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Call from Canadian Civil Society to Support Uganda's LGBTQI+ Communities

As Canadian civil society organizations standing in solidarity with the LGBTQI+ community in Uganda, we have been in ongoing dialogue with activists on the ground.

In light of the current legislative assault on LGBTQI+ rights in Uganda, we are elevating the following direct calls to action for Canadian government, private sector, and civil society organizations that come from Ugandan LGBTQI+ organizations and leaders.

- 1 We ask for Canadian multinational corporations and trade organizations to speak out publicly and urge President Museveni to abstain from signing the Anti-Homosexuality Bill into law.
- 2 We ask the Canadian Government to impose visa bans on human rights violators promoting the anti-homosexuality bill in Uganda, including Ugandan Members of Parliament supporting the bill.
- 3 We ask the Canadian Government to provide flexible funding to support LGBTQI+ organizations on the ground defending human rights in Uganda. Canada should create an emergency action fund to allow civil society the nimbleness to respond to these crackdowns and crisis situations in real time.
- 4 We ask the Canadian Government to create flexible visas and humanitarian programs for at-risk LGBTQI+ Ugandans and human rights defenders who may need urgent pathways to safety.
- 5 We ask the Canadian Government to hold the Ugandan government to account in multilateral spaces for their responsibility to uphold human rights.

We ask for the support of the community in amplifying these recommendations, and call on our Canadian partners across government, the private sector, and civil society to urgently implement them.

This call has been coordinated by members of Dignity Network Canada: Stephen Lewis Foundation, Rainbow Railroad, Equitas, The Equality Fund and African Centre for Refugees to amplify the messages from our partners in Uganda.





Signatures:

ACT (Toronto)
ActingOut Waterloo Region
Advocacy Canada
African Centre for Refugees in Ontario
Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention
Archives gaies du Québec
Association LGBT+ Baie-des-Chaleurs
Banff Pride Society
BC Federation of Labour
Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention
(BlackCAP)
Burnaby Pride
CALACS de l'Est du BSL
Canadian Centre for Gender and
Sexual Diversity
Canadian Labour Congress
Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)
CanWaCH
Capital Rainbow Refuge / Refuge
Arc-en-ciel de la capital
CATIE (Canadian AIDS Treatment
Information Exchange)
Centre communautaire LGBTQ+ de Montréal
Centre for Social Justice Initiatives
CGLCC – Canada's 2SLGBTQI+
Chamber of Commerce
Coalition des groupes jeunesse LGBTQ+
Community Based Research Centre
Conseil québécois LGBT
Dignity Canada Dignité
Divergenres
Egale Canada
Égides – Alliance internationale francophone
pour l'égalité et les diversités
Equality Global Support Foundation
Equitable Action for Change
Equitas – International Centre for
Human Rights Education
Euphorie dans le genre
Fernie Pride Society
Fierté Canada Pride
Fierté Montréal
Fierté Timmins Pride
Fife House
First Nations Rainbow
FrancoQueer
Gay and Grey Montréal
Gender Creative Kids Canada /
Jeunes identités créatives
Greenpeace Canada
HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO)
HIV Legal Network
Humboldt and Area Pride Network
Journalists for Human Rights
Inter Pares
KM Hunter Charitable Foundation
Le Débrouille
Lethbridge Pride Fest Society
LGBT+ Family Coalition / Coalition des
familles LGBT+
LGBTQ2+ Vaudreuil-Soulanges
MacEwan Centre for Sexual and
Gender Diversity
Manitoba Association of
Health Care Professionals
Metropolitan Community Church Toronto
Morgane Oger Foundation
National Union of Public and
General Employees (NUPGE)
North Peace Pride Society
Ontario Council of Agencies Serving
Immigrants – OCASI
Options for Sexual Health
Outreach Social Care Foundation
Polonia Inclusive
Positive Space Nunavut
Pride at Work Canada /
Fierté au travail Canada
Pride Toronto
Pride YMM
QT Fatties in NB
Quadrangle NL
Quebec Trans Legal Collective
Queer & Trans Health Collective
QueerTech
Quesnel Pride Society
Rainbow Collective of Thunder Bay
Rainbow Faith and Freedom
Rainbow Mentors
Rainbow Railroad
Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia
Rainbow Refugee Society (Vancouver)
Rainbow Resource Centre (Winnipeg)
Reaching Out
Réseau de la santé sexuelle des sourds
du Québec
River of Pride / Rivière de la Fierté (Moncton)
Saskatchewan Pride Network
Saskatoon Diversity Network
(Saskatoon Pride)
Spectrum Waterloo Region's Rainbow
Community Space
Stephen Lewis Foundation
Stratford-Perth Pride
The 519 Church Street Community Centre
Toronto Person with AIDS Foundation
Toronto Bi+ Network
Trans Mauricie / Centre-du-Québec
TransArtist Project
TransEstrie
Trans Support NL
UFCW Canada
United Church of Canada
Uplift Black
Vancouver Pride Society
Why We March
Wisdom2Action
Women's International League for
Peace and Freedom Canada