

THE FUTURE IS HERS

Change for LGBT people in South Africa, featuring Sibongile Ndashe

Sibongile Ndashe, founder and executive director of the Initiative for Strategic Litigation, is a South African attorney working to establish a network of lawyers across Africa who can identify and litigate gender and sexuality cases with the aim of establishing transformative precedent. This video transcript is part of the *Future Is Hers* multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers, supported by the Ford Foundation, who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

Transcript begins.

[on-screen text: Sibongile Ndashe, Executive Director, Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa]

[A Black woman wearing a white dress with red embroidery, opens and closes a clapperboard and addresses the camera.]

SIBONGILE NDASHE: We live in a country that has got extremely high levels of violence against LGBT people. And I think what it teaches us is that legal and policy change that comes from courts or from parliament is not enough to bring about social change. That's why in our work we are really invested in not only working with courts but also with the people who are impacted by the laws so that the struggle doesn't die once lawyers have had their champagne moments and they have won their cases.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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