

Conference: Queer Development Cooperation

Leave no queer people behind!



Engagement Global gGmbH, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the Hirschfeld-Eddy-Foundation cordially invite to a conference on „Queer Development Cooperation – leave no queer people behind!“ – taking place on the 2nd and 3rd of November.

Date: 2nd & 3rd November 2023

Location:

- **Reception by the Hamburg Senate in the Hamburg City Hall**
- **Conference Location: Hamburg (Details tbc)**



Jointly with representatives from the political sphere and experts in the implementation of development cooperation, we would like to discuss what “queer development cooperation” as part of a feminist foreign and development policy means for the German development cooperation with our partner countries. In this context different “do-no-harm“-approaches from state and non-state development cooperation will be presented (Day 1).

We will give queer activists from Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda, Colombia, the Western Balkans and Ukraine the floor to present their activism and their methods. Additionally, there will be the opportunity to exchange with all other participants about their wishes and needs towards development cooperation, the queer community and civil society in Germany.

Additionally, we will have discussions in (safer) spaces whether members of the diaspora from different partner countries of German development cooperation can contribute to a discussion about the relevance of queer human rights in their respective home countries and advocate in civil society for more tolerance and minority protection for the queer community.

Thus, we want to invite civil society organisations from Germany, especially diaspora or migrant organization, but also queer organisations to come together and discuss potential strategies, build trust and possibly develop project ideas.

Moreover, there will be the opportunity to network with each other in the context of a market space about the engagement of civil society organisations and to identify connections to contribute the expertise of civil society better towards a queer development cooperation (Day 2).

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Provisional Agenda

Thursday 2nd November 2023

- 13:00-14:30 **Reception by the Hamburg Senate in the Hamburg City Hall**
Opening remarks
- State Secretary in the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulze (requested)
 - 2nd Mayor of Hamburg Katharina Fegebank
- 15:30 -19:00 **Queer development cooperation as a part of a feminist foreign and development policy – Key Notes and panel discussion**
- Strategies, concepts and outlook to queer development policy in Germany
 - Panel discussion(s) with representatives from politics, experts of LGBTQI+ inclusion in development cooperation, queer activists, diaspora representatives and the German and international LGBTQI+ civil society
 - Presentation of project approaches for the empowerment of LGBTQI+ communities and civil society organisations in the Global South
- 20:00 Informal evening event and networking opportunities (tbc)

Friday 3rd November 2023

- 09:00 -11:00 **Key Notes and reports about queer activism in different countries and regions regarding their demands for and from development cooperation**
(Presentations about the current legal and everyday situation of queer people as well as the possibilities for queer activism in partner countries of German development cooperation)
- 11:15-13:30 **LGBTQI+ in German development cooperation and human rights work**
- Networking of German and international LGBTQI+ civil society and the diaspora
 - Work on Do-no-harm approaches in German development cooperation
- 15:00 **Queer city tour through St. Georg or St. Pauli (tbc)**

You can register via the following website: <https://bund-laender-programm.de/en/form/registration-queer-development>

In case you have any questions, please contact queer.hamburg@giz.de