

Call for Applications: The Sexual Rights Litigation Network – Uganda Chapter

The Taala Foundation in collaboration with the Initiative for Strategic Litigation Africa (ISLA) is looking for lawyers who are looking to make a contribution to the advancement of human rights, especially in the field of sexual rights, to be part of the Uganda chapter of the **Sexual Rights Litigation Network in Uganda**.

About The Taala Foundation

The Taala Foundation is a registered entity working to bridge the gap in access to wellness support for gender and sexual diverse people in Uganda primarily through Mental Health Promotion and Education. We view wellness as the evolving process of achieving physical, mental, social, intellectual, spiritual, and occupational wellbeing; and thus, we develop our robust programs recognizing those various aspects of wellness. Overall, our work aims at fostering greater levels of wellbeing, dignity, tolerance, respect, and acceptance for gender and sexual diverse people within the broader society.

About The Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa

The Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA) is a Pan-African and feminist initiative which engages the rule of law within African domestic and regional courts to advance sexual and women's human rights. We believe that strategic litigation can reframe understanding of entitlements before the law, challenge legal discourse on human rights violations, hold States and other duty bearers accountable to violations of human rights (especially those grounded in gender and sexualities), and develop new norms. Our work is also based on the belief that strategic litigation is a powerful tool for social change because it has the capacity to work in multidimensional ways, both within a given context and, critically, across contexts. We highlight positive developments and emphasise cross-learning from various countries on the continent.

The Sexual Rights Litigation Network (SXLN) aims to build a body of actors that can hold states accountable for violations against persons based on their gender and/or sexuality by nurturing partnerships between movements and lawyers working together on social change through strategic litigation at national, regional, and international level.

About the Network:

The Sexual Rights Litigation Network (SXLN) works in various countries to support social movements and individuals who would like to use the law and litigation in particular in order to respond to sexual rights and SOGIE-based violations in particular. The objectives of the Sexual Rights Network are four-fold: developing social movements that use the law

and courts in particular as an advocacy tool, developing a pool of movement lawyers who are embedded in the movements and work to support the movements to achieve their goals, and to hold States accountable for SOGIE-based violations across the continent; strengthening our network partners' ability to do strategic litigation and feminist litigation in particular and working with partners to create an enabling environment for doing strategic litigation.

What to Expect

Successful applicants will attend sessions to learn about strategic litigation, as well as have an opportunity to grow this area of their practice, identify and develop cases for submission before national courts or regional human rights systems in order to develop jurisprudence before domestic courts and African Human Rights Systems.

Essential Skills and Requirements

Education and Experience (Essential)

- Bachelor's degree in law
- A commitment to protection of human rights for all
- An interest in strategic litigation.

Opportunity closing date:

21th March, 2022 at 23:59HRS EAT. (Please note applications will be assessed on an ongoing basis during the application period).

Important Application details:

To apply for the position, complete the application form attached in this email.

Please complete the form with as much detail as possible. Once you complete submit, the form to legal@taalafoundation.org under the subject: **SXLN Application**. This completed form will be received by the recruitment team who will evaluate your application and provide you feedback on your application status and further requirements.