



OUT for Sustainability Quarter 2 2024 Newsletter

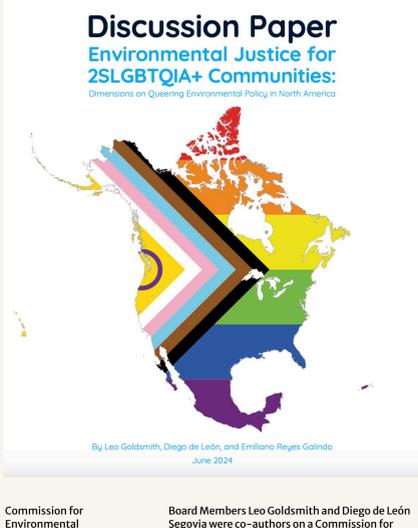
Greetings! Welcome to the 2024 Q2 Newsletter for OUT for Sustainability.

Read on for our organizational updates! The next OUT4S newsletter is slated for October 2024.

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Quarter 2 Highlights



Commission for Environmental Cooperation
Discussion Paper on Environmental Justice for 2SLGBTQIA+ Communities: Dimensions of Queering Environmental Policy in North America

[Report](#)

Board Members Leo Goldsmith and Diego de León Segovia were co-authors on a Commission for Environmental Cooperation Discussion Paper on Environmental Justice for 2SLGBTQIA+ Communities: Dimensions of Queering Environmental Policy in North America. OUT4S contractor Natalia Villarán Quiñones was also a contributor to the Paper.

The Discussion Paper was commissioned following a roundtable discussion in October 2023 to better understand the theory and practice of impacts of climate change on LGBTQ+ people and their indigenous counterparts, to share stories of policy integration and implementation, and to recommend actions and steps forward for the Canadian, Mexican, and U.S. governments.



Welcome Lexington Tool Library as the newest member of our fiscal sponsorship program!

[Website](#)

The Lexington Tool Library's goal is to provide access to the tools and equipment Lexington, Kentucky residents need to help themselves and their neighbors make their homes and communities better. The borrowing of commonly-held tools, provided to all members regardless of ability to pay, aims to reshape our relationship to ownership, community, and consumption.

OUT4S is excited to help support this mission in building resilience for the LGBTQIA+ community.



Can't Stop Change: Queer Climate Stories from the Florida Frontlines

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OUT for Sustainability is a proud sponsor of the new feature-length documentary Can't Stop Change: Queer Climate Stories from the Florida Frontlines, produced by Queers 4 Climate Justice. As Florida's violent legislation dominates headlines, LGBTQ2S+ communities are also on the frontlines of accelerating climate change. Can't Stop Change weaves interviews with 14 LGBTQ2S+ artists, organizers, and educators across Florida (and the new Florida diaspora) into an intersectional climate justice narrative.

This is the LAST DAY to catch Can't Stop Change for only \$5 on Kinema! Once you rent the film, you'll have 30 days to start watching and 48 hours to finishing watching once you start. All proceeds go to support Florida-based organizing efforts.

Want to host a screening in your community? The team is actively scheduling screenings for the fall! Visit linktr.ee/cantstopchange or contact queerproject@gmail.org for more information.

Thank you to Vanessa Raditz and Natalia Villarán Quiñones for their efforts on the documentary.



LGBTQ Stakeholder Group Side-Event at High-Level Political Form (HLPF) on Sustainable Development

[HLPF](#)

Board Member Diego de León Segovia spoke on Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 12, 16, and 17 from a queer perspective at the HLPF on Sustainable Development annual meeting.

Diego showed data collected by OUT for Sustainability regarding the intersections between poverty, food security, and climate change, as well as differentiated impacts regarding human displacement. He further stressed the importance of counties upholding their human rights commitments to ensure inclusive and equitable climate action.

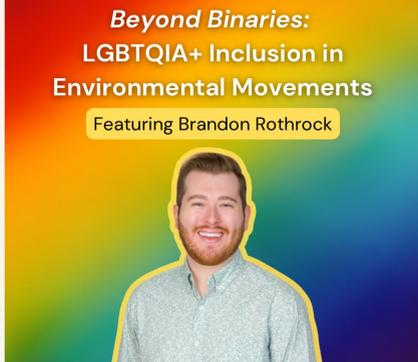
OUT for Sustainability Statement on Human Rights Council Report on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Context of Climate Change

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Board Member Diego de León Segovia wrote an OUT for Sustainability Statement in support of the UN Special Rapporteur on Climate Change report on Promoting and Protecting Human Rights in the Context of Climate Change.

We as an organization fully endorse the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur's report and look forward to engaging in further conversations and consultations regarding climate action, human rights, and intersectionality.

Click here for links ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)) of an interactive dialogue on the matter.



Closing the Gap Podcast: Beyond Binaries: LGBTQIA+ Inclusion in Environmental Movements

[Podcast Link](#)

Board Member Brandon Rothrock was recently on the Closing the Gap podcast, a social justice podcast dedicated to sharing stories and perspectives aimed at addressing social gaps.

Brandon spoke about LGBTQIA+ inclusion in the environmental movement as well as his position as a Board Member at OUT for Sustainability.



UNFCC Subsidiary Bodies Meeting in Bonn, Germany

[Event Information & Recording](#)

Board Member Diego de León Segovia participated in a panel discussion on Gender-Responsive Data for Climate Action, hosted by the Gender and Environment Data Alliance (GEDA) at the UNFCC Subsidiary Bodies Meeting in Bonn, Germany. Diego gave examples of gender-responsive data for climate action at the regional level, emphasizing the experience of LGBTQIA+ populations.



Global Environment Facility (GEF) Gender Partnership Meeting

[Gender Environment Facility](#)

Board Member Diego de León Segovia provided remarks at a Global Environment Facility (GEF) Gender Partnership Meeting hosted last month, speaking on the challenges the LGBTQIA+ community faces in terms of lack of access around climate finance and a lack of financial flows towards queer-sensitive climate mitigation and adaptation. He also spoke to OUT4S' fiscal sponsorship program and the impact it has had on funding access in places prone to climate vulnerability in the US.

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We at OUT4S thank you for your support in our ongoing efforts to create lasting change within the LGBTQIA+ community.
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