Parliamentary Seminar

Protecting Human Rights, Combating Discrimination and Addressing HIV/AIDS of Persons with Diverse Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities

Chamber of Deputies of Dominican Republic

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9-11 October, 2013

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<td>WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9th</td>
<td>7:00 – 9:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Welcome reception&lt;br&gt;Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel (swimming pool area, 2nd floor)</td>
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<td>THURSDAY OCTOBER 10th</td>
<td>9:00 – 9:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>9:30 – 10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Opening Ceremony – Conference room, 5th floor, New Building (Edificio nuevo)</td>
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<td>Dipl. Mario Hidalgo&lt;br&gt;On behalf of the President of the Chamber of Deputies&lt;br&gt;Dominican Republic</td>
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<td>Dipl. Magda Rodríguez&lt;br&gt;Chair, Gender Equality Committee&lt;br&gt;Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic</td>
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<td>Mr. Colin Robinson&lt;br&gt;Caribbean Forum for Liberation and Acceptance of Genders and Sexualities (CariFLAGS) Secretariat &amp; Coalition Advocating for Inclusion of Sexual Orientation (CAISO)&lt;br&gt;Trinidad and Tobago</td>
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<td>Ms. Navi Pillay (video message)&lt;br&gt;High Commissioner for Human Rights&lt;br&gt;United Nations</td>
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10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  Official Photograph

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.  Session 1 - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in International Human Rights Law

Moderator: Mr. Thilanga Sumathipala, Member of Parliament, Sri Lanka & Convenor of the Gender Equality and Population Program, PGA

SPEAKERS:

Dip. Alexis Jiménez
Chair, Youth Committee
Chamber of Deputies of Dominican Republic

Ms. Tracy Robinson
Commissioner, Inter-American Human Rights Commission
Professor of Law, University of West Indies

Mr. Oscar Pabel Valdez Guillén
Expert in International Public Law and Constitutional Law
Dominican Republic

Discussion

11:45 – 12:00 p.m.  Coffee Break

12:00 – 1:15 p.m.  Session 2 – Addressing Stigma and Discrimination of LGBTI persons in the Health sector

Moderator: Dip. Juana Vicente, Chair of Health Committee, Chamber of Deputies, Dominican Republic

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Víctor Terrero
Executive Director
National Council on HIV/AIDS (CONAVIHSIDA)
Dominican Republic

Ms. Bethania Betances
UNAIDS Representative
Dominican Republic

Dane Lewis
Executive Director
J-Flag
Jamaica

Mr. Leonardo Sánchez
Executive Director
Amigos siempre Amigos (ASA)
Dominican Republic

Discussion

13:15 –2:30 p.m.
Lunch at seminar venue

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
Session 3 – Engaging with Civil Society

Moderator: Mr. Wellington Amin Arnaud Bisonó, Chair of Human Development Committee, Chamber of Deputies, Dominican Republic

SPEAKERS:

Dip. Pilar Porras
Chair, Women, and Youth and Children Committees
Legislative Assembly
Costa Rica

Ms. Zenita Nicholson
Secretary on the Board of Trustees, Society against Sexual Orientation Discrimination (SASOD) & Country Coordinator, Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC)
Guyana

Mr. Alex Mundaray
Dominican Republic

Discussion

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
Session 4 – Exchanging Best Practices on Anti-discriminatory Legislation

Moderator: Dip. Eugenio Cedeño, Chair, Human Rights Committee, Chamber of Deputies of Dominican Republic

SPEAKERS:

Dip. Berta Sanseverino
Parliament of Uruguay

Mr. Caleb Orozco
Executive Director
United Belize Advocacy Movement
Belize

Ms. Norma García de Paredes
HIV Legal Advisor
UNDP Regional Service Center for Latin America and the Caribbean

5:00 p.m.  Seminar adjourns for the day

8:00 – 10:00 p.m.  Dinner hosted by Chamber of Deputies of Dominican Republic
Venue: El Club del Legislador

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11, 2013

09:30 – 11:00 a.m.  Conversation on Overcoming Obstacles to Achieve Equality for All
Small group discussions in English and Spanish
English – Moderator: Mr. Fox Odoi-Oywelowo, MP Uganda
Room: Hugo Tolentino Dipp

Spanish – Moderator: Dip. Berta Sanseverino, Uruguay
Room: Rafaela Albuquerque

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.  Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.  Closing and Report back from small group discussions - Conference room, 5th floor, New Building (Edificio nuevo)
Moderator: Dip. Minou Tavárez Mirabal, Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee, Chamber of Deputies of Dominican Republic
Chair, International Council PGA

- Discussion and adoption of Commitments and Next Steps
- Launch of Global Allies Network (GAIN)

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  Lunch at seminar venue