



PARLIAMENTARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

Dialogue between Parliamentarians and LGBTI Civil Society

Paramaribo, Suriname
Torarica Hotel & Casino, Banquet Hall 3
March 5, 2015
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Agenda

Facilitator: Mr. Boris Dittrich, Advocacy Director, LGBT Program, Human Rights Watch Rapporteur: Mónica Adame, Senior Program Officer, PGA

<u>2:00 – 2:10 p.m.</u> Welcoming Remarks

Ms. Noreen Cheung, MP & Chair, PGA National Group

National Assembly of Suriname

<u>2:10 – 2:20 p.m.</u> Remarks from Civil Society Representative

Tieneke Sumter

LGBT Platform Suriname

<u>2:20 – 3:40 p.m.</u> Open Conversation facilitated by Mr. Boris Dittrich

Advocacy Director, LGBT Program

Human Rights Watch

Suggested topics for open conversation:

- Security and Access to Justice
 - Hate speech against LGBTI persons
 - o Incidents with Transgender individuals
 - o Results of sensitization programs for police
- Legislative reform: Adoption of Social Laws
 - o Clarification on language to include non-discrimination explicitly based on SOGI
 - O Raise public awareness: LGBTI rights are human rights
- Government Policies
 - o Harmonization of policies across Ministries (i.e., Ministry of Health's SHRH policy includes LGBTI persons, but Ministry of Foreign Affairs does not recognize language on SOGI)
- Employment
 - Partnership with companies and unions to prevent and sanction language that incite hate crimes, in particular during the current election process

<u>3:40 – 4:00 p.m.</u> Nex

Next Steps & Concluding Remarks