



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY STATEMENT 2023

As a feminist organization, Freedom and Roam Uganda runs on feminist principles of equality of women as stipulated in the international human rights instruments. For the 20 years of existence Freedom and Roam Uganda, has and still continues to advocate for LBQ womxn freedom, rights and equality without discrimination based on sexuality and gender identity but rather on the theme of recognizing diversity, challenging patriarchy and cultures that aim at oppressing womxn.

One of Freedom and Roam Uganda's thematic areas is information sharing, dissemination, research and documentation which is also done online to create, raise and promote awareness of discrimination causes and effects in regards to LBQ womxn in Uganda through providing proposals and practical solutions committed to equality and change.

We appreciate the digital era and technology which has paved way for creativity and innovations in different sectors such as health, micro finance, education among others. Despite the aspirations of digital innovation, intersectionality as an element is not reflected, for example LBQ womxn and organizations are not able to fully exercise their digital rights and expression because of laws and policies that fuel homophobia and online violations. These violations are never documented and reported thus the shrinking online visibility of LBQ womxn.

Today 8th March 2023, we celebrate this International Women's Day together under the theme **"DigitALL; Innovation and technology for gender equality"** meaning it is all our responsibility to make the digital world safer, more inclusive and more equitable for all, not just women and girls but all humanity, we have a chance to create a diverse empowered future with womxn thriving in technology and redefining cultural and religious bias.

Digital technology is opening new doors for the global empowerment of women, girls and marginalized groups. From gender-responsive digital learning to tech-facilitated sexual and reproductive healthcare, the digital age represents an unprecedented opportunity to eliminate all forms of disparity and inequality. UN Women Statement.

we call upon all women movements, activists, government and the allies to deliberately edify themselves on comprehensiveness and understand that digital innovation will enhance womxn's financial solutions, enable them access enabled health care and create an independent empowered woman and womxn.

**Happy International Women's Day.
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