

Successes and barriers for LBT women's economic empowerment

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The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, and ARC International are pleased to invite you to the event "*Successes and barriers for LBT women's economic empowerment*", on the occasion of the 61st Commission on the Status of Women.

In the context of the Sustainable Development Goals, no one is to be left behind when accessing social, cultural and economic rights. Lesbian, bisexual and trans (LBT) women face structural and societal barriers that can hinder them from accessing skills and opportunities; youth are particularly vulnerable, as barriers apply early on and multiply over the years.

The complexity of LBT identities and the intersections with race, disability, culture and other factors also impact the ability of LBT women to earn a living and provide basic needs for themselves and their families.

This discussion will focus on an articulation of barriers for LBT women and their root causes, successful initiatives to counteract these barriers, and strategies for government, civil society and institutions to partner on initiatives to empower LBT women.

Moderator

Raphael Crowe, Senior Gender Specialist (ILO)

Remarks

Maryam Monsef, Minister of Status of Women, Canada

Panelists

Wangshu Lian, civil society organizer- China/Canada

Derricia (Jael) Castillo-Salazar, civil society organizer - Belize

Chloe Schwenke, Director of Violence, Rights and Inclusion - ICRW



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