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# ✦ Global Trans Conference

## Global Trans and Gender Diverse Declaration

We are 200 trans and gender diverse activists and allies representing thousands of community members worldwide. Today, we, the global trans and gender diverse communities, unite our voices to declare: ***We have always existed. We are here to stay. We are here to resist. We are here to Thrive!***

### Violence, Discrimination, and Human Rights

Trans and gender diverse people have historically been targets of hate and violence. The stereotypes and stigma associated with our identities perpetuate this harm. Increasing legal restrictions and attacks on our rights fill our lives with fear and uncertainty globally. Our human rights are continuously unprotected, disrespected, and violated, and our lives, and those of future generations, are in danger from anti-gender movements worldwide. Transmisogyny is a reality that results in daily hate and violence against us.

The **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** states that all members of the human family should be treated with inherent dignity and equality. These inalienable rights form the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world. The Sustainable Development Goals outline a vision of **“Leaving No One Behind.”** Yet, research shows that trans and gender diverse people continue to be left behind due to patriarchy, misogyny, cis-heteronormativity, transphobia, racism, classism, and xenophobia. Despite being skillful, creative, productive and capable, systemic oppression relegates us to second-class citizenship, preventing us from sharing our gifts with the world.

We refuse to accept this any longer. We have been denied the right to exist and live dignified lives like any other human being. Human rights are inalienable, indivisible, and interdependent. **We demand universal human rights here and now!**

### Health Care

Governments and states have imposed restrictions on our healthcare access, particularly gender-affirming care. These restrictions create hardships for trans and gender diverse youth and adults alike and lead to extreme stigma, violence, and high suicide rates. Health inequalities that prevent us from being physically and mentally healthy must be addressed.

We advocate for health and reproductive rights that respect our intersectional identities and for full access to decolonized and depathologized health care. We must be treated with dignity in medical settings and with the respectful and tailored care we deserve. We will no longer conform to “basic health care” standards.

**We demand community-based and holistic gender-affirming, HIV and sexual health care without gatekeepers.**



## Education and Economic Opportunities

Education is a key driver of agency and autonomy. Yet, many trans and gender diverse individuals are deprived of their fundamental right to education due to discrimination. Attacks on trans visibility in education lead to dropouts and exclusion from employment opportunities and formal economies, perpetuating cycles of poverty, criminalization and poor quality of life. Invisibilizing trans and gender diverse individuals in education and employment robs society of our talents and skills.

**We demand inclusive education** that recognizes and supports trans and gender diverse students, and equal access to economic opportunities to ensure that we can contribute to and benefit from society.

## Trans and Gender Diverse Movements

Globally, inequality is growing despite increasing wealth. In the majority world, people feel the impact of socioeconomic inequality and disempowerment. We share these struggles with all our siblings, trans or not. No one is free until we are all free—civilly, politically, and socio-economically. We will not bow to the anti-rights strategy of division. Our lives are, by essence, intersectional: whenever the rights of sex workers, migrants and refugees, people living with HIV, and any marginalized communities are threatened, it is all of us who are under attack.

Trans and gender diverse people have always fought for our liberation and right to exist in a society that sees us as disposable. The trans and gender diverse movement was initiated by our siblings as acts of resistance and social revolution. We honor our ancestors' sacrifices and acknowledge their bravery in paving the way for us.

Our fight is not aimed at denying anyone their inherent human rights. Rather, our revolution seeks to amplify the call for every human being to live in a world that is just, fair, and inclusive. A world where TGD people do not have to live in fear—fear of hatred, violence, discrimination, racism, and other systemic injustices. A world where each person is seen, heard, and valued—not despite who we are but because of it.

## Call to Action

We call on our political allies to champion trans rights, our human rights. We call upon you to join us in our movement for social justice, to eradicate gender-based oppression, and to dismantle a system that denies us the right to exist and flourish.

We seek global solidarity to build a better world for everyone, trans or not, where everyone can exercise their right to exist, be free to express their gender and sexual orientation, and fulfill their dreams in a safe environment. We believe in a world that sees the strength and transformative potential of diversity. We strive to create safe spaces for fostering deeper understanding and stronger connections.

We hold on to the belief that hearts and minds can shift towards love and peace and away from power fights, ignorance and hatred. Together, with our allies and all who hold space with humanity, we will overcome the challenges we face.

We will not disappear; we have survived hate and violence and will continue to thrive. **We declare our right to exist, to feel safe, and to thrive in a world that values us for who we are.**

