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Womyn's Day is globally celebrated every 8th of March under different themes. This year's international womyn's day theme is 'I AM GENERATION EQUALITY'. In Uganda, Freedom and Roam Uganda, (FARUG), Lady mermaids Bureau, (LMB), Fem Alliance Uganda, (FEMA) and Transgender Equality Uganda, (TEU) have come together to celebrate our progress in calling for inclusion of Lesbians, Bisexual, Queer, (LBQ) womyn, Sex workers and transgender womyn.

This consortium is aimed at amplifying voices of womyn who have often been referred to *minority* and continue to sideline and discriminated based on gender identity, sexual orientation and sex work.

FEMA, FARUG, LMB, TEU are all working towards *Generation Equality*, focusing on human rights of LBQ, FSW and Trans womyn in Uganda tapping in to critical areas of concern like poverty, education, health, violence against womyn, economic empowerment, power, autonomy human rights and media representation.

This consortium through the hashtag **#allwomynmatter** are calling for a deliberate inclusion of LBTQ womyn and Female sex workers in the "Generation Equality realizing womyn's rights for an equal future" campaign that demands for equal pay, equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, an end to sexual harassment and violence against womyn and girls, health care services that respond to their needs amongst others.

Our message to the world this womyn's day;

FEM Alliance; Improve livelihoods of LBTQ persons.

FARUG; Equal participation and inclusion of all womyn in all spaces irrespective of their sexual and gender diversity.

TEU; Trans womyn's rights are womyn's rights. No woman should be left behind and Honoring Trans womyn rights will make the world a safer and better place for everyone.

LMB; Sex work is work. No woman should be discriminated based on her source of income.

Together, we demand equality for all womyn regardless of source of income, gender identity or sexual orientation.

