



4Ward Americas LGBTI Human Rights Symposium

February 17 & 18, 2019

University of Miami, Newman Alumni Center, Coral Gables, FL
6200 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

**Sunday
February 17, 2019**

9:00 AM	<i>Registration Open</i>
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	<p><i>“Foundations of Tourism, Business and Human Rights” Symposium Brunch</i> Sponsored by the GMCVB</p> <p>WELCOME REMARKS: The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau</p> <p>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: John Tanzella, CEO; International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA) (USA) <i>“The Intersections Between the Travel Industry & Human Rights.”</i></p>

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Fabrice Houdart, Human Rights Officer;
United Nations OHCHR Free and Equal Campaign. (USA)

*“The Role of Business in Confronting the Backlash
Against Human Rights of #LGBTI People.”*

PANEL:

*“Equality and Economic Empowerment for LGBTQ+ Communities
Through Global Partnerships.”*

Moderator:

Steve Adkins, President;
Miami-Dade Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (USA)

Panelists:

- **Consul General Susan Harper**, Consulate General of Canada in Miami (Canada)
- **Andres Vasquez**, Vice President, Camara de Comerciantes LGBT de Colombia (Colombia)
- **Kristin Hansen**, President of ELLA International Lesbian Festival (Spain)
- **Julio Cesar Calvo**, CEO and Founder of the Costa Rica LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce (Costa Rica)
- **Charlie Rounds**, Creator of Destination Travel; Former President of RSVP Vacations; Co-creator of Alturi News; Creator of Give OUT Day; and Program Director of the Mossier Foundation (USA)
- **Kevin Dallas**, Chief Executive Officer, Bermuda Tourism Authority (Bermuda)

11:30 AM

Brunch Concludes

**Monday
February 18, 2019**

8:30 AM	<i>Registration & Breakfast Open</i>
9:30 AM to 10:20 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Geopolitical & Policy Overview: LGBTQI Communities in the Americas.”</i></p> <p>Moderator: Daniel Shoer Roth, Columnist, <i>El Nuevo Herald</i> (USA)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative David Richardson, Florida House of Representatives (2012-2018). (USA)• Fabrice Houdart, United Nations OHCHR; Board Member- OUTRight Action International. (USA)• Charlie Rounds, Program Director, Mossier Foundation (USA)• Mauricio Noguera, LGBTI Program Officer for Latin America, International Institute on Race, Equality & Human Rights (USA)

<p>10:20 AM</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p>10:30 AM to 11:20 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY: <i>“LBT Women Organizing for LBT Women.”</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Gisela Vega, Director, University of Miami LGBTQ Student Center (USA)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Schwartz, Managing Director, Aqua Foundation for Women (USA) • Emma Chacon, Activist & Founder of Colectiva Irreversibles (Costa Rica) • Bruna Benevides, Navy Sergeant; Afro-trans activist; Secretary of ANTR- National Association of Transsexuals (Brazil) • Luna Humerez Aquino, President of Otraf (Bolivia)
<p>11:20 AM</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p>11:30 PM to 12:20 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY: <i>“Marriage, Family, Creed and Laws.”</i></p> <p>Moderator: Steve Rothaus, LGBTQ Issues Reporter, <i>The Miami Herald</i> (USA)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zakiya Lord, Board of Directors, OUTBermuda (Bermuda) • Kenita Placide, Executive Director of ECADE & NYC 2018 Pride Co-Grand Marshall (St. Lucia)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Lima, Executive Director, SAVE (USA) • Rev. Juan Del Hierro, Associate Minister, Unity on the Bay (USA)
12:20 PM	Break
12:30 PM to 1:15 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Youth OUTLoud Plenary:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Queer Men of Color and Sexual Violence on College Campuses.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adam Ropizar</p> <p>Biomedical Science Major and LGBTQ Ambassador, Florida International University (USA)</p>
1:15 PM	Break
1:30 PM to 2:45 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Luncheon and 4Ward Talks: with the Miami Dolphins Football Unites</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“The Other in Sports: How Football Unites”</i></p> <p>Interviewer:</p> <p>Jessica Ashley Osborn, Chair and Creative Catalyst for GradOUT, University of Miami.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twan Russell, former Miami Dolphins Linebacker & Youth Programs Ambassador for the Miami Dolphins • Jason Jenkins, Senior Vice President, Communications & Community Affairs; Miami Dolphins (USA) • Rashauna Hamilton, Director of Youth Programs; Miami Dolphins (USA)

<p>3:00 PM to 3:50 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY: <i>“Resilience, Perseverance and Dreams: Oral Accounts of Transnational Immigrant Journeys.”</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Patricia Hernandez, Esq; Rotella & Hernandez; Immigration & Nationality Law (USA)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candelario Saldana, Summer Associate Law Clerk at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP; President of UM OUTLaw (USA) • Carlos Idibouo, National Steering Committee Member, Dignity Network; and Founder of the House of Culture (Canada) • Kamahli Powell, Executive Director, Rainbow Railroad (Canada)
<p>3:50 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Break</p>
<p>4:00 PM to 5:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ELLA TALKS: <i>“Creating Green LGBTQI Pan American Communities: Supporting Renewable Energy, Diverse Food Systems, Sustainable Environments & Economic Equality.”</i></p> <p>Interviewer:</p> <p>Jennifer Ann Love, Editor and Publisher, <i>The Hollywood Gazette</i> (USA)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myrtille Danse, Latin American Director, HIVOS (Costa Rica) • Emma Chacon, Activist & Founder of Colectiva Irreversibles (Costa Rica)

<p>5:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p>	<p>PLENARY: <i>“HIV Awareness & Prevention in the Americas.”</i></p> <p>Moderator: Victor Diaz Herman, Executive Director; Pridelines (USA)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lori Chambers, Researcher & HIV Response Worker (Canada) • Alejandro Acosta, HIV Project Coordinator for Equality Florida (USA) • Cristian King, Executive Director, TRANSSA (Dominican Republic) • Gonzalo Aburto, Director of the Latin Initiative for The SERO Project (USA/Mexico)
<p>6:00 PM</p>	<p><i>Networking Mixer & Mini-Expo</i></p>
<p>6:30 PM To 8:30 PM</p>	<p><i>Keynote Address & Closing Dinner</i> Sponsored by AHF</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Mayor Sean Strub, Mayor of Milford, Pennsylvania & long-time HIV response activist (USA)</p>