

### NAMIBIA EQUAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

There is no freedom, if there is no equality. Est. 21st March 2021 Windhoek, Namibia @equalnamibia

## **PRESS CONFERENCE INVITATION** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# **RE:** NAMIBIAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS REPORT CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT- *NAMIBIAN CHILDREN* SEPARATED FROM FAMILY AND DENIED CITIZENSHIP

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA(April 8, 2021) --- As public policy continues to be used by the Namibian Government to suppress and marginalize the LGBTQ+ community, the human dignity of this community, the right to a family and best interests of children are being violated. The Namibian Constitution's mandate is to ensure all Namibians are equal before the law, and equality requires acceptance rather than the suppression of difference, regardless of who you love or the colour of your skin.

It is against this backdrop of state-sanctioned homophobia, which has encouraged an atmosphere of permissible discrimination against this minority group, that we invite members of the media, civil society organizations, government officials and allies to an important *Human Rights Press Conference*- addressed by more than 15 human rights organizations- to report on the serious human rights violations, oppression and disenfranchisement of the LGBTQ+ community in Namibia.

#### PRESS CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, April 15th, 2021 Protea Hotel Furstenhof 9:30AM-11AM

#### All COVID PROTOCOLS APPLY Please RSVP to:

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**ABOUT EQUAL NAMIBIA:** Equal Namibia, a coalition of individuals and organizations committed to realizing the constitutional promise of equality, to its fullest extent, for LGBQT+ people.