



Pre announcement about the Expression of Interest process

We are thrilled to announce that all speakers and workshops for the first Global Feminist LBOQ Women's* Conference 2019 have now been selected and confirmed. We will soon (around March 20) open up an Expression of Interest for all other participants.

Selection process

The Expression of Interest period will be open for three weeks (March 20-April 10). It does not matter if you apply on the first or the last day. We will look at all expression of interest forms after the deadline. We will make a selection according to criteria that the Working Group for the conference has determined as important to ensure that we are prioritizing communities that do not usually get an opportunity to be part of global spaces. In short, we will prioritize giving access to people who are not in a privileged position. **This means that filling out the expression of interest form is the first step into the selection process, it does not guarantee your participation.**

Our goal is to have a conference with participants who are as diverse as possible. Also we are committed to ensuring the representation of all identities in their diversity. Apart from your motivation to participate, we will therefore also look at how you identify and where you are located. We will use a system to assure representative participation from each region and we would like you to indicate if you consider yourself, apart from your SOGIESC identity, to be part of other marginalized groups. We **honour** your privacy so your individual responses will be used only to guide our decision-making. **We will let you know around April 25 if you have been selected to participate in the conference.**

Costs

We strongly advise everybody who registers to make sure you are able to afford all costs connected to your participation (flight/accommodation/conference package/visas etc.). We unfortunately no longer have scholarship opportunities available, but you can look into possibilities to be funded individually (through embassies, regional (women's) funds, crowdfunding, etc.) or via your organization. **Make sure you know if you can participate before the deadline of April 10.**

The price for a full delegate package for the whole conference costs 450 USD and includes:

- Full access to all four days of the conference
- Lunches and tea breaks during conference days
- Resource material
- Language interpretation and translation during plenaries (French and Spanish is guaranteed, Russian, Arabic and/or Portuguese if the demand is significantly high. We will look into possibilities for whisper translation during some workshops)

- Participation in the opening ceremony (dinner included) and closing ceremony (party with drinks)
- **App with final program and abstracts summary overviews**
- Free Wi-Fi service in the conference premises

However a sliding scale for the participation fee is also in place, depending on your situation:

- A. If you work at an organization/institution that is operating in-country, regionally or internationally (NGO/foundation/fund/multilateral institution, other type of institution or organization):

With an annual budget <500.000 USD:	you pay 450 USD
With an annual budget 500.000-2.000.000 USD:	you pay 1000 USD
With an annual budget >2.000.000 USD:	you pay 1500 USD

- B. If your organization cannot cover the fee, we will look at your own monthly salary:

<500 USD:	you pay 20 USD
500-1000 USD:	you pay 50 USD
1000-1500 USD:	you pay 100 USD
1500-2000 USD:	you pay 200 USD
2000-2500 USD:	you pay 300 USD
>2500 USD:	you pay 450 USD

Content

An overview of the selected workshops and preliminary program will become available on the website on 20 March.

Location

The conference will be held at:

Century City Conference Center in Century City near Cape Town, South Africa. If you are selected to participate in the conference we recommend you to book accommodation for yourself near the venue as soon as possible.

Who are the organizers?

The conference is being organised by a Working Group consisting of 22 LBQ women* activists with different backgrounds and representing all continents of the globe. There is an Advisory Committee mandated to give support on specific matters. COC Netherlands is part of the process as the facilitation hub and will act as the fiscal agent for the conference. All members of the working group and the advisory committee are working on a voluntary basis.

Triangle Project, a lesbian-led human rights organisation in South Africa, has been selected as host. To co-host the conference, Triangle Project is bringing together a queer lesbian feminist collective that consists of four Cape Town-based organisations i.e. African Gender Institute (AGI), Gender Equity Unit (GEU), FreeGender, FEMME and Triangle Project itself.

Aim of the conference and target group

This conference is a space to recognize, celebrate and affirm the experiences, needs, organizing and activism of lesbian, bisexual and queer women, based on self-determination. The priority is to center women*, including intersex, trans, cisgender and all people who identify as women* with marginalized sexualities. Women* prioritizes people who identify as women, but includes gender non-conforming and non-binary people.

Please check our website's FAQ section for more information lbqwomenconference.org/faqs/en. If you have any questions, please email the organizing team at: lbqwomenglobalconference@gmail.com.