



March 31, 2023

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

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

Fife House

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

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)

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

Trans Mauricie / Centre-du-Québec

TransArtist Project

TransEstrie

UFCW Canada

United Church of Canada

Vancouver Pride Society

Why We March

Wisdom2Action

Women's International League for
Peace and Freedom Canada