

**Regional Review Conference on the Geneva Declaration  
on Armed Violence and Development  
Geneva, Switzerland**

***Side event:***

***LGBTI, armed violence and security: Advancing a research agenda***

The primary purpose of this side event is to start the conversation about broadening the armed violence reduction (AVR) research and policy agenda by taking into account sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI)-based violence. Specifically, the event will gather interested stakeholders attending the Regional Review Conference (diplomats, IGOs, NGOs, academics) and facilitate discussion on issues related to the relationship between LGBTI communities, armed violence, and justice and security provision. Participants will be asked to reflect on the current gender research agenda within the AVR framework and how it can be expanded to include LGBTI issues (in terms of victimization, reparation, and inclusion in political and security institutions); the data gaps and opportunities for a broader research agenda recognising and including LGBTI communities; and the feasibility of convening an expert meeting in early 2015 (where a more formal research and policy dialogue framework can be developed).

**Invited Speakers:**

- **Marcus Wilson**, Research Consultant | Small Arms Survey
- **Henri Myrtilinen**, Senior Research Officer on Gender and Peace Building | International Alert.
- **André du Plessis**, UN Programme and Advocacy Manager | International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans And Intersex Association (ILGA)
- **James McLaughlin**, 2nd Secretary Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs | UK Mission to the United Nations, Geneva

**Venue:** The event will take place in Room 15 at the *Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG)*, which is located in *17 rue de Varembe*

**Date and time:** Tuesday 8 July 2014 during Regional Review Conference lunch-hour from **12:45 to 13:45**