



LESBIAN VISIBILITY DAY STATEMENT 2023

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This year, 2023, we celebrate 20 years of visibility and existence despite the fact that the recently passed Anti-Homosexuality Bill 2023 continues to be a force that restricts Lesbian womxn's ability to express, live authentic lives as well as access essential services. This bill has fueled and increased series of violations against LBQ womxn; sexual harassments corrective rape, loss of livelihoods and displacement, online violence and blackmails against LBQ womxn and communities. Considering all this, the bill also has impelling implications for organizations serving and working with the LBQ womxn which is clear barrier to the global attainment of SDG5.

The signing of the Bill into law will have a huge implication on lesbian visibility and organizing, therefore, it's crucial to acknowledge that Lesbians exist in Uganda and everywhere including in our workplaces, churches, homes, Health centers, Parliaments and need to feel safe, affirmed, loved and protected.

Regardless of all that is happening around us, together with the rest of the world, we celebrate 26th of April 2023 as Lesbian Visibility Day and we choose not to stay silent but speak as Lesbians of Uganda. We celebrate Lesbian womxn contributions in fighting inequalities, recognize the issues faced by Lesbian womxn, why it is vital that we continue to use our voice to oppose the Anti-Homosexuality Bill that now seeks to erase the existence of Lesbian Beings.

It is also a time to acknowledge diversity and range of women who identify under the label of Lesbian.

As lesbian womxn of Uganda, we URGE His Excellence Yoweri Kaguta Museveni not sign the Anti Homosexuality Bill.

No one deserves to die or rot in jail because of who they are and who they love.

#LesbianVisibilityDay2023. #SAYNOTOAHB2023.

We are Loud and Proud Lesbians Citizens of the Republic of Uganda



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