

## **How was your experience in working with ILGA during the UPR Process? Was the ILGA's support useful for your advocacy?**

### **Australia**

"ILGA's support was critical during the UPR process. Having a person in Geneva to talk specifically about SOGI issues really raised the profile of those issues during the meetings we held."

### **Bolivia**

"La ILGA nos dio apoyo técnico esencial para entender el EPU, no contacto con organizaciones que nos podían hacer entender el proceso y con organizaciones LGBT que ya habían participado en el EPU, la ILGA fue el socio más importante para llevar nuestras voces desde Bolivia al Consejo de Derechos Humanos y nos facilitó herramientas guías en el proceso tanto en el terreno (en Bolivia) como en el espacio propio (en Ginebra), toda la participación sin el apoyo de la ILGA hubiese sido imposible lograrlo."

### **Costa Rica**

"El apoyo de ILGA fue medular para la presentación del informe y el "lobby" previo."

### **Denmark**

"My experience in working with ILGA was very positive. I was "taken aboard" on the spur of the moment - and taken fully aboard. The advising I received was very concrete. A very valuable part of the 3 days with ILGA was, indeed, the time I had and the companionship I had with the 3 gentlemen from Paraguay, Singapore, and Mozambique. This gave me - and them, I presume, too - an opportunity for exchange of views, reflection on our own meetings, improving one's perspective. In other words, we could cross-feed each other. So, in the future, it is wise for ILGA to make sure several of us at a time are led through the learning experience of UPR lobbying."

### **Ecuador**

En los 16 años que trabajo en este tema, esta ha sido una de las experiencias más excitantes y productivas que he podido participar, por tanto, aún tengo muchas emociones muy positivas. Todo el apoyo que ILGA nos brindó a nuestra organización y en particular a mí, antes durante y después siguen siendo muy valiosa y súper necesaria. Les quiero felicitar, reiterar nuestro compromiso de colaborar en las acciones que consideren oportuno. Todas las recomendaciones que nos han dado son muy importantes y sobre todo útiles y prácticas.

### **Georgia**

"My experience of working with ILGA-World during the UPR process was ultimately positive (and trust me it is not flattery). I received all the support in terms of what are the principles for lobbying the recommendations with permanent missions. I was included in all the meetings that ILGA had already scheduled for other partners and the countries of priority for Georgia were included on that list. I appreciate greatly all the attention and support from ILGA staff."

### **Honduras**

"El trabajo con ILGA en Ginebra fue valioso debido a que se cerró el círculo de incidencia programada con los países con los cuales se había establecido la estrategia inicial, países que podían hacer recomendaciones SOGI a Honduras, tanto por su apertura con el tema, así como la relación económica técnica entre países. Las reuniones y las traducciones fueron específicas y directas para el objetivo planteado, por esta razón se lograron 13 recomendaciones relacionadas a Sistema de Justicia para minorías, LGTTBI, crímenes de odio, discriminación entre otras."

## **Lithuania**

“The experience in working with ILGA during the UPR Process was extremely positive. We thank the ILGA's team for their incredible contribution to our organization advocacy within the framework of the UPR Process. Without your support, we would not have been able to receive 22 SOGIE Recommendations. You are the best!”

## **Philippines**

“It was a very positive, insightful, and highly informative experience. ILGA was impressively organized and 100% supportive of the activities that needed to be done. They knew their business. Claps and snaps to the ILGA team! They made the experience worth all the effort of all the groups that participated.

## **Indonesia**

“It was totally awesome. The short workshop before were really helpful for us (...) Thank you for putting high effort in this. The daily evaluation works great as well, enabling us to learn from each other and develop our strategy. For me personally, the whole learning i got in UPR process are very useful for other advocacy strategies”

“It's very good opportunity to learn how to do diplomacy and lobbying within the missions in the UN. I have never done such activities before and at first it was challenging. But ILGA have empowered me with the tools so that it boosts my confidence”

## **Iran**

“ILGA had been very supportive during the UN advocacy for Iran's UPR. We are so grateful that ILGA shared its connections, network and knowledge with us without any hesitancy. The positive outcome of the UPR process for Iranian LGBT community would have never come true without our collective and hard work.”

## **Italy**

“ILGA was of great support especially in giving us voice in Geneva and informing us promptly of all the relevant deadlines. We would never be able to succeed in the process if it weren't for ILGA.”

## **Mongolia**

“ILGA has provided valuable logistical as well as substantive support for the UPR process, especially through ensuring we got some important meetings that resulted in the recommendations for the Government of Mongolia. Without ILGA's support, we may not have been able to conduct the necessary advocacy, therefore ILGA's multifaceted support is deeply appreciated.”

## **Nepal**

“It was indeed great to work with ILGA as it created positive atmosphere to highlight our issues. ILGA world supported me and provided linkages to all the delegates in Geneva. With the support of ILGA World, LGBTI community managed to keep their issues for recommendation to the government.”

## **Singapore**

“ILGA has been really supportive in providing advice on the preparation of the UPR report and the 2 pages summary report to be used during the pre-session in Geneva. It is also very professional and organised in preparing the representative for the UPR-Info pre-session trip. During the pre-session, the advice and guidance from ILGA staff on how to engage the different missions and present on the key issues and recommendations are very helpful, especially when this is the first time we are involved at such an international level advocacy

work. Throughout the process, ILGA has also been great in guiding us to continue the conversation and activities after pre-session.”

#### **Samoa**

“It was great. Seeing it in action really brought home for me the importance of that work”

#### **South Africa**

“ILGA was very helpful in the process, from UPR statement to the presentation of it, including the hectic advocacy week which was very hectic but worth it. Without ILGA, we would not have made it”

#### **Tunisia**

“It was a pleasure to have met all those amazing activists from all over the globe and share our knowledge in advocacy work. ILGA made an inclusive framework and action plans that helped me personally to get my priorities done. I'm really thankful to the staff who were more than supportive and made the extra mile with all participants. Most of the meetings were emotional to me, and getting my work done in such supportive and encouraging atmosphere is so energetic. A huge Thank you note to everybody”

#### **USA**

“Fantastic!!! We could not have done this without the superb and generous support provided by ILGA. Especially the guidance about when to come to Geneva, which countries to lobby, how to prepare our presentations, how to reach the local missions, and finally, including us as part of the international LGBT delegation.”

#### **Venezuela**

“Mi primera y única experiencia con ILGA mundo ha sido realmente maravillosa. El acompañamiento y recomendaciones recibidas han sido excepcionales. Ha sido una experiencia enriquecedora y muy útil. Sin duda alguna, han tenido importantes resultados hasta ahora con las recomendaciones recibidas en el tema por parte de tres Estados y el poder haber hecho una declaración en el proceso final ha sido significativo. Espero poder ver más y mejores resultados”