

# #VoiceandChoice SRHR MEDIA APPLICATION

Response ID:192 Data

## 1. (untitled)

### 1. Did you participate in GL SRHR training in Johannesburg or in your country ahead of the summit?

Yes

### 2. Date

06/20/2019

### 3. Country

Seychelles

### 4. Type of media

Print

### 5. Title of article/radio or television segment/online article

LGBTI+: Where are we three years on?

### 6. Please indicate SRHR theme is covered in your submission:

Sexual diversity

### 7. Name of newspaper title/radio or television programme/ website

Seychelles Nation

### 8. Media House

Seychelles Nation (National Information Services Agency)

### 9. Ownership

Public

### 10. Contact information

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Sex

Female

## 2. (untitled)

11. If the artefact is less than 50 MB, please upload here. Please ensure that the file is named using the following naming protocol:

Nameofsubmission\_yourname\_country\_monthandyear

E.G. womeninthemarket\_ruthdube\_zimbabwe\_062016

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## 3. (untitled)

### 14. Synopsis (300 words)

**Brief description of the story - What do you wish to write about? Why? What makes this a relevant and timely story? What are the new angles in the story?**

Since the decriminalisation of same-sex acts between men in Seychelles in 2016, what has changed for LGBTI+ persons in Seychelles? The article addresses LGBTI+ rights in a human rights context and makes use of court cases to set the context for the readers. The media in Seychelles tends to focus on LGBTI+ only when invited to do so and does not necessarily give LGBTI+ persons to voice out regarding how they are treated or marginalised by the wider society.

### 15. Background (200 words)

**Why did you do the story? What problem or context is it responding to?**

From observation, I noticed that it is quite commonplace for transgenders in Seychelles to be ridiculed and marginalised and wanted to find out whether my observations were valid. Highlighting the discrimination that LGBTI+ persons are faced with in Seychelles.

### 16. Key objectives (100 words)

**What did you hope to achieve with this coverage?**

To provide food for thought. Addressing LGBTI+ from a human rights perspective, to which every basic human is inherently entitled to, and through the voice of LGBTI+ persons themselves, to evoke some emotion.

### 17. Target audience (200 words)

**Who did you hope to reach? Did you succeed in reaching this audience? What evidence do you have to that effect?**

All sections of society from policy-makers, LGBTI+ persons and the wider society. The article was referred to in a panel discussion with media professionals as a good journalistic piece.

### 18. How did you go about producing the submission?

**How did you gather the data, how many sources, female and male did you consult? Why did you choose these sources and how were their voices important?**

I consulted a female police-officer and activist for the relevant legislation and her opinion as an activist. Mx Fabianna Bonne as the Chairperson of LGBTI+ Sey as the NGO plays an important role in advocating for human rights in Seychelles and lobbied for the decriminalisation in 2016. Finally, Miss Ronny Arnephy whose voice and perspective of life as a transgender woman in Seychelles adds depth to the story. An attempt to consult a second transgender woman failed even after setting three call appointments.

**19. Feedback (300 words)**

**How will you use social media to maximise the impact of the story? What impact did it have? What evidence do you have to illustrate impact?**

**Please provide any examples of feedback that you received from the articles (from websites, letters, etc.)**

Mention by well-respected journalist Pat Mathiot at high-level panel discussion amongst renowned media professionals  
Positive feedback from colleagues at Seychelles Nation

**20. Attach all relevant feedback documentation here:**

**21. Follow up (300 words)**

**Did you conduct a follow up to your story and why?**

There was no follow-up story published yet. But shortly after my story was published on May 17th to mark the International Day Against Homophobia, a roundtable discussion was held between the media and LGBTI+ NGOs. Numerous issues were highlighted during the discussions including the need for media houses to be give more visibility to LGBTI+ issues amongst others.

**4. (untitled)**

**22. Please rate your programme on GL's Gender and Media (GEM) Awareness Index. Judges will verify the rating. Please rate 0 to 10 where 0=weak; 10=excellent**

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The subject is either specifically about gender or one in which gender is mainstreamed.						X					
Women and men (boys and girls) views are consulted equally and given equal weight.							X				
The article/programme/photo consults the views of those who make decisions as well as those affected showing differential impact between women and men					X						
Male and female sources are treated with dignity and respect.									X		
The article/programme/photo challenges gender stereotypes and embraces diversity.								X			
The article/programme/photo prompts gender awareness through informed public debate.							X				
Relevant statistics are disaggregated by gender.						X					
The article/programme/photo takes a rights based approach.							X				
The article/programme/photo provides fresh views on everyday news.						X					
The article/programme/photo is bold and courageous.							X				

**5. (untitled)**

**Total Score**

**23. By ticking this box, I hereby certify that the work presented is my original work.**

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**24. This may be verified by****First Name**

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**25. To post questions on the summit and get regular updates please sign up to our [Community of Practice](#) and go to the forums section.**

**Did you sign up?**

Yes

**26. Would you like to receive a PDF copy of your application?**

Yes

**27. Insert the email address it should be sent to.**

**PLEASE NOTE - if you do not receive it within a few minutes of submitting, please check you junk mail box as it may have been sent there.**

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**7.****New Send Email**

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**Applicant New Send Email**

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**9. Thank You!**

**Average Judges Score**

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**Judge 3 Score**

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**Judge 2 Score**

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**Judge 1 Score**

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