

Ro-Ann Mohammed

Founder and Director
SHE Barbados
Barbados

Ro-Ann Mohammed (she/her) is a Caribbean feminist and activist, based in Barbados. Her activism focuses on fostering women's leadership in Caribbean LGBTQI+ discourse, facilitating safe spaces, access to resources and platforms for empowerment for local LGBTQI+ communities, combating religious intolerance, public education and visibility. Ro-Ann is the founder and director of SHE Barbados, the only platform in Barbados dedicated to LBQT advocacy, movement building and research. She is Director of Pride Barbados and the representative for Barbados on the LGBTTTI & Sex Workers Coalition of the Organization of American States. She is an OutRight Action International Beijing +25 Fellow, Communications Officer at FRIDA The Young Feminist Fund, Co-Chair of the Project Selection Committee for the Act Together for Inclusion Fund and Advisor to the Equality Fund's Women's Voice and Leadership. She also co-founded Barbados – Gays, Lesbians and All-Sexuals against Discrimination (B-GLAD), and is a Women's Deliver Global Young Leader alumnus.



Aminatu S. Gambo

Program Coordinator of Political Participation and Advocacy
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Aminatu is from the Mbororo-Fulani Indigenous Peoples of Cameroon. Aminatu is the Program Coordinator of Political Participation and Advocacy at the Foro Internacional de Mujeres Indígenas-International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI-IIWF). Her work focuses on promoting and strengthening the active participation and political advocacy of Indigenous women in key decision-making spaces from national to global levels.

She earned a BA from the University of Yaoundé II Soa-Cameroon in Common Law and the MA in International Law. Aminatu is an alumnus of the OHCHR Indigenous Fellowship Program in Geneva and the Project Access training by the Tribal Link Foundation in New York.



Mariam Antadze

Project Coordinator
Georgian Centre for Psychosocial and Medical Rehabilitation of Torture Victims
Georgia

Mariam Antadze has been the project coordinator at the Georgian Centre for Psychosocial and Medical Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (GCRT) since 2017. She has contributed to the rehabilitation and social empowerment of vulnerable groups including female victims of gender-based and domestic violence, IDPs from conflict-affected regions, and prisoners and former prisoners whose rights have been violated. Currently, Mariam is managing a project focusing on the establishment of a victim-centered approach for SGBV survivors within the judiciary system in Georgia. She holds the BA in Forensic Psychology from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.



Larissa Arroyo Navarrete

Founder, Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER

Costa Rica

Larissa Arroyo Navarrete is a bisexual activist from Costa Rica. She is also a lawyer whose academic and professional work has focused on human rights, especially on sexual and reproductive rights, as a researcher, legal adviser and expert consultant. She has worked with multiple national and regional organizations to achieve legal and political changes through projects that promote strategic actions for human rights.

She is the founder of the Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER, a feminist organization dedicated to promoting strategic actions for human rights to strengthen the leadership of women, especially bisexual, lesbian and non heterosexual women. She was the director of ACCEDER until 2021. Also, she has been an active member of FDI (Frente para los Derechos Igualitarios), a Costa Rican collective focused on actions for effective access to human rights LGBTQ+ in Costa Rica since 2013.

She graduated with a Bachelor's degree and a Licenciatura of Law from the Universidad de Costa Rica, two postgraduate diplomas in Human Rights and Women by the University of Chile, and a master's degree in Human Rights by the Universidad Estatal a Distancia. She holds the Master's Degree in Constitutional Justice from the Universidad de Costa Rica.



Mario D'Andrea

Lawyer

Defiende Venezuela, Civilis Derechos Humanos, and Compromiso Compartido

Venezuela

Mario D'Andrea is a Venezuelan attorney working with NGOs including Defiende Venezuela, Civilis Derechos Humanos and Compromiso Compartido with experience in advocacy and international litigation before the Inter-American and Universal Human Rights Systems drafting individual petitions, precautionary measures, and communications around the human rights treaty bodies and special procedures.

Since he started working on human rights litigation in Venezuela, he has drafted cases helping approximately 80 human rights victims, and he was part of private hearings to release a victim with a precautionary measure from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Mario's activities involve also building the capacity of civil society organizations, especially those focusing on low-income communities, and coordinating projects. Mario holds the Bachelor of Law from Universidad Catolica Andrés Bello.



Daniel Villatoro

Executive Director

Visibles

Guatemala

Daniel Villatoro is the Executive Director of Visibles, an LGBTI human rights organization in Guatemala that focuses on communication and education to overcome prejudice. He also serves as the training coordinator of the Latin American Initiative of LGBTI Reporting at the International Women's Media Foundation. His areas of advocacy are data, communication and innovation, in addition to addressing representation and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. His book "The Registry of Violence Against LGBTI People: Datification and Protocols" won the Latin American Open Data Initiative call for new voices. His work as an investigative journalist has been awarded multiple prizes including Inter-American Press Society, TRACE, and Gabriel García Marquez. He has worked as a consultant for Internews, IREX, National Democratic Institute, International Republican Institute and United Nations Development Programme and as a trainer for the Organization of American States, the Interamerican Development Bank, and the Knight Center for Journalism at the University of Texas.



Dominique St. Vil

Executive and Administrative Director
Organisation Trans d'Haiti (OTRAH)
Haiti



A founding member of the Organisation Trans d'Haiti (OTRAH), Dominique St. Vil became Executive and Administrative Director in 2020. OTRAH promotes the recognition, visibility, and development of Haiti's transgender and transexual community by challenging discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation. Dominique leads OTRAH's advocacy, collaboration, and civic education initiatives. He works directly with trans individuals to ensure their effective and efficient civic participation and to lay the foundations for an affirming, fair, united and inclusive Haitian society.

Dominique strives to create and maintain a strong network of trans organizations throughout the country so that all trans Haitians can access important resources and information. Dominique and OTRAH also lead programs to promote physical and mental wellbeing with an emphasis on the prevention of sexually transmitted infections and mental health assistance. Previously he served as a logistical and technical advisor to the Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans wing of kouraj pou Pwoteje Dwa Moun, best known as Kouraj. With KPPDM and OTRAH, he has represented Haitian civil society and LGBTQI communities at conferences and events throughout Latin American and the Caribbean. Dominique has also completed extensive secretarial training and coursework in law. Additionally, he has taken coursework in cross-cultural competency at the University of Rhode Island.

Elvira Constantina Pablo Antonio

Policy and Member Engagement Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean
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Mexico



Elvira is Indigenous lawyer from Oaxaca, Mexico. She is part of the Ayuuk Indigenous Peoples. Elvira collaborates with civil society organizations for the defense and promotion of human rights, especially women, youth, and Indigenous Peoples' rights, on topics related to sexual and reproductive health and rights, violence prevention, political participation and indigenous peoples' collective rights. She conducts advocacy at the local, national, and international levels. She is part of the National Coordinator of Indigenous Women, the National Network of Indigenous Women Lawyers and the Youth and Children Commission of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women from the Americas. Elvira currently works as the Policy and Member Engagement Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean of Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage.

Ritu Thapa

Lawyer
Indigenous Women Legal Awareness Group
Nepal



A lawyer with the Indigenous Women Legal Awareness Group (INWOLAG), Ritu provides free legal aid to Indigenous and other marginalized groups, especially women and young girls, in Nepal. She is currently working with the hydropower-affected indigenous community of Tanahu, Nepal. She earned the LL.M. from the University of Pune, India.

Ritu has been involved with human rights issues since college when she first had the chance to meet and interact with victims of human rights violations. These experiences are what drove her to enter the field. Later, through the Legal Aid and Consultancy Center (LACC), she advocated for equal property rights for women in Nepal. Along with her colleagues, she campaigned for legislatures, participated in workshops, and organized rallies to pressure lawmakers. They organized discussion groups, collected feedbacks from the Gorkha and Tanahu districts, and supported the draft of a proposed bill for the legislative reformation of women's property rights in Nepal. As a result, Nepal's government enacted equal property rights for women, which was a milestone in Nepal.

Marija Krstevska

Secretary General
Center for Intercultural Dialogue
North Macedonia

Marija Krstevska has been involved in the youth sector in North Macedonia in various capacities over the past 12 years, starting as a participant and volunteer and moving up the ranks as a project coordinator, moderator, facilitator and trainer. She is now the Secretary General of Center for Intercultural Dialogue (CID), a youth organization in Kumanovo. Marija plans to devote her time as the Secretary-General of CID to improving the position of young people in Kumanovo and the country in general, by providing more opportunities for active and quality involvement of young people in all processes that are tackling youth issues. She is also the President of the National Youth Council of Macedonia (NYCM), the largest youth representative body in North Macedonia, representing and advocating for youth and its 51 members (youth organizations, organizations for youth, unions, and youth wings of other organizations). She holds the LLM from Faculty of Law Iustinianus Primus in Skopje.



Isabella Mukankusi

Legal and Advocacy Advisor
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Isabella Mukankusi is the Legal and Advocacy Advisor at MyStory Initiative, a nongovernmental organisation based in Uganda that promotes human rights for persons with disabilities. She is passionate about justice and human rights, having trained as a lawyer. She is responsible for providing strategic direction and advice to the board, and provides legal support. She also works directly with grassroots communities on women's and children's rights. Having previously worked as the Legal Services Manager at Justice Defenders, Uganda, she led programs to increase access to justice for prisoners through legal education, training and practice, helped to set up the first legal aid clinic inside a maximum security prison in Uganda and advocated for reforms of the law of incarceration of mentally ill prisoners. She began her human rights career at Foundation for Human Rights Initiative where she worked on a European Union-funded project aimed at promoting access to justice for women and children in six districts.



Daniel Alejandro Pinilla

Project Coordinator, Rule of Law Program for Latin America
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Colombia

Daniel Alejandro Pinilla is a Colombian journalist with more than nine years' experience in human rights and sustainable development. He has worked for international organizations such as the United Nations, Caritas Internationalis in Vatican City and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation where he is currently Project Coordinator of the Rule of Law Program for Latin America. As a journalist he wrote for the Colombian newspaper El Tiempo and the international news chain CNN. Most recently, he has led important initiatives using new technologies to promote human rights such as databases with open access to regional jurisprudence, virtual observatories of justice and journalism, the International Film Fest on Human Rights and online courses to access to international justice. He has worked on interdisciplinary approaches like connections between arts and human rights. Daniel holds a bachelor's degree in Social Communication and Journalism from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Colombia) and a specialization in Human Rights from the Collège Universitaire Henry Dunant (Switzerland). In 2012, he was awarded with a scholarship at the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in Costa Rica. Daniel's participation in HRAP is funded by friends of 1990 Advocate Felipe Micheli of Uruguay in his memory.



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