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and LGBTIQ people
in Ukraine**

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The women of ILGA World

ILGA World Co-Secretaries

Elected at the Wellington - New Zealand World Conference in March of 2019.

Luz Elena Aranda

ILGALAC

She/her

Organization

Las Reinas Chulas
Cabaret y Derechos
Humanos AC
(Las Reinas Chulas
Cabaret and
Human Rights)
Country: Mexico

Tuisina Ymania Brown

ILGA

Oceania

She/her

Organization

Pacific Human Rights
Initiative
Country: Samoa



ILGA World Women's Committee

Since the 2019 ILGA World Conference in Wellington - New Zealand, the World Board includes five activists representing five new committees: bisexual, intersex, trans, youth and women. Each Committee consists of seven people: one committee coordinator and six activists from each region.

THE MEMBERS OF ILGA WORLD WOMEN'S COMMITTEE ARE:



**Committee
Coordination**

**Cristina
González Hurtado**



**Pan Africa
ILGA**

**Sandra
Kwikiriza**



**ILGA
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**Brenda
Rodríguez Alegre**



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the Caribbean
ILGA LAC**

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**ILGA North
America and
the Caribbean**

Vacant



**ILGA
Oceania**

Maria Nailevu



**ILGA
Europe**

**Angelica
Polmonari**

Changes to ILGA Steering Committees' chairs

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Our conferences are the world's largest gatherings of LGBTIQ+ change-makers and this 30th edition of the ILGA World Conference will take place from 2 to 6 May 2022 in LA Long Beach, CA in the United States. It will be hosted by the "It Gets Better Project" under the theme "LGBTIQ Youth: future present change."

The World Conferences also provide important decision-making opportunities for ILGA WORLD. As such, we are now in the process of electing seven of the nineteen people who compose ILGA's World Board, so let's get ready to elect our new World Co-Secretaries as well as the new Chairs of the Women's, Youth, Trans, Intersex, and Bisexual Committees.

[HERE](#) you will find the candidates under consideration. These are the people in whom we will vote in Los Angeles.



SECTION 2

Highlighting LGBTQI Women

Who lead LGBTQI Organizations in ILGA World

March 8 – International Women’s Day

THANK YOU TO ALL

The LGBTQI+ women HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS who integrate ILGA WORLD’s World Board and staff
Much more than a job: this is our vital commitment!



Some of the women that integrate ILGA WORLD’s World Council and staff. From left to right: Cristina González - La Pochi, Paula Kliik, Kim Frost, Shadi Amin, Olena Shevchenko, Ari Vera, Candy Yun, Ymania Brown and Luz Elena Aranda.



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We must provide assistance to those who remain on the frontline helping LGBTQI+ people in Ukraine. We invite you to follow the work Insight is doing and to donate money through its website. The process is simple and safe. Please donate [HERE](#)

This is how our ILGA-Europe region is responding to the human rights situation in Ukraine: ilga-europe.org/lgbti-ukraine. Here is also a list of organizations in Ukraine and neighboring countries working directly with LGBTI people and communities: <https://ilga-europe.org/support-lgbti-people-ukraine>.

Olena Shevchenko and the NGO INSIGHT fighting for LGBTQI+ people’s rights in Ukraine Ukraine- ILGA Europa

Olena Shevchenko is a lesbian feminist human rights defender, Ukrainian sociologist and educator, who devotes all her efforts to the struggle for the rights of LGBTQI+ people and women.

Olena Shevchenko is a Ukrainian lesbian feminist human rights defender, sociologist, and educator who dedicates herself to fight for LGBTQI+ people’s and women’s rights. She is the director of Insight, a civil society organisation founded in Ukraine in 2008, which is unique in its commitment to trans and intersex inclusivity and in its feminist approach. Since 2020, Olena has been one of ILGA EUROPE’s Regional Co-Secretaries.

Since Thursday, February 24, when the armed incursion into Ukraine began, Olena and Insight have been reporting on the situation in the country through their social networks. Insight has been able to keep its doors open and Olena and her staff are working. They have been providing remote psychological support through video calls and they also have shelters and are providing different types of emergency assistance.

SECTION 3

Highlighting the

Advancement of LGBTQI Rights Driven by LGBTQ Women

Insight into an Italian lesbian, jurist, transfeminist's daily fight for LGBTQI+ rights.

Discrimination – in all its possible forms and expressions – occurs when people are treated less favorably than others would be in a comparable situation simply for belonging, or being perceived to belong, to a certain group. Discrimination, as the unfair or detrimental treatment of human beings and groups on the basis of personal characteristics, constitutes one of the most common forms of human rights violations that it affects people around the world on a daily basis.

Although national laws and social attitudes towards the LGBTQI+ community have generally improved in recent decades, discrimination against LGBTQI+ people on the basis of their sex, gender, sexual characteristics, and/or sexual orientation remains pervasive and ubiquitous throughout the world and can manifest in subtle forms. There are sixty-nine countries that still prohibit homosexuality and most countries still lack effective anti-discrimination legislation designed to protect LGBTQI+ people from unfair treatment, harassment and violence. The impact that this lack of legal and policy protection safeguarding the equal rights, dignity and personal security, and freedom of expression and association of the LGBTQI+ has on the lives of LGBTQI+ people cannot be underestimated: with each passing day, more and more LGBTQI+ people are socially and legally forced to renounce their true selves, their identity, and their self-determination, and to adopt “avoidance behaviors” in order to prevent the risk of abuse. Living openly as an LGBTQI+ person remains a privilege that is largely determined by one's place of birth.

Yet, although the fight against intolerance and discrimination of LGBTQI+ people has become a key issue in the EU's internal and external policies and the subject of several European Parliament resolutions, widespread discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTQI+) individuals persists throughout the European Union in various forms, namely verbal violence and physical abuse. On a global scale, the European Union appears to be comparatively “LGBTI-friendly.” However, in recent years, some European countries have passed or discussed so-called “homosexual propaganda” laws and/or have not yet adopted anti-discrimination laws aimed at protecting LGBTQI+ people. This mixed social and political context, coupled with significant differences in national laws (e.g., regarding same-sex unions, hate crimes, and hate speech towards LGBTI people), raises questions as to the true extent to which LGBTQI+ people can freely exercise and effectively assert their rights within the EU.

Despite the Italian Parliament's approval, in 2016, of a “soft” bill allowing civil unions for same-sex couples, the country still lags behind other European countries regarding the adoption of measures against homo-, lesbo-, bi-, trans-, and intersexphobia. According to ILGA-Europe's 2021 Europe Rainbow Map and Index, which ranks the legal and policy situation of LGBTQI+ people in 49 European countries, Italy, with an overall score of 22%, ranks thirty-

fifth. The 2019 Special Eurobarometer “Discrimination in the EU” – an EU-wide survey that assesses LGBTQI+ social acceptance and the population's general perception of discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender characteristics within Member States – found that only 55% of Italians “accepted” LGBTQI+ people, a score well below the EU average. In 2019, the Italian civil society associations and organisations working for LGBTQI+ rights reported a substantial increase in hate speech both online and offline. In their opinion, this tangible increase in hate speech, insofar as it represents an extreme form of intolerance that directly contributes to hate crimes, was connected to an increase in the general predisposition of far-right Italian politicians and religious leaders to issue public attacks against LGBTQI+ people. In fact, those in Italy who oppose the recognition and protection of the rights of the LGBTQI+ tend to resort to cultural and religious arguments as well as tradition to provide a social justification for rejecting the simple affirmation of human rights and freedoms by members of the LGBTQI+ community; rights that are enshrined in international law. Despite this complex framework that leads to the progressive stagnation and even reversal of advances made towards LGBTQI+ equality, LGBTQI+ organisations, both in Europe as a whole and more specifically in Italy, have remained resolute in their fight to promote full respect of the rights of LGBTQI+ people in accordance with the fundamental values and principles of democracy.

The Italian LGBTQI+ organisation, Arcigay, with which I have worked as an activist for a decade, has a long history of advocacy for the LGBTQI+ community in Italy and is the leading Italian LGBTQI+ NGO by average number of volunteers and territorial coverage. Arcigay currently has seventy-one local committees and member associations. Since 1985, the year of its foundation, Arcigay has promoted equal rights for LGBTQI+ people and a rights-based approach against discrimination in all contexts, both public and private. Arcigay operates independently of any political party, ideology or religion, by fostering grassroots national activism that aims to achieve lasting sociocultural changes in favor of LGBTQI+ people in politics, the courts and Italian civil society, through coordinated lobbying activities, intersectional advocacy, and awareness and information campaigns.

On behalf of Arcigay, as a transfeminist activist for LGBTQI+ rights at the local, national, and international levels, I have personally experienced implicit and explicit forms of prejudice and violence against the LGBTQI+ community at the national level, but above all at the local level as a member of Modena's LGBTQI+ community. In the upcoming 2022 elections for Arcigay-Modena Local Committee's Executive Board (i.e., Arcigay-Modena “Matthew Shepard”) I will be running for the presidency of the Committee; twenty-one years after its foundation, I will be the first woman activist for the rights of the LGBTQI+ to run for such position. I am running in hopes of being able to use my extensive



experience working for LGBTQIA+ rights, agency and visibility of LGBTQIA+ women at the local, national and international level at Arcigay, for the benefit of my local LGBTQIA+ community and committee. As an attorney, as a woman, as a lesbian activist, I am highly motivated to help current and future generations of LGBTQIA+ women realize their full potential through a deep-rooted sense of responsibility towards all marginalized women and non-conforming women, transgender and non-binary women who cannot live authentically, since they are prevented, both socially and culturally, from being true to themselves and to others. My daily fight is your fight and yours is mine as well. At Arcigay-Modena "Matthew Shepard" Women's Group, the organisation's transfeminist branch, and at Arcigay Transfeminist Women's Network, Arcigay's first internal national transfeminist network, together with my fellow lesbian, bisexual, pansexual, transgender, and non-binary colleagues, I have committed to raising the concerns of LGBTQIA+ people in the fight for equality on a daily basis, through the organisation of conscientious mass protests, public conferences, seminars, workshops, focus groups, and training sessions on transfeminism, rights of LGBTQIA+ women, SOGIESC issues aimed at exploring the identities and issues of LGBTQIA+ people, while addressing common misconceptions.

Neither the recent rise in hatred against LGBTQIA+ people in Europe nor the current pandemic will prevent us from continuing to fight, alongside one another, to live in a society that is safer and more representative.

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SECTION 4

Regional platforms for

LBTQI Women's Rights Advocacy

LESLAC – Red de organizaciones de lesbianas y mujeres bisexuales y cuir de América Latina y el Caribe.

Our contribution to promote Abya Yala's lesbian resistance

*They wanted me to keep quiet about the heritage of my blood,
they wanted me to forget the violence against my mother,
but they could not take from us the internal fire,
the eternal knowledge, the signals found in dreams.
That is why we defend our land and its secrets
with two raised fists and amulets in the soul
with the force of the volcano, the roar of the jaguar
the strength of the female warrior and of the animal spirit.*

Mestiza Soul, Rebeca Lane (2016)

The fight for the rights of LGBTIQ+ people in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) has been intense over the last two decades. Lesbian and bisexual women have been promoting and driving this fight along with other identities, notwithstanding the fact that lesbian and bisexual women who are lesbians rights activists in lesbian and bisexual women's organisations have long been claiming the need to consider the problems of each identity separately, in their own spaces, and inclusive although their own. That is why for years several lesbian, bisexual and queer feminist activists, and lesbofeminist activists have taken the opportunities provided by each regional conference, each meeting, each convention to envision the creation of joint networks and platforms of lesbian and bisexual women's organisations in the LAC region.

In May 2018, the Mujery Mujer [Woman and Woman] Foundation of Guayaquil (Ecuador), the Bolivian Network of Lesbian and Bisexual Women, and the Socialist Feminist Independent Lesbians (LIFS) of Lima (Peru) all met in Lima, Peru, for Adelante con la Diversidad [Moving Forward with Diversity]'s Second LGBTI Summit to share their interests and their need to create a network of lesbian and bisexual and queer women's organisations.

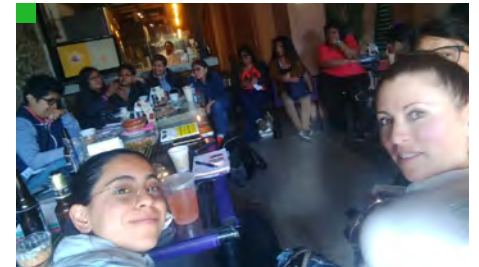
In November 2018, the third Lesbian-bisexual-intersex-trans Feminist international conference "Venir al Sur" [Coming South] was held in Mexico City and Corporación Femm (Colombia) took the opportunity to propose the creation of a platform for lesbian organisations interested in working on issues of violence in lesbian couples and in sexual-affective relationships of BQ+ women. While at Venir al Sur, organisations like the Foundation Mujer y Mujer, the Bolivian Network of Lesbian and Bisexual Women, and Mexico's AC Musas de Metal [Metal Muses], among others, held a meeting on November 28, 2018 to discuss Corporación Femm's proposal.



From left to right: Cristina González Hurtado of Femm, Silene S. Huarita of the Bolivian Network of Lesbian and Bisexual Women, among others.



During that meeting it became apparent that the lesbian and bisexual women's organisations gathered in Mexico City had several more issues that needed to be discussed in an articulated manner. That same day, a decision was made to meet again on November 30, 2018 as "Venir al Sur" came to a close.



From left to right: Pol Martínez of Musas de Metal; Karen Garita, Jessica Agila, and Lía Burbano of Mujer y Mujer; Silene S. Huarita of the Bolivian Network of Lesbian and Bisexual Women, Gabriela Blas of the Bolivian Wiñay Wara D.S.G Collective, Alhelí Ordoñez of LEDESER Mexico, and Cristina González Hurtado of Femm, among other women independent activists and organisation representatives.

On "Venir al Sur"'s last day, some of the organisations in attendance decided to join forces and consolidate a network or platform of lesbian organisations and independent lesbian activists. Over the course of 2019, the project continued to develop through virtual meetings and, by that year's second meeting, Femm proposed the group's graphic identity, and later, under the name LESLAC, we conducted the survey "Where are the lesbians?" aimed at collecting information from the region's lesbian organisations.

In November 2019, Femm hosted the 7th ILGA-LAC Regional Conference in Bogotá. Bogotá provided the opportunity for the lesbian, bisexual and queer women's organisations, which had met under LESLAC, to convene again. The meeting fell on the Day of Lesbian Visibility - April 26, 2020 - the date on which the collective purposes took on a new boost "thanks" to the angst brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic and the possibilities offered by remote work.



During the ILGALAC 2019 Regional Conference in Bogotá, Colombia - From left to right: Cristina González Hurtado of Femm, Nella Hidalgo and Lia Burbano of Mujer y Mujer, Luisa Sanabria of the Socialist Feminist Independent Lesbians (LIFS)

Given the situation at that time, it was urgent to issue a statement aimed at international donors and funders, stressing the challenges that lesbian organisations faced before and during the health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. That statement was drafted jointly during meetings held in May 2020 and was subsequently disseminated to gather signatures and endorsements.



Screenshot of a virtual meeting held on Saturday, April 26, 2020

As of now, the five organisations comprising LESLAC's Coordinating Group are Ecuador's Mujer y Mujer Foundation, Bolivia's Network of Lesbian and Bisexual Women, Colombia's Corporación Femm, Mexico's AC Musas de Metal, and Peru's Socialist Feminist Independent Lesbians (LIFS). We reaffirm ourselves as LESLAC - Network of Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Organisations of Latin America and the Caribbean - and our purpose is to creating spaces for reflection, dialogue, and work to coordinate actions that address the effects of public and private discrimination and violence against lesbians, bisexual women, adolescents, youth, adult and older adult women in Latin America and the Caribbean. We work towards making LESLAC an articulated and renowned feminist network, with the ability to influence and manage regional public policies, and to drive and strengthen lesbian activism in LAC.

Since September 2021, LESLAC has conducted five studies on violence and discrimination experienced by lesbians and bisexual and queer women in Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Mexico. Each organisation conducted a needs-assessment in its country regarding abuses against LBQ women. These studies comprise the first phase of the framework Project "Abya Yala Lesbian Resistance" funded under the "Leading from the South" 2021-2024 funding call of the Fund for Women in the South. LESLAC's studies were rigorous and their findings shocking, because they brought to light violence and discrimination that are little talked about, understudied, not typified, and much less published. That is why we hope that these five studies and the subsequent consolidated regional report will become a major reference and contribution to the global understanding of lesbian, bisexual and queer women's human rights situation.

LESLAC has endeavored to identify, promote and set a regional lesbian agenda that addresses the impact of public and private discrimination and violence against lesbians, bisexual and queer women, adolescents, youth, adult and older adult women in Latin America and Caribbean. It also proposes to create regional events/spaces for reflection and dialogue between lesbians and bisexuals in LAC, to produce its own knowledge as well as local and regional knowledge on violence and discrimination against lesbians, bisexual and

queer women, and to reclaim the history of the lesbian and bisexual movement in Latin America and the Caribbean.

LESLAC is one of the regional networks co-hosting the Lesbian Pre-Conference taking place on May 2 in Los Angeles (USA), one of the 2022 ILGA World Conference's pre-conference activities.

We hope that more lesbian, bisexual and queer women's organisations and groups in the region feel included in our purposes and want to join our mission.

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The Lesbian Tide: EL*C after 5 years of existence !

The Eurocentralasian Lesbian Community aka 'EL*C' is a feminist lesbian network founded between 2016-2017 and currently headquartered in Vienna, Austria. Our purpose is to address and shape the following key activities: action (reflection, empowerment, transformation), advocacy (equality, safety, rights through policies & laws), visibility (socio-political discourse and media representation), networking (solidarity, alliances, collaborations), resource & funding (spaces, communities, movements).*

Written by
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Co-Directora del EL*C

The urge to create a lesbian network came from converging realizations that lesbians across Europe and Central Asia were too scarcely represented in all areas of influence & power. And yet, we are everywhere! For five years now we have been working tirelessly to learn, speak and disseminate the language of power! To join us on this journey we invite all lesbian groups & individuals to sign up and become EL*C members. You can find extra information about how to join the network [here](#).

From the beginning, our key goals have been to increase visibility around the incredible work done by lesbians in all areas, sports, business, politics, art, media etc. The idea is for eg. for the Marielle Francos, the Hannah Gadsbys, the Bev Ditsies, the Denise Hos of this world to be known to all. Our efforts have also gone into leveraging funding for the lesbian movement. Often times, our research shows that lesbian groups are forced to dissolve because too much of the work is done on a voluntary basis. For this reason precisely, we have worked hard to build a sustainable working environment for ourselves: with salaries, shared online tools, a strong governance structure, etc. This has not come necessarily easy, but we have been determined to work as professional lesbians, keeping in mind the lessons learned from past lesbian movements, and the high potential for exhaustion when working on a volunteer basis, especially on a cause so closely intertwined with ones personal life and existence in this world.

Our work to increase visibility and positive perception of lesbian lives encompasses several layers. Beyond carving our space in society as a whole, our duty also lies with making sure that our claims are taken onboard by women's rights movements, as well as within the LGBTIQ community. There is a saying that goes, 'Lesbians Free Everyone' famously held up on a banner at the 1995 World Conference on Women in Beijing (China) - the idea is that all people can only taste freedom when those least visible can claim their space in the sun. Said otherwise by the brilliant Audre Lorde: "I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own."

The establishment of EL*C in 2016 has generated a powerful army of lovers, friends, colleagues, activists who all share a common vision: living our lives free of violence, proudly & joyfully, and to be able to enjoy full dignity and access to all rights without any barriers. Over the past years some have come, some have gone, but all have left an invaluable trace through their energies, dedication, fierce sense of politics and analysis. The EL*C today has become as strong as the lesbians who have dedicated their time to the project, this explains why today the project is so powerful!

Between the picketing and demonstrating, supporting our sisters who were detained and being detained ourselves, overall, we have managed to find the time for marriage proposals, vacationing together, sharing book recommendations, laughing (and crying) out loud together countless times: it is fair to say that transcending connections - food for the soul kind of connections - have developed over the course of the past five years. We continue to inspire each other, to challenge each other to reach the next frontier: where all lesbians have been and at the same time where no lesbians have been. In this way, the EL*C has become a powerful incubator of lesbian genius for the world. This is one of the aspects that is so precious from the establishment of an organization: when it serves as a stepping stone of amazing new projects into different spheres: culture, politics, business, sports, etc.

In 2022, EL*C is entering a new stage of its existence. Relatively recently, while some of us were on a trip together, we received the news that our grant request with the European Commission had been successful! Extraordinary! No European network had ever been granted this funding scheme after 5 years of existence and it is safe to say such funds have never before been given to a Euro-Central Asian feminist lesbian network.

About this paradigm shift, we have said - jokingly - that EL*C is entering its season 2 after five years of existence. A new season full of new encounters, force, care, stimulations and potentiality! 'Thank you' isn't enough to express how grateful we feel for all the activists that have contributed their skills, time, passion, forcefulness, helping to reach this new milestone. The same goes for the lesbian pioneers from the International Lesbian Information Service aka 'ILIS' (1980-1998) and others. Our work is a continuation and an expansion of theirs, facilitated by technology and low cost transportation: for example, although things have changed, ILIS's first conference gathered approximately 80 participants from 17 countries in Amsterdam in (1980); close to 40 years later the EL*C brought together over 500 lesbians from 50 different countries in Vienna for its inaugural conference (2017); our inspirations are molded on everything that they propelled at the time: from their creative outputs to the ways of organizing across countries and regions.

The expansion of EL*C has been in motion for a little while now, we went from a few members and one light house project with the biennial conference, to welcoming dozens of member organizations and many individual members. In five years, we have also expanded our scope of work and areas of focus. Soon, EL*C will have more



Photo: Leila Lohman, Tirana (Albania)'s first lesbian march (2019)

than half a dozen persons working full-time focusing on: events, advocacy, development, administration, community and communications among other areas. And yet, the stakes have never been higher! With extra power comes extra responsibility and scrutiny, and the political dynamics in the region are ever changing.

Season 2 for EL*C also means a new set of projects to deploy, all meant in one way or another to improve the lives of lesbians across Europe and Central Asia.

Although a new phase is starting, our thirst for a bigger and stronger lesbian movement within regions and across regions has remained constant. For this reason, since 2017, EL*C is part of the working group of the Global Feminist LBQ Women*s Conference (whose first edition was held in Cape Town in 2019). Moreover, we are especially excited to be co organizers of the lesbian pre conference at Ilga World's upcoming conference in Los Angeles, California in May 2022. We see this event as a key moment for lesbian activists from around the globe to come together following the 2-year void in physical meetings brought about by the pandemic. A unique chance to exchange on lessons learnt, regional challenges and possible ways to strengthen lesbians both at regional and global levels. A dream would be to see the birth of more regional lesbian networks beyond the [Coalition of African Lesbians \('CAL'\)](#), the [Network of Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women's Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean - LESLAC](#) and the [EL*C](#), and with them to make the revolution on a global scale! Who's in?

SECTION 6

Women Pre-Conference and Lesbian Pre-Conference

LBTQI+ women will meet in Los Angeles -USA at the

2022 World ILGA World Conference

“LGBTIQ youth: future present change.”



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LGBTIQ YOUTH: FUTURE PRESENT CHANGE
JUVENTUD LGBTIQ: CAMBIO FUTURO PRESENTE

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ILGA conferences are diverse and engaging because much of the content is proposed and led by LGBTIQ+ organisations from around the world and because the learning and exchange sessions have several formats, including panel discussions, workshops, and other spaces for debate.

During this 30th edition of the ILGA World Conference, which will take place from 2 to 6 May, 2022 in LA Long Beach, California, United States, LGBTIQ women will have two wonderful opportunities to meet: the Women's Pre-Conference organised by ILGA WORLD's Women's Committee (Cristina, Brenda, María, Teresa, Sandra and Angélica) and the Lesbian Pre-Conference organised by ILGA's Women's Committee and by EL*C and LESLAC, two regional networks of lesbian and BQ+ women.

For more information on these two events, you can email us at:

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If you want to find out more about EL*C and LESLAC, we invite you to read their publications in this magazine and follow them on their social networks.

For more information about the World Conference:

ILGA World has developed a dedicated conference website in three languages where you will find all the latest information about the 2022 ILGA World Conference. Be sure to visit worldconference.ilga.org/worldconference to find out more about the conference program, practical information and much more.

[Follow this link](http://worldconference.ilga.org/worldconference) to access the ILGA World Conference website.

All information about the event is just one click away!



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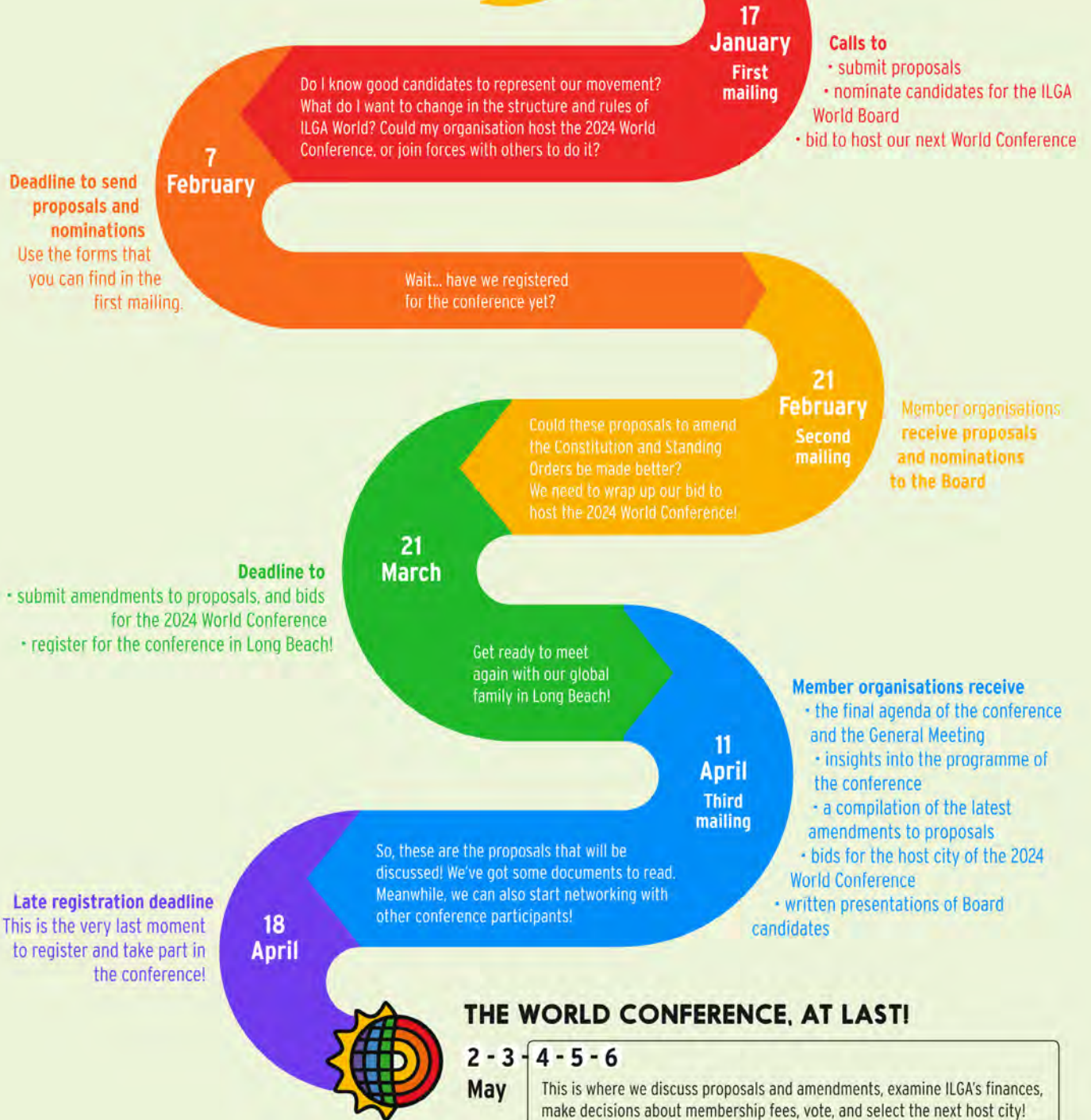
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We have the power to shape the organisation, have our say about its rules and structure, and to choose who represents our global movement!



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