

The Sexual Rights Initiative (SRI) looks for organizations, researchers and/or activists interested in producing brief reports (5 pages) on pressing concerns in their countries with respect to Sexual Rights issues, including - but not limited to- reproductive rights, sexual diversity, sexuality education, HIV/AIDS, etc- to be submitted for the 6th round of the Universal Periodic Review in the UN Human Rights Council.

We look for organizations, activists and/or researchers who:

- Work on Sexual Rights as a broad notion, and/or
- Work on any issues engaging rights to sexual autonomy and free and full decision-making as to all matters of sexuality and are willing to "think outside the box" of their particular area of expertise to approach Sexual Rights as a whole notion.
- Live and work in any of the following countries ONLY (as these are the countries to be reviewed):

Bhutan

Brunei Darussalam

Cambodia

Côte d'Ivoire

Democratic Republic of Congo

Equatorial Guinea

Eritrea

Ethiopia

- No institutional affiliation is required for individuals applying as activists/researchers but if the activist/researcher is affiliated with a particular organization/network and wants to submit her/his report on behalf of the group, it will be acceptable to SRI.

- If, for whatever reason, the organization, activists and/or researcher wants to remain anonymous, SRI will submit the report only on its own behalf.

Those applicants with the required profile will be asked to sign a contract where their obligations as well as ours will be outlined. They will also receive full instructions to draft their reports and "model" reports to take as reference. SRI will pay an honorarium of US\$ 500 to the organization, activist and/or researcher.

The Report can be written in English or French.

This is an Affirmative Action initiative. Women, Trans and Intersex people, as well as those younger than 30 will be given priority consideration. However, this should not discourage qualified men as well as all persons older than 30 from applying as they will also be considered if no suitable priority applicants exist for a particular country/countries.

Please send us your organization's mission a a brief description of your current activities or your Resumé if you are applying as an individual activist/researcher, as well as (in both cases) a brief note explaining why you are interested in this initiative to: alejandra@mulabi.org and marina@mulabi.org.

We will receive applications ONLY until FEBRUARY 27. Please feel free to write to us in English, French or Spanish.

About us:

The Sexual Rights Initiative (SRI) was created in 2006. Its aim is to create a political space for advocacy on sexual rights by bringing together feminist, LGBTI, southern and northern perspectives and incorporating diverse views without privileging particular experiences. The collaborating partners are Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD), Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action (CREA), International Centre for Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights (INCREASE) and Mulabi – Espacio Latinoamericano de Sexualidades y Derechos. Other organizations, like the Polish Federation for Women and Family Planning, act as associated partners.

The major forum for our work is the United Nations Human Rights Council that offers many more opportunities for State and non-state actors to influence the development and implementation of international law and standards through the United Nations human rights mechanisms. It is an increasingly important venue to develop and advance sexual rights as a critical part of the international human rights framework.

The Sexual Rights Initiative aims to work in a collaborative manner that is based on genuine sharing and open discussion around issues of power, access and resources. It intends to frame sexual rights as both a set of particular rights and as a cross-cutting issue, including the traditional framework of sexual and reproductive rights issues (reproductive rights, HIV/AIDS, sexual orientation and gender identity and so on), but also analyzing sexual rights within a comprehensive human rights framework. Hopefully, it will result in stronger and more comprehensive international legal norms that will in turn be implemented at national and regional levels.