

Call for contributions: The Commission for Gender Equality and the achievement of the right to equality for LGBTI persons in South Africa



Commission for Gender Equality
A society free from gender oppression and inequality

Deadline:	10/12/2021
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Issued by:	The Commission for Gender Equality (Commissioner Deyi)
Objective:	To inform the Commission for Gender Equality's work on the right to equality and its achievement of the right by LGBTI persons in South Africa

Background:

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) is a chapter nine institution established in terms of section 181 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa 108 of 1996 ("the Constitution"). In terms of its mandate, the CGE is obligated and has the duty to evaluate proposed legislation that has an impact on gender equality or the status of women, transgender, lesbian, gender non-conforming persons and make recommendations to Parliament and the relevant legislature.

Chapter nine institutions such as the CGE are vested with powers and functions necessary to support democracy. In terms of section 187(1) of the Constitution, the CGE is specifically mandated to:

1. Promote respect for gender equality and the protection, development and attainment of gender equality;
2. Monitor, investigate, research, educate, lobby, advise and report on issues concerning gender equality;
3. Assessing the observance of gender equality.

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Objectives of the Report:



In line with its constitutional mandate to monitor, investigate, research, educate, lobby, advise and report on issues concerning gender equality on issues faced by the LGBTI community in South Africa the CGE seeks public comments and contributions on the state of LGBTI equality in South Africa.

The public comments and contributions will be utilised to identify key areas of intervention on LGBTI equality by the CGE. As a result the CGE seeks the input of the public and civil society organisations on the following:

- a) Key areas of intervention for the CGE in the following human rights areas of concern:
 - (i) Criminal justice;
 - (ii) Right to education;
 - (iii) Labour and employment;
 - (iv) Healthcare, including access to healthcare for transgender, intersex, and gender non-conforming persons
 - (v) Any other other human rights areas germane to the achievement of LGBTI equality in South Africa;

Individuals from the public and civil society organisations are invited to fill out the questionnaire provided and send the following email address:

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