

**Open Call for Session Proposal**

**Asia Feminist LBQ Conference 2027**

***The Future is Queer Feminist***

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

Since March 1986, when Asian activists formed the Asian Lesbian Network at the International Lesbian Information Service (ILIS) conference in Geneva, Switzerland, LBQ communities have created spaces of revolutionary imagination against patriarchal systems designed to erase us. From the Lesbian Tent at the 1995 Beijing Conference to the 2019 Global Feminist LBQ gathering in Cape Town, South Africa, our movement has persisted in the face of systemic discrimination, violations of fundamental rights, and enforced invisibility, continuing to assert dignity, equality, and the right to exist and organise freely.

The Asia Feminist LBQ Conference 2027 (AFLC 2027) returns to Bangkok, Thailand after 29 years since the last 1990 Asian Lesbian Network Conference. From 23 to 26 March 2027, we are bringing together 300+ activists, communities and allies for three days of main conference and one day of pre-conference plenary sessions, workshops, and community-building.

Organised by the Asia Feminist LBQ Network, the conference will honour the revolutionary past of LBQ organising in Asia, strengthen intersectional and regional queer feminist solidarity in the region, and imagine transformative futures for our movements.

The main themes of the conference are:

- **Reclaim:** Reclaiming our voices and spaces in the face of erasure, discrimination and violence. This theme centres visibility, dignity, and the power of naming our own experiences and histories.
- **Organise:** Building collective power through community-led action, solidarity, and shared strategies. This theme focuses on strengthening movements, leadership, and cross-border collaboration.
- **Liberate:** Advancing justice beyond inclusion by transforming systems of oppression and patriarchy. This theme envisions a queer feminist future grounded in freedom, care, democracy, and collective wellbeing for LBQ communities.

- Programming and leadership will remain fully rooted in LBQ leadership, centering the autonomy, agency and lived realities of our communities. Allies and partners are invited to engage in ways that uphold accountability, redistribute power and resources, and contribute to the long-term realisation of LBQ rights, justice and feminist collective liberation.

## **ABOUT THE OPEN CALL**

AFLC 2027 is now accepting session proposals. We welcome a range of session formats, including workshops, dialogues, strategy discussions, skill-sharing sessions, storytelling, and creative or participatory activities. Sessions that centre LBQ experiences, movement-building strategies, and cross-regional learning are particularly prioritised.

AFLN's primary focus is on Southeast Asia, South Asia, and East Asia. We encourage session proposals that highlight these regions.

The call for proposals will be open from **02 April 2026** to **31 May 2026**, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Parallel sessions usually last 1.5 hours. If you propose something of a different length, please specify this in your method in the questions below. Please note that due to limited resources, not all sessions will be selected. We will get back to you about your session selection results by 31 August 2026 at the latest.

Selected sessions may be considered for scholarships covering the full 4-day conference fee, round-trip airfare, shared accommodation, per diem, and airport transfers. You may propose up to 05 representatives for each session. Please note that this form allows you to submit details for 02 representatives only. Due to limited resources, we are able to offer up to 02 scholarships per selected session. For additional representatives, please email us with your session title and their details. If your session is selected, we will follow up with you at a later stage to confirm which representatives will receive scholarships.

Scholarships are limited, so we encourage applicants to explore additional funding options in advance (e.g., through your organisation, existing funders, crowdfunding, or local embassies).

## **Contact**

For any questions regarding the conference or session proposal, kindly drop us an email: [conference@asialbqnetwork.org](mailto:conference@asialbqnetwork.org).

For applicants with accessibility needs, we provide this offline application form. Please send your completed application to [conference@asialbqnetwork.org](mailto:conference@asialbqnetwork.org),

titled [AFLC 2027] Application Form\_Name\_Session Name by **31 May 2026**. You might also email us to discuss proposing your session in a video or audio format.

## SESSION PROPOSAL FORM

Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

1.1. What is the main contact email you will be using for this application? \*

1.2. What is the title of your proposed session? (max. 20 words) \*

1.3. What format describes your session best? \* (please choose 1)

- Panel discussion
- Group discussion
- Workshop
- Presentation
- Training
- Interactive arts and participatory methods
- Other (please specify)

1.4. Please provide a short overview of your session. If selected, this will be shared with conference participants. (max. 100 words) \*

1.5. Please provide a detailed description of your session, including but not limited to objectives, issue(s) covered, audience, and methodology. Please also specify the envisioned duration of your session. (max. 700 words) \*

1.6. Which theme(s) of the conference is your proposal primarily linked to? \* (please choose 1)

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- Reclaim
- Organise
- Liberate

1.7. Please explain how the proposed session is relevant to the conference. (max. 300 words) \*

1.8. Please provide a short bio for (all) the proposed facilitator(s)/speaker(s)/host(s) of the session (maximum 200 words per bio). Kindly note that we are only able to cover 2 scholarships per selected session, due to limited resources. You are welcome to seek additional funding if needed. \*

1.9. What is the preferred language of your session? Please note that the main language of the conference is English. To the best of our ability, we plan to offer interpretation and translation where possible. At the moment, we are unable to confirm translation for parallel sessions. \*

1.10. We will be provided a flipchart stand, markers, paper, and pens in each room. Do you need a projector and audiovisual setup? If so, please specify your needs. If not, please write N/A. \*

1.11. Is there any other relevant information about your session proposal that we should know?

*This section collects information on Session Representatives. You may propose details for 02 representatives. For additional Representatives, please email us at [conference@asialbqnetwork.org](mailto:conference@asialbqnetwork.org). Up to 02 scholarships are available per session.*

## **SESSION REPRESENTATIVE 1**

2.1. Your name \*

2.2. Your email address \*

2.3. Where are you from (country/territory) \*

2.4. Where are you currently based (country/territory) \*

2.5. Where are you currently based (city/town/province) \*

2.6. Your pronoun(s)

2.7. Your gender identity (please select all that apply) \*

- Cisgender man
- Cisgender woman
- Gender non-conforming
- Genderqueer
- Intersex
- Non-binary
- Questioning/ Not sure
- Transgender man
- Transgender woman
- Other (please specify):

2.8. Your sexual orientation (please select all that apply) \*

- Asexual
- Bisexual
- Gay
- Heterosexual/straight
- Lesbian
- Pansexual
- Queer
- Questioning/ Not sure
- Other (please specify):

2.9. What is your age? \* (please choose 1)

- 18-31
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- 70+
- Other (please specify):

2.10. Which other identities apply to you? Please select all that apply.

- From an ethnic minority background
- Belonging to an Indigenous group
- From a lower caste background
- From a migrant background
- Asylum seeker or refugee experience
- Mobility disability
- Neurodivergent
- Intellectual disability

- Deaf or hard of hearing
- Blind or visual impairment
- Person living with HIV
- Person of religion or faith
- From a low-income background
- Sex worker
- Other (please specify):
- Prefer not to say

2.11. Do you affiliate with an organisation or work individually? Please share the organisation name, website and your main responsibilities if relevant. \*

2.12. Please share your organisation's mission if relevant.

2.13. Approximately how many key personnel are part of your organisation? (please choose 1) \*

- Individual activist
- 1-5 people
- 5-10 people
- 10-30 people
- 30-50 people
- Other (please specify):

2.14. Please share your organisation's annual budget. (please choose 1) \*

- Volunteer-run / no formal budget
- Under \$5,000
- \$5,000–\$20,000
- \$20,000–\$50,000

- \$50,000-100,000
- Over \$100,000
- Other (please specify):

2.15. Please provide details of your background regarding activism in the LBQ movement, within LBQ organisations, initiative groups, etc. \*

2.16. Please provide details of your motivation to take part in the Asia Feminist LBQ Conference 2027. (max. 300 words) \*

## **SESSION REPRESENTATIVE 2**

**Kindly skip and go to Submit if you propose only 01 Session Representative.**

3.1. Your name \*

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#### **SECTION 4: SUBMIT**

Thank you for your proposal. We will get back to you by **31 August 2026** at the latest.