

2022 EU-Taiwan LGBTI Human Rights Conference
—Intersex, Transgender & Protection of Lesbian and Gay
Rights
Agenda

EU and Taiwan have launched “the Program for EU-Taiwan Gender Equality Cooperation and Training Framework” (EU-Taiwan GECTF) in 2019. In the same year, the event “2019 EU- Taiwan LGBTI Human Rights Conference: Marriage Equality & Protection of LGBTI Rights” was successfully held by the Department of Gender Equality of the Executive Yuan, the European Economic and Trade Office, and Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It attracted over 280 participants from around 31 countries in Asia and Europe. However, this meaningful event had to be postponed due to the impact of COVID-19. After a two-year wait, the second EU-Taiwan LGBTI Human Conference is coming in October 2022.

The conference will focus on the protection of rights for intersex, transgender, and include gay and lesbian rights. We will not only discuss promoting the rights of gay and lesbian in the EU and Asian countries following the progress of the 2019 Conference, but also pay more attention to intersex and transgender people.

This event is one and half day conference in a hybrid of virtual and physical manners and cooperates with the EETO and Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It will open on Oct. 27 afternoon. The physical conference is arranged with an opening, two keynote speeches and four panel discussions on Oct. 27 and 28 afternoon. A closed-door workshop is held on Oct. 28 morning. Considering the development of globalization and localization, we would like to invite government officials, NGOs, and experts from the EU and Asian countries to communicate and share with the successful experiences and challenges about the policies, strategies, and implementation of protecting LGBTI rights in their countries.

Through this event, we expect all participants to gain a better and sufficient understanding of the progress, difficulties, and challenges in terms of LGBTI rights, particularly in intersex and transgender people. Furthermore, we deeply hope the conference become a platform to connect and network with each participant from different countries to accomplish a world of gender equality and diversity.

General information

- Date: 27-28 October, 2022
- Venue: Howard Civil Service International House, Taipei
- Language: English and Mandarin
- Organizer: Department of Gender Equality, Executive Yuan/the Ministry of Foreign Affairs R.O.C.(Taiwan)/European Economic and Trade Office(EETO)
- Co-organizer: Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBTQ+) Hotline Association, American Institute in Taiwan (AIT)
- Participants: government officials, NGOs, and experts who have profound experiences in promoting human rights of LGBTI people in the EU and Asian countries (including Taiwan).

Day 1: Thursday, October 27, 2022		Conference
1330-1400	Registration	
1400-1415	Opening and Welcome Remarks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LO Ping-Cheng, Minister without Portfolio, Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan) 2. Guillermo MARTINEZ, Deputy Head of Office, the European Economic and Trade Office(EETO) 3. Sandra OUDKIRK, Director, American Institute in Taiwan(AIT) 	

1415-1420	Group Photo
1420-1540 (80 mins)	<p>Session 1: Promotion and Challenges of Transgender People’s Rights(I)</p> <p>Moderator : Marcin JERZEWSKI, Head of Taiwan Office, European Values Center for Security Policy</p> <p>Panelists :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mika YAKUSHI, Representative Director of Rebit, Japan(Online) ➤ Simran SHERCHAN, National Program Coordinator, Federation of Sexual and Gender Minorities Nepal (FSGMN) ➤ Brenda R. ALEGRE, Director, Society of Transsexual Women of the Philippines (STRAP) / Lecturer, University of Hong Kong(Online) ➤ Victoria HSU, Director, Taiwan Alliance to Promote Civil Partnership Rights ➤ Liesbet STEVENS, Deputy Director, Institute for the Equality of Women and Men, Belgian (Online) <p>Q&A</p>
1540-1610	Break
1610-1630 (20 mins)	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>Ana GALLEGO TORRES, Director-General of Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) (Video)</p>
1630-1730 (60 mins)	<p>Session 2: Promotion and Challenges of Transgender People’s Rights(II)</p> <p>Moderator : LO Ping-Cheng, Minister without Portfolio, Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan)</p>

	<p>Panelists :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aisha MUGHAL, Director Programs, Wajood Society, Pakistan ➤ Note RATI, Executive Director, Foundation of Transgender Alliance for Human Rights (ThaiTGA), Thailand(Online) ➤ LIU Yu-Ting(Tom), Head of the Taiwan Tongzhi(LGBTQ+) Hotline Association Southern Office ➤ Mag. Sandra KONSTATZKY, Director, Ombud for Equal Treatment at the Federal Chancellery, Austria (Online) <p>Q&A</p>
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Day 2: Friday, October 28, 2022		Workshop(closed-door)
0900-0930	Registration	
0930-1200 (150 mins) (10 mins break in middle)	<p>Session A(Physical): Protection and Promotion of LGBTQI+ Rights</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>Birgitta OHLSSON, Former Swedish Minister for European Affairs and Democracy issues/ Director, Political Parties, National Democratic Institute, the United States</p> <p>speaker :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jean Chong, Exceutive Director of ASEAN 	<p>Session B(Physical): Protection and Promotion of LGBTQI+ Rights</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>Sean DU, Secretary- General, Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBTQ+) Hotline Association</p> <p>speaker :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bilguun Batjargal, Campaign Coordinator of ILGA Asia, Mongolia ➤ Michelle Yesudas, Humanitarian Policy

	<p>LBQ Network, Singapore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ryan V. Silverio, Executive Director of ASEAN SOGIE Caucus, Philippines ➤ Gavin Chow, Co- Founder and President of PLUHO, Malaysia <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regulations Governing Sex Reassignment for Transgender People ● Sex Affirmation for Intersex People & Other Gender-Friendly Measures ● Policies of Same-sex marriage, partnership, parental rights & assisted reproductive technology ● Cross-Border Recognition of Same- sex Marriage ● Inclusion at Workplace ● Health of the LGBTQI+ Community ● Gender Equality In School Education 	<p>and Advocacy Adviser of Humanity and Inclusion, Myanmar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ken Khoo, Co- founder & Project Lead of PLUHO, Malaysia <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regulations Governing Sex Reassignment for Transgender People ● Sex Affirmation for Intersex People & Other Gender-Friendly Measures ● Policies of Same-sex marriage, partnership, parental rights & assisted reproductive technology ● Cross-Border Recognition of Same- sex Marriage ● Inclusion at Workplace ● Health of the LGBTQI+ Community ● Gender Equality In School Education
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Day 2: Friday, October 28, 2022		Conference
1330-1400	Registration	
1400-1425 (25 mins)	<p>A Conversation on Civic Leadership by LGBTQI+ Leaders</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yu Hsien TSENG, Professor, Bachelor Program of International Sport Affairs, National Taiwan University <p>Panelists :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Damon WILSON, President & CEO, National Endowment for Democracy, the United States ➤ Stuart APPELBAUM, President, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union/ Former Directors, LGBTQ Victory Fund, the United States 	
1425-1535 (70 mins)	<p>Session 3: Protection of Intersex People’s Rights</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>CHI, Hui-Jung, Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission, Taiwan</p> <p>Panelists :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hiker CHIU, Founder, Oii-Chinese/ Executive Director, Intersex Asia(Online) ➤ Esan REGMI, Executive Director, Campaign for Change, Nepal(Online) ➤ Small Ela LUK, Founder, Beyond the Boundary-Knowing and Concerns Intersex, Hong Kong ➤ Jeff CAGANDAHAN, Chair of Intersex Philippines and Co-chair of Intersex Asia(Online) ➤ Irene KUZEMKO(Ukraine), Capacity & Community Building Officer, OII Europe(Online) <p>Q&A</p>	

1535-1550	Break
1550-1700 (70 mins)	<p>Session 4: Improvement of LGBTQI+ Rights</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>Czeslaw WALEK, Chairman of Prague Pride/ Former Deputy Minister for Human Rights and Minorities, the Czech Republic (Online)</p> <p>Panelists :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Khun Nareeluc PAIRCHAIYAPOOM, Director, International Human Rights Division, Department of Rights and Liberties Protection, Ministry of Justice, Thailand ➤ Minhee RYU, Staff Attorney, Korean Lawyers for Public Interest and Human Rights (KLPH) (Online) ➤ Junfeng BOO, Filmmaker & Founding Committee Member of Pink Dot SG and Ready4Repeal, Singapore ➤ Sean DU, Secretary-General, Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBTQ+) Hotline Association <p>Q&A</p>
1700-1710	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Guo Shin LEE, Permanent Deputy Secretary-General, Executive Yuan</p>