



ROLLBACKS • RESILIENCE • REINVENTION

*from the Sotho n. [ko-pa-no] meaning a gathering to address an important issue

CAPE TOWN 23-27 MAY 2022



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PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Compared to previous kopano gatherings in 2015, 2017, and 2019 where there was a string emphasis on engaging with speakers and panellists from beyond the already existing networks of LGBTI movements in the region, kopano 2022 is more of a reconnection and regrouping of the LGBTI activist movements themselves, following the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Speakers and panellists for kopano 2022 are therefore drawn almost entirely from the LGBTI activist movements in the southern Africa region who have come to kopano; and the theme for kopano itself is focused more inwardly than before on restoring our collective energy and momentum as we re-emerge into renewed organizing and advocacy.

SUNDAY 22 MAY 2022 – ARRIVAL & SETUP

AM	Arrival
12.30	DEPART FROM HOTELS TO UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN (UCT)
13.00	ONGOING FINGER LUNCH AT UCT
13.00	Registration and set-up of exhibition stalls
16.30	DEPART FROM UCT TO HOTELS (UP TO 18.00)
19.00	DINNER AT HOTELS

MONDAY 23 MAY 2022 – SETTING THE SCENE & ASSESSING ROLLBACKS

08.30	DEPART HOTELS TO UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN	
09.00	Gathering our realities	A
09.15	Rollbacks, Resilience, Reinvention - <i>The Road to Kopano 2022</i>	

09.30	Opening Session		
11.00	BREAK		
11.30	The State of Our Movements - <i>Rollbacks, Resilience, Reinvention</i>		B
13.00	LUNCH		
14.00	The State of Our Movements – <i>National breakaway group discussions</i>		C
15.00	BREAK		
15.30	Organizing, Policy Advocacy, Economic, and Wellness Rollbacks – <i>Focus group discussions</i>		D
17.00	DEPART UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN TO CAPE TOWN CIVIC CENTRE		
18.00	Welcome Reception Hosted by the City of Cape Town		E
21.00	DEPART FOR HOTELS		
TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022 – FROM ROLLBACKS TO RESILIENCE & RECONNECTION			
08.00	DEPART HOTELS TO UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN		
09.00	Feedback from Previous Day's Discussions		F
09.15	From Rollbacks to Resilience - <i>What has kept us present and engaged, and what has brought us down?</i>		
10.30	BREAK		
11.00	From Rollbacks to Resilience – <i>Breakaway group discussions</i>		G
13.00	LUNCH		
14.00	Self-organised Sessions	The Southern Africa LBQ Network – <i>Forum for the Empowerment of Women</i> Policy Advocacy for Legal Gender Recognition – <i>Gender Dynamix</i> An Assessment of Anti-Gender Movements in Africa – <i>ILGA World</i> The Imperative of Solidarity-Based Movement Building – <i>Just Associates (JASS)</i>	H
		The State of LBQ Organizing in the Region – <i>Triangle Project / Free Gender / Just Associates</i> University-based LGBTI Organizing – <i>Rainbow UCT</i> Addressing Intimate Partner Violence – <i>Forum for the Empowerment of Women</i> Building Intersectional Alliances for Holistic Service Delivery – <i>GALZ and the Love Alliance</i> National Public Attitudes to LGBTI People in Botswana and eSwatini – <i>The Other Foundation / AfricaScope</i> This is also a space for impromptu self-organised sessions that arise at <i>kopano</i> , including self-organised gatherings of regional sub-movements on specific organising or advocacy issues.	I
17.00	DEPART TO UCT GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, WATERFRONT		
17.30	Cocktail Reception		J
20.30	TRANSFER TO HOTELS		
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022 – CELEBRATING OUR PERSONAL & COLLECTIVE RESILIENCE (AFRICA DAY)			
07.30	DEPART HOTELS TO ROBBEN ISLAND GATEWAY (PACKED BREAKFAST)		
08.30	BOAT RIDE TO ROBBEN ISLAND		
09.30	March from Harbour to Prison Entrance		K
10.00	Raising of Flags to Mark Our Resilience & Tour of Robben Island Prison		L
11.30	Tapping our inner resilience resources – Personal Reflection		M
12.30	LUNCH		
13.30	Our Resilience in the Face of Adversity		N
14.30	BREAK		
15.00	What has kept us resilient and how should we protect and further develop those resources – <i>Focus group discussions</i>		O
16.30	DEPART ROBBEN ISLAND BY BOAT		
17.30	ARRIVE AT WATERFRONT AND TRANSFER TO THE COLOUR LAB		

18.15	African Perspectives on Gender, Social Justice, and Sexuality: The Gerald Kraak Prize	P
21.30	TRANSFER TO HOTELS	
THURSDAY 26 MAY 2022 – REINVENTION		
08.30	DEPART FROM HOTELS TO UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN	
09.00	Working On Ourselves – <i>The quest for wellbeing in the midst of activism</i>	Q
10.30	BREAK	
11.00	Working On Ourselves – <i>Focus group discussions</i>	R
13.00	LUNCH IN FOYER	
14.00	Working With Each Other – <i>Moving beyond liberation politics</i>	S
15.30	BREAK	
16.00	Working With Each Other – <i>Growing a positive culture within our movements</i>	T
17.00	TRANSFER TO HOTELS	
18.00	DEPART TO JORDAN WAYS OF COOKING, LANGA	
18.30	Siya eSkomu – Dinner and networking in Langa	U
20.30	DEPART TO HOTELS	
FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022 – REINVENTION		
08.30	DEPART FROM HOTELS TO UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN	
09.00	Working With Others: <i>Why and how should we best work with allies and opponents?</i>	V
09.30	Working With Others: Policymakers - <i>How can we scale up our direct engagement with public policymakers?</i>	
11.00	BREAK	
11.30	Working With Others: Business – <i>Is it possible to ignore the need for LGBTI economic participation?</i>	W
13.00	LUNCH IN FOYER	
13.45	Planning for Security - <i>Developing more efficient responses to protect frontline LGBTI activists in times of crisis</i>	X
14.45	BREAK	
15.00	Consolidation: Rollbacks, Resilience, Reinvention – The Way Forward	Y
16.00	TRANSFER TO HOTELS	
16.45	DEPART HOTELS TO KIRSTENBOSCH GARDENS	
17.30	Living Legends: A Tribute & Celebration	Z
SATURDAY 28 MAY 2022 – DEPARTURE		
AM	DISCUSSANTS DEPART	

Knowledge Resources:

The following available knowledge resources will be made available to all discussants:

- *Voices of resilience in uncertainty: Highlighting the impact of COVID-19 on the LGBTIQ+ community and organising in Eastern and Southern Africa*. Pan Africa ILGA (2021)
- *Rollbacks Resilience, Reinvention: A summary of the outcomes of national and regional convenings about policy advocacy for LGBTI freedom, equality, and social and economic inclusion in the context of COVID-19*. The Other Foundation (2022)
- *Nationally representative survey results of public attitudes to LGBTI people in eSwatini, Botswana, Malawi, and South Africa*. The Other Foundation (2022, 2019, 2016)
- *The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the transgender and non-binary community*. Columbia University (2020)
- *COVID-19 and the human rights of LGBTI people*. Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2020)
- *Civil Society Business Toolkit: Empowering LGBTIQ+ Civil Society Through Business Collaboration*. Workplace Pride, Open for Business, The Other Foundation (2021)
- *Understanding the Experiences of LGBTIQ+ Employees in the Workplace*. National Business Initiative (2020)
- *Where are the global COVID-19 resources for LGBTI people?* Global Philanthropy Project (2021)
- *Till the Time of Trial: The Prison Letters of Simon Nkoli*. Gay & Lesbian Memory in Action (2007)
- *Queering Cape Town, Queer in Africa III*. Zethu Matebeni, Heinrich Böll Stiftung (2017)