

## **SEXUALITY & HUMAN RIGHTS**

### **OVERVIEW**

Sexuality is incredibly diverse but ubiquitously mis-understood, especially in post-colonial Africa and sexual rights is the study of the legal development of sexuality and gender. This module will begin with an examination of SOGIE terms and concepts in order for the movement to have a shared vocabulary and knowledge set to proceed from. Not only will we delve into hard definitions but also open up space for discussion about ideas and terminology that may be differently used or misunderstood.

In the second part of the module, the movement will explore the ways in which existing and developing legal frameworks can protect people from SOGIE based violations. SOGIE sexual rights has experienced recent developments, thus this module will equip the participants with this recent history, understanding, and analyse situations for further development.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To enhance the movement's understanding of sexuality and gender identity.
2. To create space for discussion to safely inquire about and unpack sexuality.
3. To enhance the movement's knowledge of sexual rights as a legal framework.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

On completion of the session, participants should:

1. Have a firm understanding of the fluidity of sexuality and gender.
2. Be able to define the meaning of various identities and concepts
3. Be able to identify which legal standards can be applied to sexual rights and in what ways.

### **OUTLINE**

Introduction

- i. What is sexuality, sexual identity, and gender identity?
- ii. Definitions
  - a. LBGTQ
  - b. Beyond LGBT – pansexual, asexual, intersex, gender non-conforming
  - c. Concepts – coming out, homophobia, in the closet, etc
- iii. Universality of human rights

What are sexual rights and how did it develop?

- i. The areas of life which are protected
- ii. Challenges to the sexual rights framework
- iii. Opportunities for developing the framework
- iv. Sexual rights in human rights law
- v. Applying sexual rights in the human rights context
- vi. International human rights framework & sexual right
- vii. Applicable international laws and state obligations