

26 May 2023 at 00h24 Geneva time

Input by six LGBTQIA2S+ Human Rights Defenders [re report on colonialism and SOGI to be presented to 78th UNGA Session by the IE SOGI]¹

1. Shared input (*bulleted point 4 below*) is provided by:
 - i. Portia C Allen || [ADEFHO](#) || Cameroon
 - ii. Kevin D Besong || [BFO](#) || Rwanda
 - iii. Trinh Kakyo || [Kakyo Project](#) || Kenya and Uganda
 - iv. Gaston Mbangué || [ADEFHO](#) || Cameroon
 - v. Joel Mordi || [Mordi Ibe Foundation](#) || England and Nigeria
 - vi. Hamlet Nkwain || [WFW](#) || Cameroon
2. Input is specific to the following query: “what colonial laws regulating SOGI are in place presently?”
3. Kindly note that since 2021 (*and especially based on our prior knowledge about LGBTQIA2S+ rights in Africa and the African Diaspora*), we continue to gather and assess evidence based information centred on sustaining human rights projects, which, in turn, can contribute to a universal call to end economic poverty and reduce donor dependency.
4. **Input 1 of 1:** We ask the IE SOGI to incorporate applicable information from the 10 scholastic references (below) into the said report:
 - i. Absolute Sovereignty Exceptions as well as Legal Obligations of States to Protect the Rights of LGBTQI and Gender Diverse Persons *by Allen et al*
<https://lgbtq.hkspublications.org/2021/04/28/absolute-sovereignty-exceptions-as-well-as-legal-obligations-of-states-to-protect-the-rights-of-lgbtqi-and-gender-diverse-persons-gdp/>
 - ii. African Antisodomy Laws as Unwanted Colonial Inheritances *by Ashley Carrier and Keeley B Gogul*
<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/754867/summary>
 - iii. British Colonialism and the Criminalisation of Homosexuality: Queens, Crime and Empire *by Enze Han and Joseph O'Mahoney*
<https://www.routledge.com/British-Colonialism-and-the-Criminalization-of-Homosexuality-Queens-Crime/Han-OMahoney/p/book/9780367892517>

¹ Respectively, kindly note the descriptions of acronyms utilised in this document: (a) LGBTQIA2S+ or Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two Spirit; (b) SOGI or sexual orientation and gender identity; (c) UNGA or United Nations General Assembly; (d) IESOGI or Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on SOGI; (e) ADEFHO or Association for the Defence of Homosexuality; (f) BFO or Bright Future Organisation; and (g) WFW or Working for Our Wellbeing.

- iv. Dissertation: Law & Morality in Africa: Towards a Rational Public Policy Framework for Regulating Intimate Human Conduct in Ghana by Kwaku Agyeman-Budu <https://ir.lawnet.fordham.edu/sjd/9>
- v. Dissertation: Reproducing the Ghanaian/African Subject: Ideological Tensions and Queer Subjectivities in Postcolonial Ghana by Godfried A Asante https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/cj_etds/104
- vi. From “Kill the Gays” to “Kill the Gay Rights Movement”: The Future of Homosexuality Legislation in Africa by Adam J Kretz <https://scholarlycommons.law.northwestern.edu/njhr/vol11/iss2/3/>
- vii. Interrogating the Criminalisation of Same Sex Sexual Activity: A Study of Commonwealth Africa by Augustine E Arimoro <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10991-021-09280-5>
- viii. LGBTQ Forced Migrants and Asylum Seekers: Multiple Discriminations by Guillain Koko https://www.researchgate.net/publication/337615911_Lesbian_gay_bisexual_transgender_queer_LGBTQ_forced_migrants_and_asylum_seekers
- ix. Precolonial Actualities, Postcolonial Amnesia and Neocolonial Assemblage by Davy et al https://www.academia.edu/44686362/Pre_Colonial_Actualities_Post_Colonial_Amnesia_and_Neo_Colonial_Assemblage
- x. Sexual and Gender Diversity, National State and Biopolitics in the Global South: Lessons from Africa by Fabiano Gontijo <https://journals.openedition.org/aa/8320>