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JANUARY

The United States’ government announces abrupt cuts to development aid, causing the immediate disruption of life-saving services for our communities. As more countries reduce their foreign assistance contributions, we join civil society in alerting the world to the catastrophic consequences of these decisions.

MARCH

In solidarity with feminist and social justice movements worldwide, we are at the 69th Commission on the Status of Women, co-convening the LGBTI caucus and supporting activists’ work into the heart of global gender equality discussion.

MAY

The world gathers on the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia to celebrate sexual and gender diversity. We continue to host the advisory committee of this critical global initiative, and this year’s theme is “The power of communities”: the only way to keep driving positive change is together!

JULY

A victory in hard times! Following a campaign by 1,259 NGOs from 157 States and territories, the Human Rights Council renews the mandate of the only UN human rights expert specifically dedicated to addressing violence and discrimination against LGBT and gender diverse persons.

SEPTEMBER

We are at the Human Rights Council with intersex activists worldwide, as the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations presents its first-ever report on discriminatory laws and policies, violence, and harmful practices against intersex persons.

NOVEMBER

We expand the ILGA World Database with a new section on laws protecting LGBTI youth from bullying. Even in the current global environment – where reactionary voices have turned schools into battlefields – UN member States are taking concrete steps forward.

FEBRUARY

Our Executive Director addresses the UN Human Rights Council, affirming trans women’s rights on behalf of 75 feminist organisations. *“We deserve to be recognised, protected, and to live free from violence and discrimination: as trans women, as women, and as human beings.”*

We launch the ILGA World meetups: a new online space for dialogue and mutual solidarity where our member organisations can share their experiences and learn from one another.

APRIL

Together with historic partners, we welcome human rights to Geneva for a particularly successful Trans Advocacy Week, an initiative that will reach its tenth iteration in 2026.

JUNE

The LGBTI Pathways project moves full steam ahead! The Global Philanthropy Project and ILGA World set up robust regional structures to continue developing evidence on the needs, priorities, and funding landscapes of LGBTI movements.

AUGUST

ILGA regional conferences bring together hundreds of LGBTI human rights defenders and allies. Throughout the year, our member organisations and allies meet in Nepal, Lithuania, and South Africa to discuss the present and the future of our movements.

OCTOBER

As the year draws to a close, we reflect on the recent UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, where LGBTI voices were present like never before: economic empowerment is for everyone, no matter our walks of life!

DECEMBER

A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-SECRETARIES GENERAL

We may come from very different places, inhabit diverse bodies, or enjoy a variety of flavours on our tables, but most of us care for very similar things: the freedoms to feel safe in our own skin, to go about our lives as our authentic selves, and to keep our families, friends, and communities whole.

And yet, these very simple goals are harder to reach by the minute. In 2025, people in power made deliberate choices to roll back equality, recognition and protections, cut the lifelines of millions, and suppress the resources that allowed our organisations to care for those whom States leave behind.

We are tired of being resilient. We are tired of even hearing the word. And yet, whenever the going gets tough, our LGBTI communities always respond in the same way: we refuse to sit and watch the world crumble. Instead, we roll up our sleeves, join forces with good people across diverse movements, and support one another.

We have no other choice, really. In 2025, the number of countries that criminalise consensual same-sex relations rose again for the first time in years: Burkina Faso for the first time in its history, and Trinidad and Tobago reversing recent gains. Argentina modified its landmark Gender Identity Law, while the United Kingdom Supreme Court issued a ruling on sex and gender definitions under the Equality Act, with significant consequences for trans people's legal protections. New Zealand nearly banned puberty blocker prescriptions, halted only by court intervention.

Governments worldwide slashed foreign aid, and the U.S. Trump administration barred trans, gender-diverse, and intersex people from competing in sports consistent with their gender, while the Supreme Court upheld State bans on gender-affirming care for youth. Hungary and Slovakia passed constitutional amendments undermining our communities' rights, with the former going as far as banning Pride marches and threatening arrests for defiance. Kazakhstan introduced an "anti-LGBTI propaganda" law.

Amidst such cruelties, our communities kept facing violence. Hundreds of people were killed or died unrecognised. We mourned the deaths of true

equality heroes like Isikeli Vulavou, Jholerina Brinnette Timbo, and Miss Major Griffin-Gracy. The horrific murder of Imam Muhsin Hendricks shook us all to the core. And the death of our dear former co-Secretary General Tuisina Ymania Brown brought us to our knees.

Ymania taught us something important: community gives us strength, basking us in the light of true solidarity. And, in that lesson, we find hope every day. Despite setbacks, our communities kept working for a better world—and progress continued even in this dark year.

The Human Rights Council renewed the mandate of the only UN expert explicitly working to protect LGBT and gender-diverse persons from violence and discrimination. Legal victories emerged globally: Saint Lucia decriminalised consensual same-sex sexual acts, and the Dominican Republic did the same for its armed forces. Marriage equality arrived in Thailand and Liechtenstein. Cuba passed a law allowing gender marker changes without abusive preconditions.

Courts upheld our rights: the EU Court of Justice ruled that member states must recognise same-sex marriages performed elsewhere. In Hong Kong, a judge recognised a lesbian couple's son. Kenya's Eldoret High Court directed the government to introduce trans protection legislation—a continental first. In the United States, the Supreme Court rejected efforts to overturn its 2015 marriage equality ruling. Thousands defied the Budapest Pride ban in a landmark moment for European democracy. The Council of Europe set its first intersex human rights standards, and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights released its inaugural report on intersex discrimination and violence.

This is what tireless community work achieves. Despite hardships, we keep walking toward meaningful equality for all — together.

It has been like that throughout our history as a movement. In the late nineteenth century, Karl Heinrich Ulrichs was one of the first people in Europe to publicly argue that homosexual people deserved dignity. He stood up and spoke when it was



dangerous to do so. He was interrupted. He was shouted down. But he spoke anyway.

Our history is full of similar stories, everywhere. A global constellation like ILGA did not appear out of nowhere. It grew from the energy of people who believed that, no matter who they are, everyone is worthy of respect.

Today, we connect over twenty-three hundred organisations across more than one hundred and seventy countries and territories. Many of them work in places where speaking openly is still risky. Some

work at the United Nations. Many work quietly, locally, every day.

What connects all of us is very simple. It is the belief that everyone deserves to live with dignity. Fully. Welcomed as they are.

In solidarity,

Kimberly *Yuri*

Kimberly Frost and Yuri Guaiana
ILGA World co-Secretaries General

Three weeks into 2025, lightning struck. The US president issued an executive order freezing all development aid for 90 days, and his administration soon terminated hundreds of vital grants that allowed civil society organisations to operate. Many countries chose not to step up and mitigate the blow, but to cut funding as well, precisely when far-right movements and authoritarian governments are trying hard to dismantle social progress.

Months have passed, and the catastrophic consequences of these reckless decisions are still developing. Social justice movements are smaller and poorer. Across the world, health and community centres are no longer able to access resources and serve marginalised communities. Projects to advance their safety, well-being, and dignity had to shut down. Governments chose to put thousands of people's lives at risk, withdrawing support without offering alternatives.

As a global federation of LGBTI organisations, ILGA World was heavily hit. But this has been bigger than us: the crisis hit several movements at once, and the response had to be unified. So we doubled down on our cross-movement work, seeking allies and partnerships. Together, our donor education and advocacy efforts laid the groundwork for more cross-movement funding which will be further redistributed to our movements.

While facing the storm, our work continued.

Throughout 2025, we amplified our communities' voices within United Nations human rights bodies, welcomed them to Geneva for weeks of advocacy, and connected them with Special Procedures mandate holders during their country visits. We strengthened our work on strategic litigation, national advocacy engagement, and the Sustainable Development Goals. We co-convened the LGBTI Caucus during the Commission on the Status of Women. And, together with 1,259 organisations, we ensured that the Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, the only UN mandate specifically dedicated to addressing violence and discrimination against LGBT and gender-diverse persons, could continue his important work.

We ensured that LGBTI issues were high on the agenda in sports, defended everyone's right to play, and continued advocating for economic inclusion in the world of work

Our research broke new ground, expanding the ILGA World Database to reveal that most States worldwide still have no laws protecting LGBTI youth from school bullying.

ILGA regions convened hundreds of LGBTI human rights defenders and allies in Nepal, Lithuania, and South Africa for their conferences. We brought our member organisations together for online meet-ups – informal meetings for peer exchange, learning, visibility, and global solidarity.

Together with GPP we analysed the needs, priorities, and funding landscape of international and regional movements through the LGBTI Pathways project, and we continued to host the secretariats of the Equal Rights Coalition and of the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia – linking the protection of the human rights of LGBTI persons, the promotion of inclusive development, and the celebration of diversity. We advanced stronger internal procedures, rooting our operations in feminist approaches and creating more flexible reporting for our sub-granting initiatives.

But also, like never before, we responded in allyship to the intense anti-rights pushback we are going through, uniting feminist, sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice, and LGBTI movements, as well as wider social justice and human rights organisations.

Behind all this work, there are people. Our Board and committee members, who volunteer their time, energy, skills, and passion to keep ILGA World truly movement-owned. Our staff and consultants, who continue giving their best to serve our communities. And, most of all, each and every one of you, forming the fabulous chosen family that is ILGA World: a place where we collide – at times disagreeing – but at the same time as well draw strength from our collective energy, and recognise that even in



the darkest moments, thousands of people, groups, and organisations continue to show up, in countless places, against all odds.

In solidarity,

Julia

Julia Ehrt
ILGA World Executive Director

ADVOCACY: DRIVING CHANGE WITH OUR COMMUNITIES



When they can truly exercise their human rights, everyone can live a life of dignity. But today, and unsurprisingly, the very systems designed to protect those rights are constantly attacked and weakened by the same governments and leaders who view vulnerability as something to disrespect.

Throughout the year, and together with countless allies across social justice movements, we continued to stand our ground for LGBTI communities at the United Nations and in multilateral spaces. Because building a more supportive and inclusive world for everyone, everywhere, is the ultimate reason ILGA World exists.

Even in a dramatic year, our communities kept winning. Following a campaign by 1,259 non-governmental organisations from 157 States and territories, the Human Rights Council renewed the mandate of the only human rights expert within the United Nations system that is specifically dedicated to addressing violence and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and gender-diverse

persons. The Independent Expert on SOGI will now be able to continue his work for three more years, and the renewal was a true spark of hope amid attempts to dismantle the progress our communities fought so hard to achieve.

Throughout 2025, we supported our members as they engaged with United Nations human rights bodies and continued to amplify their voices in these spaces. All these efforts are bringing about concrete change for our communities on the ground!

We welcomed activists to Geneva for weeks of advocacy around various UN human rights bodies, especially the Universal Periodic Review. We co-hosted a particularly successful Trans Advocacy Week, an initiative that will reach its tenth iteration in 2026. Trans advocates worldwide spoke to States missions, UN representatives, and international organisations on how foreign aid cuts are blocking them from supporting their own communities, at a time when governments are making their lives more difficult with multiple legislative rollbacks.

We delivered statements and hosted events at the Human Rights Council — raising the voices of LGBT and gender-diverse persons who had been forcibly displaced, of human rights defenders who faced new forms of violence and surveillance through technology, and of experts reaffirming gender-based approaches to violence and discrimination against women and girls.

We connected activists with Special Procedures mandate holders during their country visits and shared expert input for their thematic reports. We also strengthened our support for grassroots organisations, training activists on the ground to engage with UN mechanisms. In 2025, ILGA World supported civil society organisations in more than 15 countries for their shadow reports to Treaty Bodies, and collaborated with groups across the world to raise the voices of lesbian, bisexual, trans, and intersex women with disabilities, and to inform the CEDAW recommendation on gender stereotypes with the perspectives of LGBTI women.

But our work doesn't stop in Geneva. Thirty years after the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, we still have much progress to make to achieve gender equality and human rights for all women.

In 2025, ILGA World was once again a co-convenor of the LGBTI Caucus at the Commission of the Status of Women — where we supported the participation of six LGBTI human rights defenders to bring trans, gender-diverse, and intersex rights into the heart of global gender equality discussions. We also co-hosted five events addressing the importance of bodily autonomy for everyone to fulfil sexual and reproductive health rights and justice, and we contributed to recreating the historic 'Lesbian tent', thirty years after Beijing, to commemorate the fundamental advocacy work of women in our communities.

For the first time, our Executive Director, Julia Ehrt, was present at the high-level week of the UN General Assembly in New York. On this occasion, she also spoke at a women's meeting during the Concordia Annual Summit, which brings together heads of state and leaders of the private and NGO sectors. "Let us remind ourselves of the core of the women's struggle over the past 100 years: it is to liberate women from the restrictions of the roles that society has imposed on us," she said, addressing the room. "What we need for that are reason, empathy, and solidarity."

But our communities need economic safety and inclusion, too. In 2025, business, labour, and human rights became a core part of our advocacy. We were present in key moments, including the International Labour Conference and the UN Economic Commission for Europe Forum, and supported grassroots organisations in Indonesia and the Philippines to contribute to national reports ahead of the High-Level Political Forum, reaffirming that decent work and economic growth at the core of the Sustainable Development Goals must apply to LGBTI people, too.

Thanks to our growing work within the Sport & Rights Alliance, we kept fighting for our communities' right to play. As reactionary sport bodies and federations are putting into question the importance of bodily autonomy, putting the safety of all women at risk, we continued to drive dialogue for democracy in sport.





MAKING AN IMPACT WITNESSING HISTORIC ADVANCES FOR THE INTERSEX COMMUNITY

In September 2025, something truly historic happened at the Human Rights Council: the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations presented its first-ever report on discriminatory laws and policies, violence, and harmful practices against intersex persons.

On that occasion, we worked with intersex partner and member organisations coming to Geneva and advocating in first person with States and UN bodies to prohibit unnecessary medical interventions on people with innate variations of sex characteristics, and to integrate their protection into laws and policies to combat infanticide, hate crimes, violence, hate speech, and more harmful practices.

This was the culmination of decades of work of intersex activism globally, which ILGA has been honoured to be part of. In 2025, we participated in meetings with intersex activists in Asia and Africa to better understand regional priorities for the movement. In the months leading up to the publication of the report, ILGA World also worked closely with the OHCHR and intersex communities globally to ensure that the report adequately represented the voices and realities of intersex people everywhere.

Over 190 organisations and activists contributed to the report. Thanks to their work, intersex voices are now on the official United Nations record: States will no longer be able to ignore the realities they describe and must begin to rectify historic injustices.

The report is a strong testimony to the world that intersex people exist and are part of families, communities, and societies. And together, we will continue to work until all intersex people are safe from harm.

LOOKING AHEAD

Equity and equality take time, dialogue, and the perseverance to keep going. We know that a resolution, or the passing of positive laws, do not automatically translate into LGBTI people being suddenly able to fully exercise their rights.

The current, suffocating, hostile climate is affecting the ability of many organisations on the ground to push for change. This is why our work must continue, connecting the grassroots with the international level. We will continue to meet with governments, legislators, decision-makers, and civil society to embed legal, economic, social, and political inclusion directly into policy and practice. Together, we will turn every dialogue into a bridge towards acceptance and dignity. Through relentless, collaborative advocacy, we will continue pushing for change. And we will not stop until every LGBTI person can fully exercise their rights.



AT A GLANCE

1,259

organisations mobilised in partnership to support the renewal of the IESOGI mandate

50+

direct diplomatic engagements facilitated between HRDs and member states

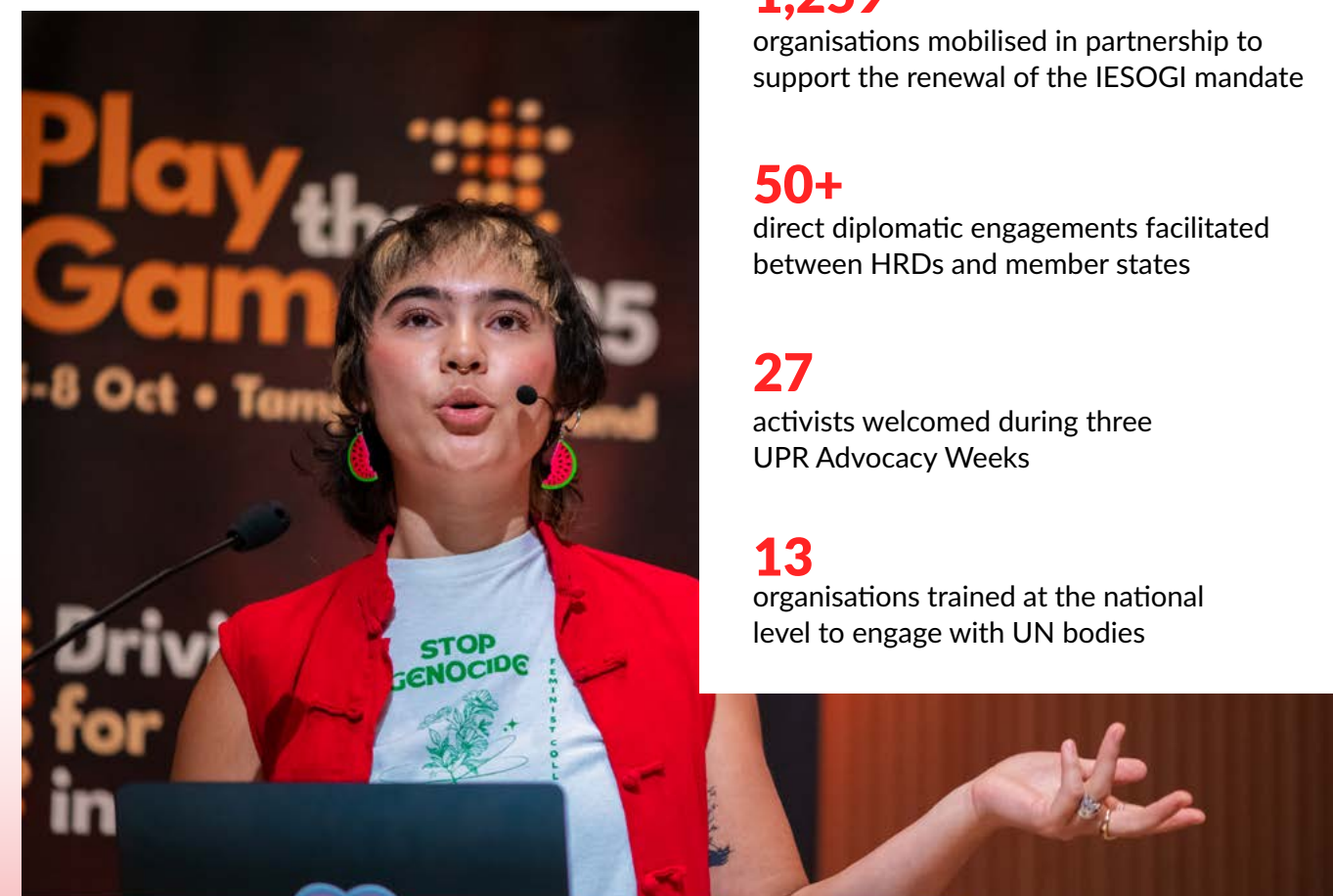
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activists welcomed during three UPR Advocacy Weeks

13

organisations trained at the national level to engage with UN bodies

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At ILGA World, over forty years of research experience rely on a shared belief: what no one documents remains misunderstood in the public eye, dismissed as irrelevant, and not in need of being addressed. This is why our collections and analyses of laws affecting LGBTI people remain so critical for our communities and decision-makers worldwide.

But in 2025, we witnessed something even more alarming than institutional research gaps: data started to disappear. Administrations began removing crucial information and history from government websites, while civil society faced a funding crisis so severe that it obstructed its ability to document the lived realities of the communities it serves.

To these blatant attempts to keep vital information from the public, ILGA World responded with strategic refocusing and new alliances.

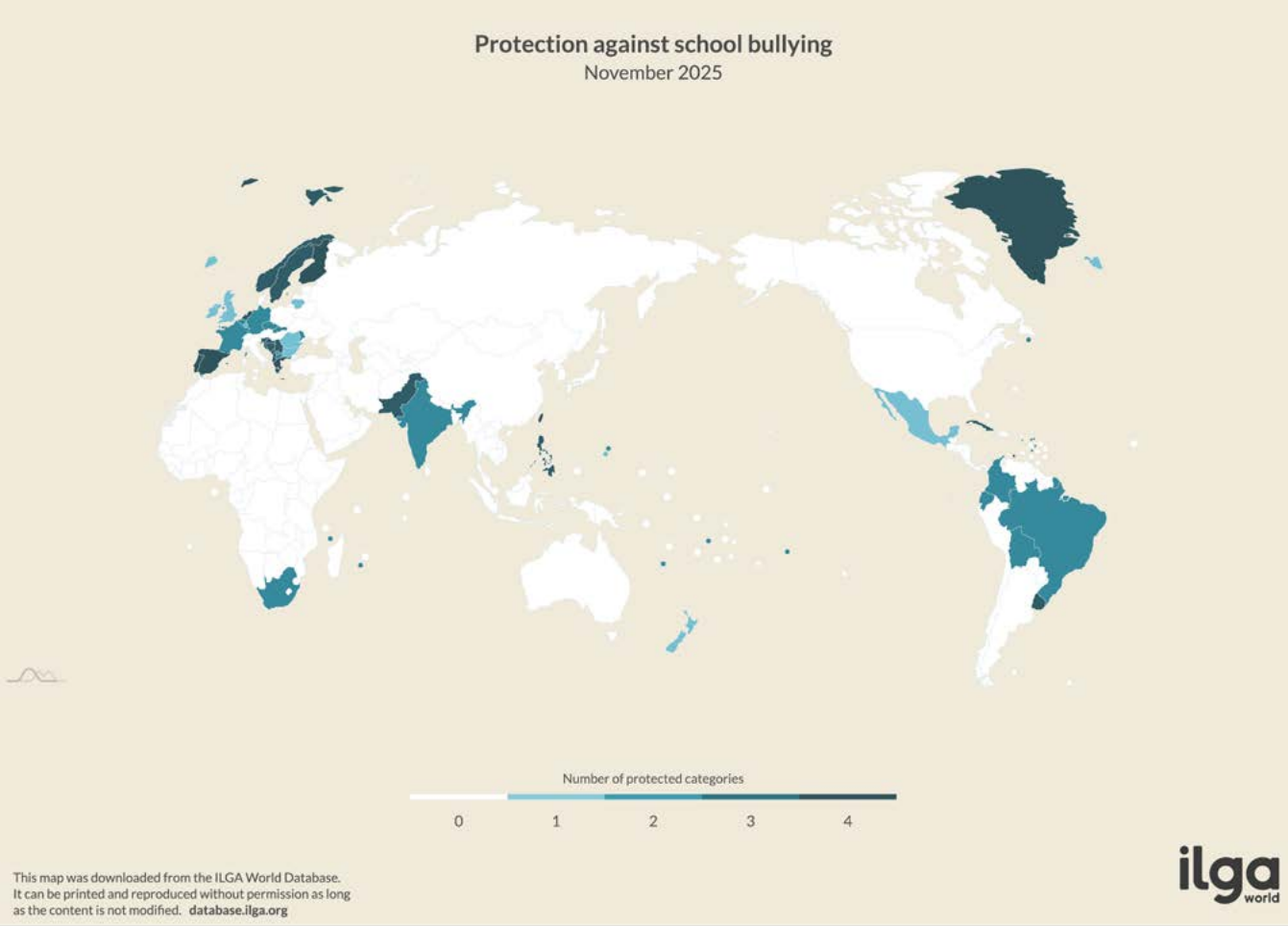
Our research team reoriented the ILGA World Monitor to especially track legal developments and news about human rights violations, and many supporters joined our fundraising campaign to keep the ILGA World Database alive. Together, these two resources continued to be the foundational tools for multiple reports, statements, and datasheets, informing key stakeholders and decision-makers across the world.

With our data, we engaged States and civil society in the Equal Rights Coalition working groups, providing legal analyses of key judgements and solid arguments for countries decriminalising consensual same-sex sexual acts.

Meanwhile, the LGBTI Pathways project moved full steam ahead, with the goal of ensuring that funding for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex movements better reflects the realities and priorities of our communities. In 2025, the Global Philanthropy Project and ILGA World set up robust regional structures of partner organisations and expert groups, whose work led to the launch of a global survey, available in 13 languages. The answers of LGBTI and allied groups worldwide will inform a global report and seven regional publications, indicating where the funding is going and where real gaps remain.

In 2025, we continued to document how advances within international human rights bodies took place, and what they can mean for communities on the ground. On the first anniversary of the UN Human Rights Council resolution – the first internationally agreed document that defined what is meant by the term “intersex” – we joined forces with six other organisations to publish a new report, summarising ten years of advocacy on intersex issues in United Nations spaces and explaining what steps lie ahead.

As attacks on democracy and freedom are growing across the world, LGBTI movements are inherently at the forefront of resistance. This is why, together with the Williams Institute, we spent the year laying the groundwork for a new research project addressing LGBTI participation in democracy, and took part in the International Civil Society Week organised by CIVICUS to discuss how democracy can become more inclusive.



MAKING AN IMPACT
PROTECTING LGBTI YOUTH
FROM SCHOOL BULLYING

No matter where we begin our journey, the beliefs that guide us, or the lives we can build for our families, most people want youth to travel safely through an education that can grant them a future.

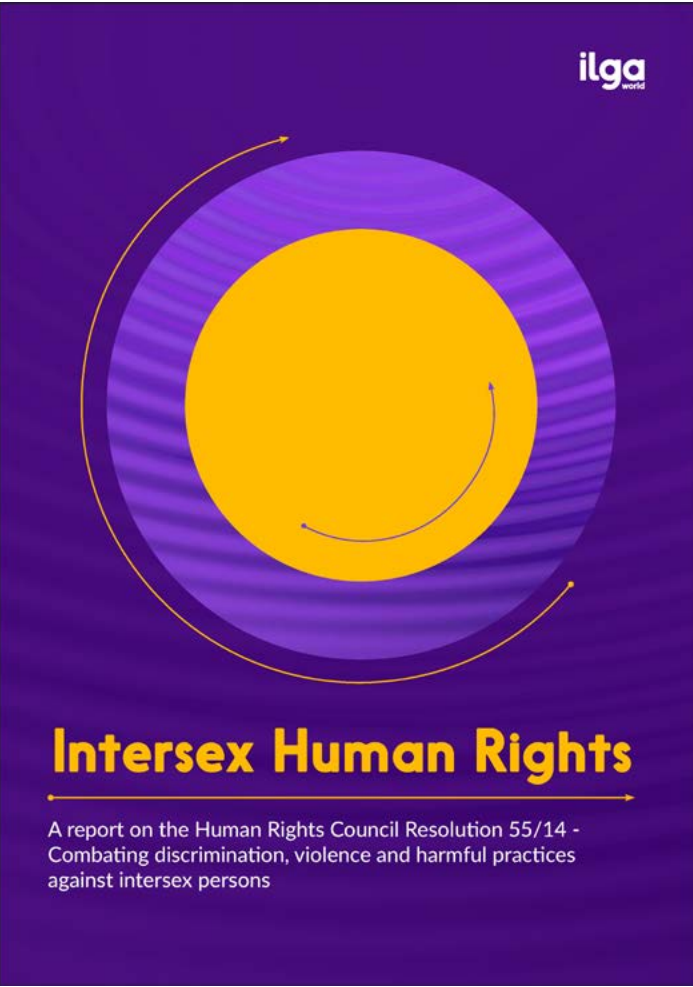
But today, reactionary forces have turned education paths into battlefields, blocking efforts to ensure safe and welcoming schools.

In 2025, we expanded the ILGA World Database to include a new section, mapping laws that protect LGBTI youth from school bullying. The data resulting from our research is sobering: only six UN member States have adopted anti-bullying legisla-

tion that protects youth irrespective of their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics. At least one of these grounds, however, is explicitly mentioned in national-level laws in at least 40 UN member States. Still, this is just one-fifth of the world.

Youth are particularly exposed to the growing anti-rights and anti-gender hostility, and yet laws still largely fail to protect them from harassment coming from their peers or school authorities. Our research cast a light on the problem, showing also which UN member States are taking concrete steps to protect LGBTI youth through laws.

Youth thrive when they can enjoy an education that lets them pursue their dreams - without exceptions or roadblocks. Our data provides decision-makers with a starting point to take action. Together, we can make sure everyone has the opportunity to travel safely towards their future.



The funding that strengthens our LGBTI communities is shifting rapidly, and it's more important than ever that donors make decisions based on the realities of the communities affected.

Build a global picture of LGBTI communities with us.



AT A GLANCE

200+
countries and territories where unique users of the ILGA World Database are based

1,000,000
LGBTI references captured in the ILGA World Monitor since its existence

7
regions of the world represented in the LGBTI Pathways project

55/14
the historic Human Rights Council resolution on intersex people's rights analysed in our joint report

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, our research will continue to draw on the knowledge and courage of our member organisations and activists worldwide, ensuring that our analysis of laws and social attitudes is rigorous, useful, and safe for those on the ground. This year will see the return of landmark publications and toolkits, as well as new ones that map attacks against our communities and show a way forward. We will complement these snapshots with constant updates to the ILGA World Database and ILGA World Monitor.

Evidence-based research is what helps activists build the foundation of their advocacy work. It shows decision-makers where the gaps are and what must be done to close them. And it is at the core of what we do at ILGA World, with and for our communities.

MOVEMENT STRENGTHENING: ACHIEVING SOCIAL CHANGE, TOGETHER



photo: ILGA Asia

Keeping movements alive needs resources, shared values, relational accountability, and collective care. Over the years, ILGA World has followed these principles to convene people and movements walking to the rhythm of social justice, from the grassroots to the global stage.

In 2025, our cross-movement work evolved into an intersectional framework that unites groups focused on sexual and reproductive health, HIV, and LGBTI people’s human rights within a single, agile structure built for today’s political urgency.

Our teams created new governance mechanisms, reinforced regional justice compacts, and devised forward-looking strategies to counter anti-rights backlash and funding crises with solidarity, creativity, and determination. After months of reflection, we launched a resilient network ready to scale bold

advocacy, louder campaigns, and resource mobilisation throughout 2025 and beyond.

Shared resolve and political alignment are the foundations of how our movements are meeting the moment, together.

Together with Amnesty International, AWID, and IPPF, we convened over 40 senior leaders from LGBTI, feminist, sexual reproductive health and rights, and human rights movements in Bangkok, Thailand, for a meeting dedicated to cross-movement reflection, care, and strategic co-creation.

At the United Nations and in other key multilateral fora, we continued to bring our values of feminist and queer liberation forward, challenging anti-gender and anti-rights narratives trying to sow the seeds of division everywhere, from democratic spaces to sports.

We engaged in a sustained series of donor education and advocacy efforts, making the case for cross-sector approaches to social justice work at a time when movements had been ravaged by an unprecedented support crisis.

We joined LGBTI advocates and leaders at the Pride7 summit in Ottawa, Canada, reinforcing the importance of intersectional approaches to addressing global challenges impacting our communities. We were present at the World Sexual Health Assembly, joining world leaders in a declaration that reaffirmed the importance of sexual health, pleasure, and justice in the lives of every individual across the globe. At the Southern African Civil Society Forum in Antananarivo, Madagascar, we amplified the voices of civil society experts, highlighting the real-world impact of regressive policies targeting our communities.

Our work is rooted in every region, strengthening our movements in their branching out from within. To better understand how we can be most useful to organisations on the ground, we were present at key meetings of the Asian and African intersex movements, as well as at gatherings of historic partners.

ILGA regions brought together more than a thousand activists for their conferences in Nepal, Lithuania, and South Africa. Here, our team met human rights defenders, organised support for their national advocacy efforts, and connected them with United Nations experts. We shared our global perspectives and listened to the diversity of local realities. And we provided both on-site and remote support for membership and governance processes, working closely with regional offices to align with governing documents, meet accessibility requirements, and resolve any on-site issues so that member organisations could fully exercise their democratic rights within the broader ILGA chosen family.

During the year, our teams created new spaces exclusively for member organisations to share experiences, learn from one another, and support our global communities. In 2025, the new ILGA World meet-ups addressed topics as diverse as alternative social media platforms, the renewal of United Nations mandates, or the specific needs and demands of bisexual communities.

For the third year, ILGA World successfully facilitated global initiatives around the International Day

against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (or IDAHOBIT). Together with the regional and global networks of organisations that form the IDAHOBIT advisory group, we chose ‘The power of communities’ as the theme for the world to rally around, documented events happening worldwide, and provided practical campaigning resources in over 80 languages to support the celebrations.

Working with allies across movements, our bold campaigning work helped secure historic victories, including the renewal of the mandate of the UN Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. Organisations working on gender equality amplified our voices: ILGA World became the first LGBTI organisation to be recognised as a She Decides champion; our Executive Director joined global leaders among the International Gender Champions; Oxfam invited us to reflect on the evolution of feminist and queer movements, and the power of trust in building cross-movement solidarity. Together, our voices are stronger!

photo: ILGA-Europe





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MAKING AN IMPACT DONOR ADVOCACY AND FUNDING SHIFTS

In 2025, a catastrophic storm hit the human rights, aid, and development sectors. Many governments decided to freeze funding streams, or to cut aid budgets entirely. States that had historically supported the work of civil society organisations turned their backs to LGBTI communities, women and girls, and vulnerable people living in conflict zones and humanitarian crises. The consequences have been far-reaching and devastating, particularly for the people who relied on these organisations for life-saving support and health services.

The crisis hit several movements at once, and the response had to be unified. Single-issue frameworks no longer serve our movements. This is why ILGA World and allied organisations engaged in a series of donor education and advocacy efforts, highlighting the need of cross-sector approaches to social justice work. These efforts contributed to a

notable shift in donors' attitudes, laying the groundwork for more cross-movement funding and a large 18-month regranting programme for five partner organisations that we will further redistribute to our movements.

This was a significant victory that ILGA World obtained for our communities, at the time when they needed it the most.

LOOKING AHEAD

When times are particularly trying, our movements are still grounded in the values that shape us all: solidarity, collaboration, diversity, and social justice are the foundation we build on, towards our collective liberation.

Going forward, we will continue to centre the voices of our member organisations and communities within global equality, gender, and health policy discussions. We will organise an LGBTI pre-conference at the next Women Deliver global gathering, and gear towards both our own next World Conference and the Reclaiming The Future civil society convening. We will expand our work at the intersection of LGBTI and climate justice issues, and make the case for the inclusion of our communities as fundamental to achieve stable and equitable democracies.

Integrated advocacy, robust partnerships, and unwavering solidarity will propel the movement toward a future of universal dignity and equality. Now is the time to say what we are for, far more often than what we are against.

photo: P7 Summit 2025



AT A GLANCE

100,000

social media interactions around IDAHOBIT 2025

1,500

participants across ILGA regional conferences

6

impact stories on our website, documenting our support to community wins

2,211

photos within the ILGA & ILIS History Collection at the Bishopsgate Institute, documenting the first 18 years of our history

OUR ILGA CHOSEN FAMILY: WALKING TO THE BEAT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, TOGETHER



As of December 2025, a total of 2,304 member organisations from 175 countries and territories spread across six regions are part of ILGA World. After careful assessments of their applications, our Board approved 182 new organisations to join our global chosen family.

Against significant challenges, our network feeds on vibrant, growing energy that also reflects in how ILGA World is evolving. Youth leadership is a defining force in this momentum, with young activists leading nearly half of our new member organisations. Most groups work with multiple communities at once, showing the unity of our movement, responding to intersecting needs and identities rather than operating in silos.

We continue to convene our global chosen family, building deeper connection and solidarity through renewed engagement strategies and spaces to learn from one another. We kept improving our governance processes, supporting Board elections and

membership support desks at our regional conferences in Asia, Africa, and Europe, and we updated our procedures to review membership applications, allowing an even more accurate due diligence.

To keep growing our network, we need stronger internal systems. In 2025, we launched a data integrity project to verify and update our membership records, working closely with every ILGA region. New planning tools allowed us to better manage complex projects across staff members working across multiple time zones. Our Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation team continued to track the impact of our work, and we held recurring reflection sessions to examine our strategies and align them with community goals. These moments of collective thinking help us stay true to our mission.

In this shifting geopolitical landscape, our logistics team has continued to place safety, care, and responsiveness at the centre of all travel and event

processes. We have strengthened our human-centred logistics approach by embedding heightened security protocols, pre-event risk awareness, and clear escalation pathways into planning and implementation. We adopted a heightened security response protocol that includes psychosocial support and clear escalation paths for emergencies, ensuring that participation is enabled with dignity, care, and a strong duty of care.

Like every organisation working with human rights defenders and populations who are often the target of surveillance, digital security is of utmost importance. We further invested in technology to protect against external threats and decided to migrate our data to European servers – where it can enjoy stronger data protection regulations.

Our communications team has been testing new grounds, documenting the advocacy victories of our member organisations, and developing more inclusive narratives that engage our base, persuade the middle, and alienate the opposition.

Hosting the secretariat of the [Equal Rights Coalition](#), we supported the work of its 44 member States and 150 civil society organisations from around the globe. We created spaces where stakeholders could safely share information to ground their advocacy, and coordinated thematic working groups on humanitarian protection, sustainable development, international diplomacy, national laws and policies, and resource mobilisation.

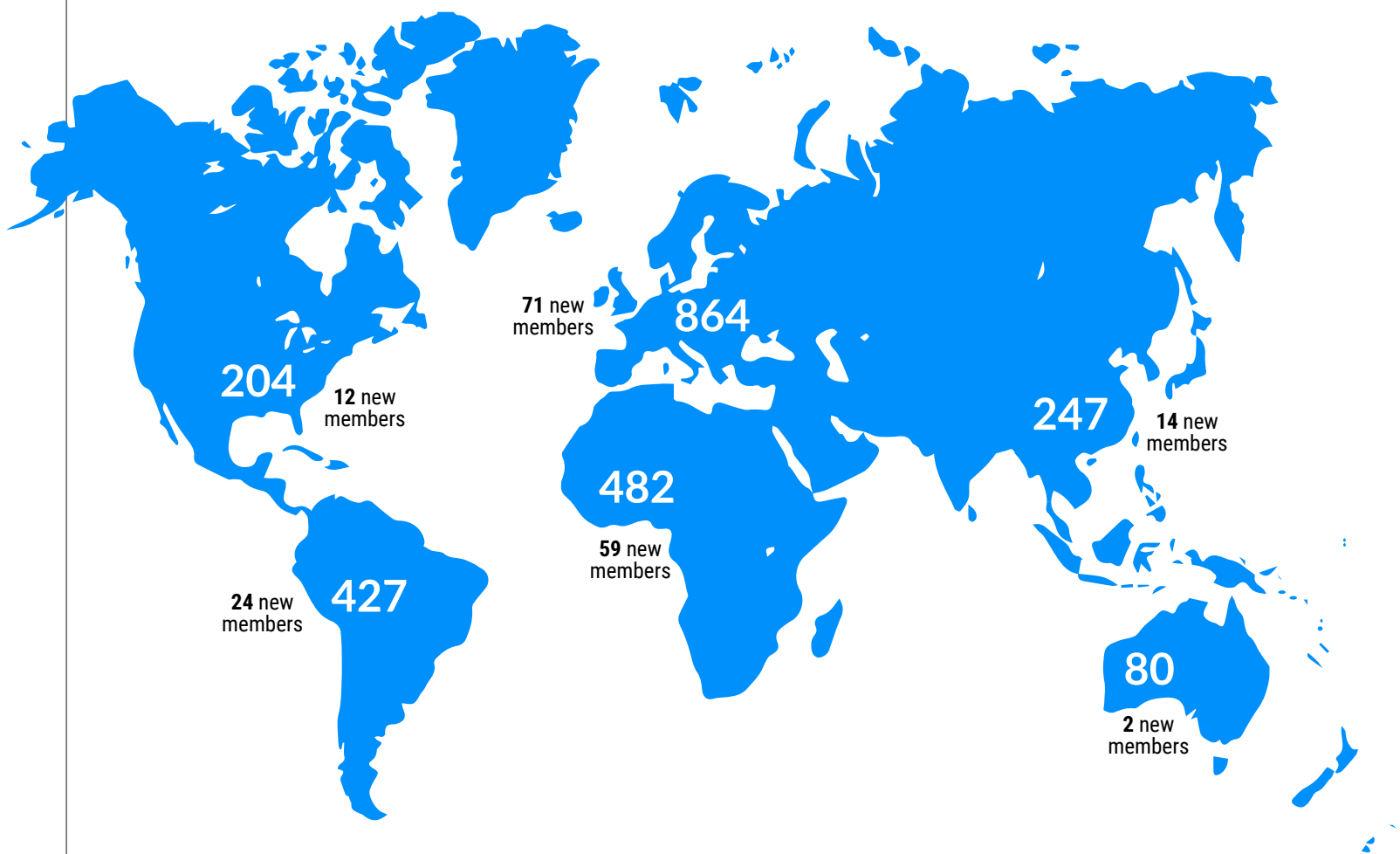
In the current climate, our fundraising also required bold adaptation. As social justice movements worldwide witnessed the collapse of foreign and development aid, our donor advocacy emphasised the need for flexible, multi-year commitments to respond to the backlash with agility. The partnerships we (re)activated with governments, corporate donors, and philanthropy networks allowed us to sustain critical programmes, and stronger systems for grant management meant that we could keep supporting our global movement in a time of severe policrises.

We conducted our annual risk review, documenting its process and sharing it with our Board members.

Human resources evolved to match our global reality. We reorganised our teams to reflect our strategic priorities and the needs of a distributed workforce and revised our staff manual to support a four-day workweek policy every other week.

All these efforts create a foundation for lasting growth, for our organisation and our movements. We walk together, guided by the beat of social justice, ready to face whatever comes next as a united chosen family.

THE ILGA REGIONS



The full list of ILGA member organisations is available at ilga.org

2,304
member organisations in

175
countries and territories within

6
regions

Africa

At a time when governments chose to put millions of people’s lives at risk, withdrawing their long-standing development aid without offering alternatives, our communities across Africa answered in defiance. Under the theme “Unbreakable: Our Pride, our power, our future”, Pan Africa ILGA brought together over 500 LGBTI human rights defenders for its regional conference in South Africa, reaffirming a joint commitment to a stronger, more united queer movement across the continent. Pan Africa ILGA continued to strengthen African LGBTI engagement in regional and international human rights spaces. Through practical training, mentoring and technical support, PAI supported activists to use African and UN human rights mechanisms more strategically, including the ACHPR, UPR, treaty bodies and Special Procedures. At the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, PAI helped keep decriminalisation, civic space and state accountability on the agenda. This included hosting a discussion on the colonial roots of criminalisation, contributing to strategic-litigation conversations, and using bilateral meetings with Commissioners to bring forward the lived realities of LGBTI people across the continent. The work also supported member organisations to prepare stronger submissions, shape clearer advocacy asks, and mention others in their movements, so that regional and global spaces translate into stronger national action. In a continent where countries are hardening their stances on criminalisation, our ILGA region is also working hard to change hearts and minds with its ongoing “Repeal, Reform, Respect” decriminalisation campaign, and sharing the stories of African queer folks through [a new podcast series](#).

Asia

For over two decades, ILGA Asia has served our communities across a vast and diverse region. In 2025, Asia witnessed both historic progress, including marriage equality coming into force in Thailand, and deepening violence and authoritarianism. In West Asia, our communities’ struggles continued to intersect with war and genocide. Against this backdrop, ILGA Asia brought together 604 activists and allies in Kathmandu, Nepal, and provided 111 scholarships for [its largest conference to date](#). Participants joined 18 pre-conferences and nearly 50 events covering issues ranging from LGBTI inclusion in humanitarian relief to marriage equality across Asia and youth activism. The region also continued its advocacy in international spaces, bringing human rights defenders to the High-Level Political Forum, supporting their spotlight reports, and strengthening their engagement with the Sustainable Development Goals. Meanwhile, ILGA Asia continued to strengthen solidarity across the Global South through its Power of Pride project, including by leading and supporting the production and launch of three organisational development resources co-created by activists from Asia and Africa to support grassroots organisation and communities across both regions.

Europe and Central Asia

Europe and Central Asia are living through dramatic shifts, with LGBTI people increasingly weaponised by governments seeking to erode democratic freedoms. Throughout 2025, ILGA-Europe tracked further momentum in anti-LGBTI laws, hostile political discourse, and threats to civil society, while the movement was forced to navigate the sudden erasure of committed funding streams. Against this landscape, the political advocacy, funding opportunities, and capacity-building work of ILGA-Europe remains. The region led 11 country-focused programmes, provided emergency funding in nine countries, and sustained dozens of organisations with over 150 open grants. It supported 28 strategic litigation cases, involved over a hundred activists in meetings with European institutions, and convened 440 participants to its [annual conference in Vilnius, Lithuania](#), including 149 from 40 countries, funded by ILGA-Europe. At a time when freedom of assembly is one of the key lines of defence against the antidemocratic decline, ILGA-Europe, association with Ljubljana Pride also brought together 15 organisers of a wide variety of Prides across the region for the first Pride Organiser’s Summit.

Latin America & the Caribbean

Over the past few years, the region has experienced the advance of authoritarian governments and the introduction of laws that would violate women’s and LGBTI people’s rights, and repress peaceful protests. In this context, the work of human rights defenders is more important than ever, and ILGALAC has focused much of their work in 2025 to engage in advocacy at the international level and develop tools and training spaces to strengthen their work, as well as to cater to their physical and emotional wellbeing. Our region systematically documented the attacks faced by activists, mapped their needs, and began developing toolkits to offer them practical strategies for resilience. ILGALAC has also convened reflection spaces for activists, organising virtual meetings – as well as producing reports and conducting research – to address the situation of civic spaces across countries, exchange experiences, and strengthen regional networks. To counter the democratic backsliding, it is everyone’s responsibility to participate in politics and exercise their voting rights. This is why our region continued to analyse the stances of political parties and candidates on LGBTI issues through electoral observatories, ahead of crucial elections across the continent. In the meantime, ILGALAC Board and staff members have been gearing up to their next regional conference, which will bring together activists from across Latin America and Caribbean in Niterói, Brazil in May 2026.

North America & the Caribbean

Among court victories and setbacks in laws and attitudes, 2025 has been a difficult year for our communities across the region. While Saint Lucia decriminalised consensual same-sex sexual acts, spreading hope across the Caribbean, LGBTI people continued to confront sustained pushback. In several contexts, [the hostility came directly from those in power](#), with regressive policy decisions undermining protections for women and disproportionately impacting trans and intersex people, while broader funding shifts threatened the sustainability of civil society organizations across the region, and [cut the lifelines](#) of millions of people worldwide. Despite these ongoing threats, ILGA-NAC continued to organise and advocate from the local to the international stage. Strengthening the regional evidence base to inform policy and philanthropic action remained a key priority for the region, including the publication of a regional study on the economic and employment realities of LGBTI people, which shed light on structural inequalities and lived experiences across diverse national contexts. The region also brought together organisations for multiple consultations and webinars, and [convened](#) LGBTI civil society leaders, independent experts, and development agencies for a three-day regional convening to advance sustainable, regionally-driven strategies for the movement.

Oceania

LGBTI communities across the Pacific will remember 2025 as a time of profound mourning. Over just a few months, the world lost [Tu- isina Ymania Brown](#), [Isikeli Vulavou](#), and [Dr. Leighley “Leli” Darling](#): true equality heroes at the helm of progress in their countries, who also championed Global South voices in the global LGBTI movement throughout their lives. Amidst so much loss, ILGA Oceania went through a significant leadership change and continued working in solidarity across movements on the international stage. Hailing from Fiji, [Shivana Singh](#) joined the organisation as its new Executive director, bringing more than two decades of experience across grassroots feminist activism, legislative reform, and regional movement-building. The region also continued working at the intersection of multiple identities, advocating for [the inclusion of LGBTI people with disabilities](#) in international resolutions and cooperating with feminist movements ahead to [the 2026 Women Deliver conference](#) – a landmark event poised to center the leadership and lived experience of feminists, First Nations leaders, and advocates across the Oceanic Pacific.

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THE ILGA REGIONS

These are the organisations that have joined the ILGA World membership in 2025.

AFRICA

- BENIN
- Envol - Association Action Santé Trans* Bénin
 - Reseau des Organisations Lgbtqi+ de Lutte contre Le Sida au Benin (Reseau Sida-Benin)
 - Synergie Trans Benin
 - Tous Pour L'inclusion
 - Union Sacrée
- BURKINA FASO
- Femme espoir et vie
 - Qosangana Afrocan Youth Network
 - 1 anonymous organisation
- BURUNDI
- Last Hope Refugee Association
- CAMEROON
- 2 anonymous organisations
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
- Association Centrafricaine pour l'égalité des Droits er la lutte contre le Sida
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
- Repro Justice Congo (associate member)
- EGYPT
- LooM SWANA
- GHANA
- Engagement-Q Community
 - Queer Ghana Education Fund
- KENYA
- Community for resilience support and wellbeing
 - Intersex Kenya Education and Advocacy
 - Men For Positive Living Support Organization
 - Outstar CBO
 - Quality for Health and Pride, CBO
 - Queerhive Kenya
 - Refugee Independence Support Organisation
 - Trans Arrivals Kenya
 - Utopia Network Kenya
 - Wanjiku Talks Queer
 - Working Under the Rainbow
 - 1 anonymous organisation (associate member)
- LESOTHO
- Queer WorX
- MALAWI
- Health4Men Malawi
 - Safe Space Allies Organisation
- MAURITIUS
- RekonekT
- NAMIBIA
- Equal Namibia
- NIGERIA
- Ceciliaofor Empowerment Foundation/ Ebonyi state university
 - Global Alliance For Public Health Intervention
 - Hall of Care and Good Humanitarian Initiative
 - Health Initiative for Equal Right (HIER)
 - Mobile Foundation for Health Security and Rehabilitation
 - Paragone Int'l Health & Support Initiative
 - Positive Champions Health and Empowerment Initiative
 - Strength Bond Care and Safety Health Initiative
 - TechPride Empowerment Foundation
 - 1 anonymous organisation
- RWANDA
- Free Love Organization
- SOMALIA
- Transgender Somalia (TRANSSOM)
- SOUTH AFRICA
- MambaOnline Foundation
 - Southern African Intersex Forum
- TANZANIA
- Tanzania Feminist Network

ASIA

- TUNISIA
- Queer Maghreb Coalition
- UGANDA
- Africa Queer Network
 - Children of the Sun Foundation Uganda Limited (associate member)
 - Prism Empowerment And Development Initiatives Ltd
 - Questpro Women Foundation
 - The African Sunbird Network
 - Underestimated Ug
 - West Nile Rainbow Initiative
 - 1 anonymous organisation
- ZIMBABWE
- Youth Gate Zimbabwe
- JORDAN
- 1 anonymos organisation
- LEBANON
- 1 anonymous organisation
- MALAYSIA
- 1 anonymos organisation
- NEPAL
- Human Welfare Society
 - Karunalaya Nepal
 - Unity for Change
- PAKISTAN
- Manzil Foundation (Voice of Transgender)
 - 2 anonymos organisations
- SRI LANKA
- Youth Pride
- THAILAND
- Isaan Gender Diversity Network Foundation
 - Mermaid Pride Thailand
 - Non-Binary Thailand
- VIET NAM
- Hanoi Pride

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

- ALBANIA
- Ylberofilia
- ARMENIA
- "Queerlab" Socio-Cultural Youth Organization
 - Global Foundation for Trans Rights Protection
- AUSTRIA
- Future Freedom Project (associate member)
 - Hint Wien
 - Queer Base - Welcome and Support for LGBTIQ Refugees
- AZERBAIJAN
- Qiy Vaar! Queer Media Platform
- BELGIUM
- Come To Be
 - European Roma Rights Centre (associate member)
 - Garance (associate member)
 - INTERRA (associate member)
 - Pixiels - Fédération des Jeunes Queer de Belgique
 - Wikimedia LGBT+
- BULGARIA
- Kikimora and Kikimora Foundation
- CROATIA
- Process - Association for the Promotion of Queer Culture and LGBTIQ+ Rights
- CZECH REPUBLIC
- Temple Of
- FRANCE
- Association Les Culottées
 - Collectif Orta Şekerli
 - DREAMS
 - Human Development Research Initiative (associate member)

- Intersections Queer
 - JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France–JMBF (associate member)
 - QueeriséEs
 - 1 anonymous organisation (associate member)
- GERMANY
- Christopher Street Day Bamberg
 - Europäisches Netzwerk für Menschenrechte und Demokratie e.V. (associate member)
 - Quarteera e.V.
 - Rainbow Afghanistan
 - TIN Legal Aid (TIN-Rechtshilfe e.V.)
 - 1 anonymous organisation
- GIBRALTAR
- True Colours/Gibraltar LGBTQ+ Committee
- GREECE
- Emphilo
- IRELAND
- Gender Rebels
 - LINQ Ireland
 - Trinity LGBT+ Staff Network (Trinity College Dublin)
 - 1 anonymous organisation (associate member)
- ITALY
- Casa Pride APS
 - Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (associate member)
 - My Safe Space APS
 - Period Think Tank Aps (associate member)
- KAZAKHSTAN
- «Human Rights Center «Glotion» Public Foundation
 - Queer KZ
- KOSOVO
- Dylberizm
- NETHERLANDS
- Bi+ Equal
 - Filipino LGBT Europe
 - PlanetRomeo Foundation
 - Stichting Encoruager
 - Stichting Humans of Film (associate member)
 - Stichting Natural Foundation
 - Stichting Queer Haarlem
- POLAND
- Fundusz dla Odmiany / For a Change Fund
- PORTUGAL
- AconchegoHouse – Associação
- ROMANIA
- Asociatia Ark Oradea
 - Asociatia TransCore
 - Romnja Feminist Library (associate member)
- RUSSIAN FEDERATION
- 1 anonymous organisation
- SLOVAKIA
- Inštitút ľudských práv - Human Rights Institute (associate member)
- SPAIN
- FDIHA Asociación
 - Gitanas feministas por la diversidad (associate member)
 - La Bassa Mar
 - La Fragua Projects
 - ONGD ALTIHAY Fuerteventura – Colectivo de Gays, Lesbianas, Transexuales, Bisexuales, Intersexuales y Simpatizantes de Canarias
 - Osikán, vivero de creación (associate member)
 - 1 anonymous organisation (associate member)
- SWITZERLAND
- Trans Safety Emergency Fund
 - Verein Bisexuell Schweiz
- UNITED KINGDOM
- Black Queer Women CIC
 - Club Kali Network CIC (associate member)
 - Goudie Events Ltd (associate member)

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- 1 anonymous organisation
- UZBEKISTAN
- 1 anonymous organisation
- ARGENTINA
- Área de Diversidad, de la Secretaría de género y diversidad de ATE
 - Ciervos Pampas Rugby Club
 - Conectando Derechos A.C.
 - Derechos Humanos y Diversidad Asociación Civil
 - Frente Nacional Orgullo y Lucha
 - Potencia Intersex
- BOLIVIA
- Alianza Social LGTBH
- BRAZIL
- Organização da Livre Identidade e Orientação Sexual do Pará
- CHILE
- Fundación Poderes LGTBIQANB+
- COLOMBIA
- Liga de Salud Trans
- CUBA
- Grupo Trans Masculinos de Cuba
- ECUADOR
- Fundación Diálogo Diverso
 - Status Queer
- MEXICO
- Miembros de la Comunidad Gay de Durango AC
- PANAMA
- Asociación Trans Diversa ATD
 - Fundacion Iguales
- PARAGUAY
- Red Paraguaya de Artistas LGBTQ+
- PERU
- Asociación Civil Cambio y Accion
 - Asociación Civil Ts Rosas Mujeres de Lucha – Perú
 - Asociación de Travestis, Transexuales y Transgeneros del Perú
 - Fraternidad Trans Masculina Perú
 - Generación Orgullo
 - Positivo de Corazón
- URUGUAY
- Unión Rochense LGTB+
- CANADA
- Beautiful Colors Foundation
 - National Network for Immigrants and Refugees-Canada (associate member)
 - National Union of Public and General Employees (associate member)
 - Open Digital Literacy and Access Network
 - Rainbow Party Of Canada (associate member)
 - The United Church of Canada (associate member)
 - Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance
- DOMINICA
- Minority Rights Dominica
- UNITED STATES
- América Diversa INC
 - Global Black Gay Men Connect
 - GromKo. Voice (associate member)
 - Out For Equality
- AUSTRALIA
- Many Coloured Sky
- NEW ZEALAND
- Moana Vā, Navigators of Pacific Pride

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In 2025, following world and regional conferences, as well as governance changes, ILGA World said goodbye to a few Board members and alternates. A big word of thanks for their service to the two former co-Chairs of Pan Africa ILGA, whose name is withheld due to security concerns, as well as the former co-Chairs of ILGA Asia **Chitsanupong Nithiwana (Best)** and **Charbel Maydaa**.

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Also with us in 2025:

A special shout-out also to the consultants who have been with us this year, including: **Andrea Baldwin Bado** (UN treaty bodies and strategic litigation); research consultants **Curro Peña Díaz**, **Kellyn Botha**, **Dhia Rezki Rohaizad**, **Alejandro Hilarión Moncada**, **Sabrina Martínez Peralta**, **Alan Cueli**, (*name withheld for security concerns*); and **Lukas Berredo** (IDA-HOBIT initiative).

During 2025, we also said goodbye to **K. K.** (*full name withheld for security concerns*) and **Gabriel Galil** from our United Nations team, and to **Rusali-na Ivanova** from our finance team. We thank them immensely for their work over the years!

Throughout 2026, our team will continue to evolve: together, we will continue serving our communities, co-creating a better future for all.

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	How do ILGA World engines keep running smoothly? ILGA World is led by – and works with - its member organisations from across the world to ensure LGBTI people can exercise their human rights. This work would not be possible without the support of individuals, foundations, governments, member organisations, and other institutional funders. We are grateful to everyone who generously contributed to our work throughout 2025! Your donations to ILGA World help bring about change! Total income in 2025 7.138.326 CHF 2%Institutional156.346 CHF 3%Corporate225.173 CHF 4%Other263.861 CHF 15%Foundations1.041.847 CHF 76%Governmental5.451.099 CHF Total expenses in 2025 7.136.333 CHF 5%Knowledge production 352.016 CHF go to support our research on laws and funding situations impacting our communities. 16%Advocacy 1.121.961 CHF go to ILGA World's direct work for LGBTI people everywhere. We support activists as they engage in advocacy at the international level, bring them together for trainings and conferences, and organise communications awareness campaigns. 23%Internal capacity 1.653.006 CHF are used to improve our internal capacity, to cover administration costs, and to raise new funds so that we can continue our work. 56%Movement strengthening 4.009.350 CHF go to our subgrating work, as well as to support ILGA's six regions, resource our work for cross-movement initiatives, member organisations, and the Equal Rights Coalition secretariat, and to implement best governance practices.	



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Being an ILGA World member means becoming part of a constellation of over 2,300 organisations working towards a stronger LGBTI movement.

We uplift the voices of our communities in multi-lateral international spaces, including the United Nations, and we support our member organisations

in their advocacy efforts through capacity strengthening and collaborative learning.

Our members receive dedicated communications and get involved in the awareness campaigns that we run.

Our member organisations benefit from reduced rates to attend in-person and virtual gatherings at both the regional and global levels. These are essential moments to mobilise resources and strengthen solidarity to advance equity and justice for all, everywhere, and eligible representatives have priority for scholarships or seats at events with limited capacity.

But that's not all: full members shape the direction and work of ILGA World. Membership gives them the right to propose changes to our strategic plan and governing documents, cast their votes to elect nominated Board candidates, choose the next World Conference host, and hold office in the highest governing body of ILGA World.

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We know that change is unstoppable when we are united!

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