



FREEDOM AND ROAM UGANDA

International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT)

FARUG STATEMENT

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Freedom and Roam Uganda, FARUG is a Lesbian; Bisexual and Diverse persons-led organization in Uganda. We since lobby rights for LBQ womxn, reinforce feminist culture and principles, equality of womxn as stipulated in the international human rights instruments. We challenge male chauvinism, patriarchy, and cultures that continue to oppress LBQ womxn, we create womxn's autonomous space, challenge heteronormativity and forge sisterhood and solidarity.

We continue to witness the Anti-Homosexuality Act as it imposes heavy effects and directly feeds stigma, discrimination, and violence against individuals based on acrimony and even hatred motivated by people's perceptions of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, or gender expression. Home evictions, job terminations, corrective rape, conventional therapy, unplanned pregnancies, and marriages are a few of the different forms of violations and discrimination the LBQ womxn.

The recent Constitutional Court judgment further exerts homophobia, which is a clear indicator that policies and laws have a great role they play in fostering discrimination and violence against the LGBTIQ+ and in particular our LBQ womxn community.

However, on the other hand, the anti-rights pushbacks continue to stand as a threat to the progress of human rights and a great fuel of discrimination and violence against diverse communities.

The International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia is celebrated every year on 17 May; it is a time to raise awareness about discrimination, violence, and challenges faced by the LGBTIQ community.

In reflection to the theme; ***"No One Left Behind; Equality, Freedom and Justice for All"***, today allows us, to speak of the homophobia that carries a cloud upon our country, it's on this basis, that we call for UNITY and SOLIDARITY to create a social justice free world where no one is left behind in a time of the Anti-Homosexuality Law and Anti Rights pushbacks. All Human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

We envision a country where being womxn is normal.

Break The Chains





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