rights Law, Interim Chair, SARChI Chair on International Constitutional Law, Member, Advisory Committee, UN Human Rights Council, Editor-in-chief, African Human Rights Law Journal Convening editor, African Human Rights Yearbook*

Prof Frans Viljoen is professor of law and immediate past Director of the Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. His area of research is regional human rights protection, with particular attention to the African Union human rights standards, institutions and processes. He is the author of one of the leading texts on the African human rights system, and is the founding editor of the African Human Rights Law Journal and African Human Rights Yearbook. He has served as visiting professor on the African human rights system at various Universities. He is a member of the Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council. Frans acts as the NRF SARChI Research Chair in International Constitutional Law, in the Faculty of Law, UP.



Johannes Cools (he/him), Policy Officer

Johannes Cools is a Belgian LGBTI+ activist, holding degrees in both International Politics and Urban Geography. He has been working on international perspectives on sexual and gender diversity for about 7 years. Since 2023, he works with the Flemish LGBTI+ organisations on international solidarity, where he strives to strengthen the global LGBTI+ movement from the perspective of a Belgian CSO.

Dr Ayodele Sogunro (he/him), Research Scholar, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

Dr Ayodele Sogunro is a lawyer, scholar-activist, and writer known for his unwavering commitment to advancing human rights and democratic freedoms across Africa. With over fifteen years of experience spanning legal practice, academic research, and public advocacy, Dr Sogunro brings a wealth of expertise to his work. As a former Senior Postdoctoral Fellow and Project Manager at the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria (CHR), Dr Sogunro led initiatives to bolster the rights of sexual and gender minorities through pioneering research on areas such as Resolution 275 and conversion practices, public policy advocacy at forums like the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and capacity-strengthening trainings for judges, parliamentarians and human rights advocates, including coordinating the first African scholarly conference on decriminalisation of same-sex laws in Africa. In his previous role as the Sexual Rights Lawyer at the Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA), Dr Sogunro oversaw the development and strategic direction of SOGIE-related cases across multiple African countries and co-led the rebuilding of the regional SOGIE coalition at the African Commission. His contributions to legal scholarship are marked by academic appointments and several publications.

Dr Adrian Jjuuko, Executive Director of Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum (HRAPF)

Dr. Adrian Jjuuko is a Ugandan human rights lawyer, researcher and activist. He is the Executive Director of Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum (HRAPF), an organisation that operates a specialised legal aid clinic for LGBTI persons in Uganda, and advocates for legal change in favour of LGBTI persons and other criminalised minorities. He has been involved in designing strategic litigation cases in Uganda since 2009. He is currently involved in the case challenging Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Act, 2023 at the Constitutional Court and at the East African Court of Justice. He is the author of 'Strategic litigation and the struggle for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual equality in Africa' Daraja Press, Ottawa (2020). He is a member of the faculty at the School of Law, Makerere University.

Peace Maquba (They/Them/His), *Intersex Rights Officer, Iranti*

Lungile Peacworth Maquba better known as Peace. Peace is a dedicated intersex advocate, human rights defender, and entrepreneur from South Africa. As a non-binary, masculine-presenting individual assigned female at birth, Peace has navigated complex challenges and injustices, fuelling their passion for promoting equality and inclusivity. Currently serving as part of the intersex unit at Iranti, a leading African LGBTQI+ advocacy organization, Peace works tirelessly to advance the rights and well-being of intersex individuals and communities. Peace is the founder of Intersexions, an organization dedicated to advancing intersex rights and visibility in Africa. Additionally, they serve as the CEO of Unmadebrand, an innovative apparel company that leverages fashion as a powerful advocacy tool to promote social justice and inclusivity. Their expertise spans advocacy, community engagement, capacity building, and strategic leadership. Through their work, Peace aims to challenge discriminatory systems, promote awareness, and foster inclusive environments that celebrate diversity and individuality.

Prof Marc Epprecht, *Professor and Research Fellow*

Marc Epprecht is a professor of Global Development Studies at Queen's University, Canada, and Research Fellow with the History Workshop at Wits. His main interest is in the ways people and states in the region have attempted to manage the harmful impacts of racial capitalism, including upon gender, sexuality, and the environment mostly in southern Africa. Among his publications are *Hungochani*, *Heterosexual Africa?* and most recently, *Accidental Queer*. Marc has also been a Lecturer or Visiting Research Fellow at the U of Zimbabwe, National University of Lesotho, U. of Basel, and the UKZN.

Dr Landilani Banda, *Post-doctoral fellow, Centre for Human Rights*

Landilani Banda is post-doctoral fellow at the Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. He holds an LLB from the University of Zambia, an LLM and LLD from the University of Pretoria. Landilani is also a Mandela Washington Fellowship (MWF) which he completed at the University of Virginia in the United State of America where he was also a visiting lecturer in comparative constitutional and human rights law. He has been a lecturer and researcher at the University of Zambia focusing on human rights law, disability rights law and jurisprudence. In 2015 he set up the legal clinic at the University of Zambia which provided pro-bono legal services to vulnerable communities and key populations in the country. He has over 16 years experience in legal practice in Zambia specialising in constitutional law, human rights law, international law, sexuality and medical law. As a legal practitioner he has represented sexual and gender minorities in the superior courts of Zambia. In recent years Landilani has focused on research and advocacy in the African human rights system particularly engaging with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. He has published articles and book chapters on sexual and gender minority rights in Africa with a particular focus on decriminalisation of anti-sodomy laws.

Dr Mandipa G Machacha (she/they), *Researcher and Advisor, Gender; Gender, Racial Justice, Refugees and Migrants Programme, Amnesty International, International Secretariat*

Dr Mandipa Machacha (she/they) is a queer feminist Pan-African human rights lawyer who works at Amnesty International's International Secretariat as a Global Researcher and Advisor on Gender, focusing on gender, LGBTIQ+ rights, and intersectional justice globally. With over 10 years of experience in social justice, particularly gender justice, she has worked extensively with the Botswana Government, non-profits, and the United Nations. Mandipa has supported activist groups, donors, and international organizations in shaping policy and developing strategies for intersectional feminist futures. She also serves as a board member of WoMeN Against Rape, contributing to efforts to combat gender-based violence and advocate for survivors in Botswana. Mandipa holds master's degrees in International Law and Global Development, as well as a Ph.D. in Human Rights Law, specializing in women's human rights, combining her extensive academic expertise with practical advocacy to advance human rights across diverse contexts.

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About the **Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC) Unit**

Established in May 2016, the SOGIESC Unit's mandate is to advocate for and work towards equality inclusion non-discrimination, non-violence, and non-heterosexism for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning, and asexual persons (LGBTIQ+ persons).

This is done through hate-crime prevention and diligence in hate-crime prosecution; legal aid for LGBTIQ+ victims of discrimination and violence; LGBTIQ+ empowerment through human rights education and affirmative Masters and Doctorate scholarships; and country-based, regional and international advocacy actions.

Our vision is justice, equality, non-discrimination, and respect for the rule of law for LGBTIQ+ persons in Africa through our mission of working progressively towards the realisation of the human rights of LGBTIQ+ persons in Africa through advocacy, training, policy development, and social action.

For some of our publications, scan the below QR codes or see www.chr.up.ac.za/sogiesc-publications



A Guide to LGBTIQ+ rights
in the UN and African
Human Rights Systems



Resolution 275 What it
means for state and non
state actors in Africa



Resolution 552 What it
means for state and non
state actors in Africa



Conversion Therapy
Report



Study on the human
rights situation of intersex
persons in Africa



Promotion and Protection of the
rights of Intersex children under
the African human rights system



Voices of resilience a compilation of
visuals and literature on LGBTIQ+
experiences and research