



CONCEPT NOTE

United Nations LGBTI Core Group IDAHOT and International Day of Families Event

Love and Inclusion are Family Values: Protecting All Families and Individuals

A special event commemorating both the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, Intersexphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT) (17th May), and the International Day of Families (15th May)

Context

Since 2017, each year the United Nations LGBTI Core Group has hosted an event to commemorate the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, Intersexphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT). The event raises awareness of the marginalization that LGBTI persons face worldwide. At these events, representatives of civil society, UN entities, and member states discuss successful practices that counter discrimination and violence against LGBTI persons and recommend steps the United Nations and others can take to realize human rights and dignity for all.

Date, Time, and Venue

Friday, 16 May 2025

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Location: UNHQ Conference Room 8

The event will be broadcast on UN WebTV and Special Event Tickets will be available for those without UN Badges.

Potential Co-Sponsors

UN Women [TBC]

Background

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, Intersexphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT) is a day to raise awareness of the human rights violations LGBTI persons face around the world. Every year, the IDAHOT committee – composed of local, national, regional and international organizations that consult with LGBTI advocates from across the globe – chooses a theme, which for 2025 is “The power of communities”.

2025 is also the 30th anniversary of both the 1995 Copenhagen Declaration of the World Summit for Social Development and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for action which both recognized the family as a basic unit of society, that “in different cultural, political and social systems various forms of family exist” and that the rights, capabilities and responsibilities of family members must be respected.

LGBTI persons are part of families, both the ones they are born into and the ones they create. For all people, families can be a source of support, love and a place where human development for all can be nurtured. They can also be a place where discrimination and violence are perpetrated, and power is exercised to the detriment of individuals in the family.

This event is an opportunity to hear about the experience of LGBTI persons and their families, and share good practices on the ways in which UN agencies and Member States are working to strengthen the protection for all families and the individuals within them.

Format

This event will gather civil society, Member states, and UN entities for a dialogue on the role of the UN in supporting LGBTI persons globally. Representatives of UN entities will present examples of how they support the inclusion of LGBTI persons and civil society worldwide in their work, and civil society will provide examples of how they work in collaboration with the United Nations in different contexts globally. The event will be opened and closed by the UN LGBTI Core Group Co-chairs: Chile and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Executive Director of Outright International will moderate the panel.

Possible Run of show

Time (EST)	Session	Speaker(s)
10:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks	First Co-chair LGBTI Core Group (PR level)
10:05	Keynote Remarks	ASG Brands-Kehris (TBC)
10:15	Panel discussion in fire-side chat style Moderated by Maria Sjödin, Executive Director, Outright International	Panelists: • UN DESA (TBC) • LGBTI Civil society representative 1 • UN Women (TBC) • LGBTI Civil society representative 2 • Fos Feminista (TBC)
10:45	Q&A	Interactive segment: comments and questions from the floor
10:57	Closing	Second Co-chair LGBTI Core Group (PR level)