



AFRICAN BODIES
**BREAKING
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BUILDING
BRIDGES**



VISION:
A Pan African movement that
promotes and respects bodily integrity
and equal protection of human rights
regardless of culture, religion and faith,
sexual orientation, gender identity and

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Pan Africa Regional LGBTI Conference 2016

The purpose of the Pan Africa ILGA 2016 regional conference was to engage around common regional strategies to achieve change in policies discriminating against people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, exchanging best practices, sharing successes and developing strategies for opportunities of effective advocacy on the continent of Africa as well as receiving advocacy training in relation to relevant regional and international bodies including the ACHPR (African Commission on People's and Human Rights and the UN.

Iranti-org [a queer human rights visual media organization based in Johannesburg, South Africa working within a human rights framework as its foundational platform for raising issues on Gender, Identities and Sexuality] was proud to be the host organization and Johannesburg as the host city, allowed delegates to engage close issues affecting South Africa. The Deputy Minister of Justice opening address was inspiring, in which he affirmed South Africa's government commitment towards the ensuring the rights and protections of LGBT persons. As the Deputy Minister stated, "the world is slowly changing and we are moving forward.

The theme **"African Bodies: Breaking Ground. Building Bridges"** spoke to the need to look at work being done by civil society organizations across the African region and how this work can be built upon to better effect positive change within LGBTI communities.

Wednesday 18 May, 2016 saw the end of the 3rd Pan Africa ILGA Regional Conference. and a new PAI board was elected, as well as the selection of LEGABIBO and Botswana for the 2018 conference hosting organization and country respectively.

Previous Alternate Co-Chairs Richard Lusimbo from Uganda and Akudo Oguaghamba from Nigeria were duly elected as Co-Chairs for the PAI board. Star Rugori from Burundi and Kanyanta Kakana from Zambia were elected as Alternate Co-Chairs. With Naoufal Bouzid from Morocco filling in as the new Secretary and Caine Youngman from Botswana retaining his position as Treasurer. Additional the four board members include Juliet Anochumonye

from Nigeria, Jay Mulucha and Isaac Rukundo from Uganda and Frida Wahrania from Algeria.



Board from left to right:

Kanyanta Kakana (Zambia), Isaac Rukundo (Uganda), Jay Mulucha (Uganda), Akudo Oguaghamba (Nigeria), Richard Lusimbo (Uganda), Juliet Anochumonye (Nigeria), Star Rugori (Burundi) and Caine Youngman (Botswana)

It is with great Pride that we conclude this years regional meeting, having addressed fundamental issues affecting the LGBTI community on the African region and working toward LGBTI recognition through state mechanisms.
