



Inaugural “NGLCC Global LGBTI Business Week” To Be Convened by National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC Nov 14-18, 2016

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Washington, DC—The [National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce](#) (NGLCC), the business voice of the LGBT community, is proud to announce the creation of **NGLCC Global LGBTI Business Week** in Washington, DC, November 14-18, 2016. Hosted by NGLCC in partnership with leaders & organizations committed to expanding global LGBTI economic opportunity, will be the first summit of its kind to converge economic, public policy, and global human rights experts with the goal of shaping a more equitable world for LGBTI citizens.

This dynamic, multi-day series of events will focus on sharing new thought leadership and existing best practices for global LGBTI economic development, highlighting international supplier diversity and business creation opportunities, networking and match-making among businesses and key decision makers in finance and policy, and showcasing the quantifiable equity that strong businesses give LGBTI citizens around the globe.

“The creation of NGLCC Global LGBTI Business Week speaks to the heart of the mission of NGLCC Global: to build an inclusive global economy in which LGBTI entrepreneurs and their allied business partners are free to trade, develop, and succeed. Governments, multinational corporations, and small business each play a role in the critical connection between LGBTI human rights and economic development,” said **NGLCC Co-Founder & President Justin Nelson**. “As nations move toward greater inclusion and opportunity, the he result is a proven boost in a national economic output. This annual week of celebration and education will keep our focus global as we build sustainable equity and economic strength for the LGBTI community. Together with our global partners we will ensure our community thrives on every continent.”

Presenting partners for this historic week include the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) of the United States, the Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce of Argentina (CCGLAR), the government of Argentina, and the Canadian Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (CGLCC), with event support and programming hosted by the British, Dutch, and Canadian Embassies in Washington, DC. Thought leaders and honored guests will include representatives

corporations, educational institutions, LGBT and economically focused NGOs.

The findings of the week will be presented at the NGLCC National Dinner in Washington, DC, to highlight the ever-growing contributions of the LGBTI community and its global allies to create jobs, grow economies, and dramatically improve perceptions about LGBTI citizens in their countries. Throughout the week, NGLCC Global affiliates will be hosting simultaneous live stream viewing events, as well as in-country roundtables & lectures, to keep this dialogue moving on global scale.

More information, agenda, and registration can be found at:

<http://www.nglcc.org/global-lgbtbizweek>

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ABOUT NGLCC:

The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is the business voice of the LGBT community and is the largest global not-for-profit advocacy organization specifically dedicated to expanding economic opportunities and advancements for LGBT people. NGLCC is the exclusive certification body for LGBT-owned businesses. www.nglcc.org | @NGLCC

ABOUT NGLCC GLOBAL:

NGLCC Global, the international advocacy wing of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, connects LGBT-owned and -allied companies, multinational corporations, and international affiliate chamber leaders and members. Together they promote the growth of small businesses and provide the quickest and most effective path to broad-based economic advancement and empowerment of the global LGBT community.