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## **One-Day Pre-Conference Dialogue on Gender, Sexuality and Human Rights: *Advancing LGBT Rights through Global Networking & Advocacy***

**Wednesday, July 26, 2006**

We are excited to announce a one-day Pre-Conference Strategic Dialogue leading into the opening session of the Outgames International Conference on LGBT Rights in Montreal. The Dialogue will begin at 9:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, July 26, 2006** and will conclude at 5:00 p.m., in time for the Opening Dinner of the Conference.

This Pre-Conference Dialogue, hosted by ARC International, will provide conference participants having some United Nations knowledge or engagement with a unique opportunity for a focused strategic discussion about changes in the UN Human Rights systems and ways to continue the advancement of sexual orientation, gender identity and human rights issues through these mechanisms.

All are welcome to attend. There are no additional costs or registration requirements, but if you are interested in participating, we ask that you fill out the Information Form below and send it back to [arc@arc-international.net](mailto:arc@arc-international.net) by June 30, 2006.

Sincerely,  
John Fisher and Kim Vance, Co-Directors, ARC International

### **INFORMATION FORM**

<b>Please fill out and return by June 30 to <a href="mailto:arc@arc-international.net">arc@arc-international.net</a></b>
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1. Contact details:

Name:

City/Country:

Organisation:

E-mail address:

2. What is the primary focus of your or your organisation's work (e.g. human rights, HIV/AIDS, women's rights, sexual and reproductive rights, LGBT, faith-based, labour, youth, etc.)?

3. We are seeking funding to enable the Dialogue to take place, as much as possible, in English, French and Spanish. Please indicate whether you will be able to participate in any of these languages. If so, which do you prefer? If not, what other language(s) can you communicate in?

4. Why do you wish to participate? What do you feel you would bring to the Dialogue? What do you feel you would get out of it?

5. What international knowledge or experience do you possess (e.g. World Conferences, UNCHR attendance, regional conferences etc)? Please explain.

6. Do you have any special or accessibility needs (e.g. dietary restrictions, wheelchair access, assistance with childcare etc) that you would like us to consider when planning this conference?

7. Is there any other information you would like to include?

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**AGENDA**

**9:30 a.m. Panel with Q&A:**

Briefing/Update on UN Mechanisms and Reform, and current issues  
(Human Rights Council, Commission on the Status of Women, Economic and Social Council, UN Special Session on HIV/AIDS, etc.)

**11:30 a.m. Regional Caucuses:**

Facilitated discussion:

1. What are the impacts (if any) of current UN reforms in your region?
2. What are the best ways to engage and maximize NGO participation in your region?
3. What are key countries within your region where the domestic situation could be a tool to advance sexual orientation and gender identity issues internationally?
4. What are the best ways to engage those countries?
5. What regional and domestic human rights mechanisms may be most valuable in advancing sexual orientation and gender identity issues?

**1:00 p.m. Lunch** (to be provided on-site)

**2:00 p.m. Caucus Reports:**

Caucuses present priorities/strategies

**3:00 p.m. Facilitated Large Group Discussion:**

Building cohesive regional/international strategies and action plans

**5:00 p.m. Closure**

**Coordinated/facilitated by: ARC International**

ARC International ([www.arc-international.net](http://www.arc-international.net)) is a project-driven organization designed to make a contribution to the development of a strategic international LGBT human rights agenda. ARC works cooperatively with existing domestic and international organizations active on LGBT and related issues to foster the development of networks, positive communications and access to international human rights mechanisms.