

Intersex Resolution- ILGA Asia Regional Conference 2022

The Asian Intersex movement has come a long way since its inception in 2015 with positive support from ILGA Asia and is constantly growing in the region. The Asian intersex community is grateful for the support from regional partners and hopes that this support will continue in our upcoming journey.

However, the challenges regarding low awareness of intersex rights, risk of unnecessary, non-consensual and harmful medical practices, the capacity of intersex activists, lack of access to decision-making spaces, discrimination in the public sphere, and meaningful participation in advocacy efforts remain. Intersex Asia's research study has shown- intersex people were among the most affected sections during the COVID-19 pandemic. We received little or no support from governments or civil society organisations.

In October 2022, intersex activists from across the region met during the Third Asian Intersex Forum to reflect on the new challenges and deliberate the idea of having a revised Asian Intersex Statement. This document comprehensively articulates the demand of the intersex community. The first two versions of the Statement were adopted in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

The Asian Intersex Forum and Intersex Asia recall and affirm the principles of the Public Statement by the Third International Intersex Forum (known as the Malta Declaration), the Asian Intersex Statement, and extend the demands aimed at ending discrimination against intersex people, promoting and protecting the human rights of intersex people in Asia, and to ensure the rights to life, bodily integrity, physical autonomy and self-determination.

Intersex participants and members at the ILGA-Asia Intersex Pre-Conference call upon ILGA members, donors and stakeholders in Asia to:

- Continue supporting Public Statement by the Asian Intersex Movement as a sign of solidarity and commitment towards intersex human rights in Asia.
- Collaborate with intersex organisations in a meaningful way and provide the space for intersex individuals and intersex-led organisations to articulate their position. We hope that these partnerships are carried out with a spirit of collaboration and not in a tokenistic manner.
- Help intersex activists and organisations spread awareness of intersex rights with the full range of stakeholders.
- Support intersex activists and organisations in the struggle for movement-building and visibility by sharing knowledge and resources to build their capacity and organisation development. It is also critical to strengthen the existing intersex-led organisations so they can grow sustainably.
- Involve intersex individuals and intersex-led organisations in any grassroots or policy interventions by ILGA Asia.

- Assist intersex individuals and intersex-led organisations in making use of opportunities in the field of research, advocacy and capacity-building.
- Undertake intersex-focused initiatives and ensure that grassroots-based activists and organisations are given the space to shape the discourse on intersex.
- Ensure meaningful participation of intersex member organisations of ILGA Asia to join and organise the intersex pre-conference in the ILGA Asia Regional Conference for adequate representation of the intersex community.