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**INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA
AND TRANSPHOBIA (IDAHOBIT)
MAY 17TH 2022
STATEMENT**

“Our lives, Our rights, Our bodies”.

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17TH May is the international day against homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) we celebrate this day to remember to bring out all the forms of phobias that have been inflicted on the LGBTIQ community and movement both nationally and globally’.

This day creates space to raise awareness about the discrimination, violence and other forms of oppression LGBTIQ people face on a daily basis in Uganda and all-over the world. Celebrating this day motivates people to take action against such kinds of phobias.

Ever since the outbreak of covid-19, accompanied with several lockdowns, many LBQ persons joined their families after losing their sources of income, this exposed them to people who were against their way of life. This raised a number of hate crime, family rejection and disowning, mental health related illnesses, due to homophobia, biphobia and transphobia from the societies they lived.

FARUG under the Voice and visibility campaign, we have voiced out all these impunities, shared lived realities through our social media platforms, podcasts and publications to curb down the increasing cases of violence towards LBQ persons. Amplifying LBQ voices has created space for them to engage on different platforms in the pursuit of equal rights, respect and visibility. We continued to engage other partners fighting for human rights where we collectively address issues affecting the LBQ community, demanding for redress, litigating cases where justice has not been practiced and lobby for spaces where we can fight for our right of freedom of speech and expression, freedom of assembly and participation, equal access to employment, access to education and quality health care.



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The international bodies through their embassy in the country are also collectively fighting with LGBTIQ organisations to see that they can achieve some changes in the different sector raised, change clauses in some of the acts and bills that are impunitive to the existence of LGBTIQ persons in Uganda.

FARUG is committed to continue working with partners, allies, embassies, Human Rights defenders, Civil society organisations, to address issues affecting LBQ women as well as finding probable solutions towards them. We shall continue raising our voices and create more visibility as we fight for social equality and equity.

We therefore call upon all partners, allies, HRDs, civil society organisations, women movement organisations, LBQ persons to join us in the fight against homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia through supporting our work, partnering with LGBTIQ organisations, challenging decision makers, engaging us in decision making processes, fight against structural discrimination, and ensure for more equal rights gender and sexual minorities in their diversities, support intersectionality and inclusivity in all areas of your operations.

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