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2024 BERLIN EQUAL RIGHTS COALITION CONFERENCE

## PROGRAMME SUMMARY

### Day 0, 16 December 2024

#### CSO Pre-Conference, Embassy of Mexico in Berlin

(organised by ERC CSO Co-Chairs, for ERC NGO members / by invitation only)

#### Donor Coordination Member States Convening

(organised by ERC Donor Coordination Working Group Chair, for ERC member states / by invitation only)

#### Reception, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Berlin

(for ERC member states / by invitation only)

### Day 1, 17 December 2024

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8:00	Registration, Meet and Greet	
10:00	Conference Opening	
10:10	Keynote, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk	
10:20	Keynote, Federal Minister Lisa Paus	
10:30	<b>Panel, LGBTQI+ rights and resilient democracies: the role of foreign policy</b> The panel highlights the relationship between push-backs on LGBTQI+ communities and democracy. It focuses on current challenges to civil society and explores how foreign policy can provide better support.	
11:30	Break	
12:00	<b>Passing of the baton to the new Co-Presidency</b> Welcome of incoming ERC Co-Chairs	
12:15	Keynote, Federal Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock	
12:30	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:35-13:30</b> Ministers' lunch
		<b>13:00</b> <b>The role of legislators in advancing LGBTQI+ rights, spotlight on Africa</b> Legislators from Sub-Saharan Africa share insights and reflections on the LGBTQI+ landscape and the role of advocacy in contexts with punitive legislation
14:00	<b>Panel, Pathways to LGBTQI+ inclusion in national laws and policies</b> The panel shows the varying pathways to progress in LGBTQI+ inclusion, exploring how legislative achievements happen and how the ERC can best cooperate to drive positive change.	
15:20	<b>ERC commitments</b> Selected governments present commitments to the ERC and LGBTQI+ rights.	
16:20	Break	
16:50	<b>Panel, LGBTQI+ in Feminist Foreign Policy</b> The panel explores how feminist foreign policies can take the lead in combating violence and discrimination against LGBTQI+ and how feminist and LGBTQI+ movements resist division and create synergies.	<b>Panel, LGBTQI+ Inclusive crisis and humanitarian response</b> The panel addresses the challenge of integrating LGBTQI+ inclusive policies and programmes in crisis response and humanitarian assistance so as to reach LGBTQI+ communities.
17:50	<b>Panel, Countering the push-back: Sustainable resourcing to make the LGBTQI+ share a fair share</b> The panel explores global funding trends for LGBTQI+ rights. It discusses sustainable funding strategies to reach local communities most at risk.	

Reception, Embassy of Spain in Berlin (for ERC members / by invitation only)

**Day 2, 18 December 2024**

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8:00	<b>Registration for ERC member state delegates</b>	
8:30	<b>Registration for other participants / Welcome coffee</b>	
9:00	<b>Coordinating Committee</b> Closed event for ERC member states only  All member states discuss the outcomes, needs and structure of the alliance, so as to take the ERC forward.	
10:00	<b>Welcome</b>	
10:10	<b>Briefing by ERC Civil Society Co-Chairs and Secretariat</b> This briefing will present an overview of civil society perspectives, discussed at the CSO pre-conference, on the challenges and opportunities of the coalition.	
10:40	<b>Thematic Group on National Laws and Policies Panel: National Action Plans to Counter the Anti-gender Movement Leadership &amp; Accountability</b> The ERC Thematic Group on National Laws and Policies leads a state-led panel on how National LGBTQI+ Action Plans can respond to the anti-gender movement.	<b>Roundtable: The Journey to LGBTQI+ Inclusive Development through Policy, Practice, Institutional</b>  This session provides an overview of the work of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), member states, private sector actors and LGBTQI+ CSOs to show the business case for inclusion. It highlights how policies can drive the practical delivery of inclusive development across sectors.
11:50	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:50	<b>Thematic Group on Sustainable Development Goals Panel: Advancing LGBTQI+ Inclusion in the SDGs: Overcoming Challenges and Building Resilience</b> This panel highlights the intersection of LGBTQI+ rights with the Sustainable Development Goals. It explores how member states and civil society can collaboratively address challenges, by focusing on successful case studies, ongoing obstacles, and strategies to overcome setbacks.	<b>Roundtable, Crisis point: Addressing the Rights and Dignity of Trans &amp; Gender Diverse People</b>  This session looks at the evidence of how trans and gender diverse people are criminalised across all regional, religious and cultural borders. It will analyse how they are targeted by different laws and highlight support opportunities.
14:00	<b>Thematic Group on International Diplomacy Panel: The Role of ERC Missions in Decriminalisation and Coordinating Crisis Response</b>  <i>Closed event for ERC member states and CSO members only</i>  The session shares knowledge, insights and best practices on how ERC embassies and missions can practically engage and support LGBTQI+ organisations. It will discuss the ERC's added value when it comes to sharing information with capitals and with respect to country-specific diplomatic-civil society coordination. The working group will also launch a toolkit on this topic.	<b>Roundtable: The Role of Courts in Advancing LGBTQI+ Rights and the Role of Strategic Litigation</b>  The session will share how to use strategic litigation to advance rights, as well as legal defence strategies against repression. It will highlight case studies to demonstrate how a wide range of organisations use litigation to deliver on LGBTQI+ rights, outlining what makes a case strategic, the human cost to both clients and lawyers, and risks and challenges in implementing judgements.
15:10	<b>Break</b>	
15:30	<b>Thematic Group on Donor Coordination Panel: Risk and Resilience: Resourcing LGBTQI+ Work in Closed and Closing spaces</b>  <i>Closed event for ERC member states and CSO members only</i>  The increasing push-back against LGBTQI+ implies that resourcing the movement is becoming increasingly complex. This conversation between activists, governments, and rapid response funders is designed to explore risk from multiple perspectives and to contribute to a greater shared understanding, so as to ensure that work to defend fundamental freedoms continues while also safeguarding activists and communities.	<b>Roundtable: Tackling Hate Crime &amp; Violence against LGBTQI+ People through Coalition Building and Engaging in the Administration of Justice</b>  This session looks at how LGBTQI+ civil society is tackling the alarming trend of rising hate crimes and violence based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity and shows how the anti-gender/trans/rights movements are driving this increase. It explores best practices to address hate crimes, including by CSOs working in partnerships across institutions and communities.
16:40	<b>Closing remarks, Germany &amp; Mexico</b>	