

Strengthening the Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ Persons in Mauritius



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR

A COMPARATIVE LEGAL ANALYSIS
IN RESPECT OF
THE CRIMINALISATION OF SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN SAME-SEX CONSENTING ADULTS

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Expression of Interest

The “Strengthening the Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ Persons” is a Project being implemented by the Young Queer Alliance and the Collectif Arc-en-Ciel and funded by the European Union.

2. Expression of Interest (EOI) is being sought from Academics, Legal Practitioners, Law firms and Human Rights Consultancy firms to submit a comparative legal analysis in respect of the criminalisation of sexual relationships between same-sex consenting adults.

3. The comparative legal analysis has for objective to enable human rights institutions, policy makers and legislators to have an insight on the legislative framework in Mauritius with regard to Universal Human Rights principles; as well as having a baseline for legislative change. It will also enable in supporting current and future litigation efforts for the human rights of LGBTQIA+ people.

4. The research shall consist of, inter-alia:

- (i) a situation overview of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) persons in Mauritius;
- (ii) an overview of human rights standards and instruments; and desirable policies/legislations for LGBTQIA+ people;
- (iii) the methodology used for the analysis;
- (iv) the rationale behind selection of human rights instruments and countries selected for the purpose of the research;
- (v) the comparative legal analysis in respect of the criminalisation of sexual relationships between same-sex consenting adults;
- (vi) conclusion and recommendations;
- (vii) a position paper and briefs of key issues highlighted in the research; and
- (viii) a press-conference with the YQA and other stakeholders to present the elements of the research, position paper and briefs of key issues.



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5. The deliverables of the research are expected to be completed by **25 September 2021**. Disbursement of funds in relation to the research will be as follows:

Milestone	Disbursement of research cost
Submission of 4 (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)	25%
Submission of 4 (v) and (vi)	50%
Submission of 4 (vii) and (viii)	25%

6. Funds will be disbursed within 15 days of completion of each research milestone. A 2% of research cost penalty per day of delay in submission of the research and its deliverables will be applicable to the selected applicant.

7. Proposals for the research shall include:

- (i) an abstract;
- (ii) a cost-breakdown (inclusive of VAT) of works to be undertaken;
- (iii) the implementation timeline; and
- (iv) the credentials (and experience where applicable) of the company and/or persons involved.

8. Interested applicants are kindly requested to submit proposals by email with subject "**Comparative Legal Analysis – Reference No. YQA/2021/19**" addressed to the **Secretary, Young Queer Alliance**, at info@youngqueeralliance.com on or before **Wednesday, 17 March 2021 24:00hrs (local time) at latest**.

9. Successful applicants will be invited for an interview and presentation of their proposal as part of the selection exercise. The selected applicant will be required to attend monthly/regular meetings for the proper development/completion of the research.

10. The Young Queer Alliance reserves the right **NOT** to retain any proposal following the EOI or the presentation/interview.

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