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LEGALITY OF SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

PARTNERSHIP & PARENTING

Country	Unequal age of consent for homosexual and heterosexual acts	Homosexual acts legal	Equal age of consent for homo- & heterosexual acts	Anti-discrimination (A–D)	Same-sex couples offered some rights of marriage	Same-sex couples offered most or all rights of marriage (Civil Partnerships, Registered Partnerships, Civil Unions etc…)	Marriage open for same-sex couples	Joint adoption by same-sex couples legal
Algeria								
Angola								
Benin	1947							
Botswana				B-2010				
Burkina Faso			1996					
Burundi								
Cameroon								
Cape Verde			2004	B-2008				
Central African Republic								
Chad								
Comoros								
Rep. of the Congo	1947							
Côte d'Ivoire								
Dem. Rep. of the Congo			2006					
Djibouti								
Egypt								
Equatorial Guinea			1931					
Eritrea								
Ethiopia								
Gabon	1969							
Gambia								
Ghana								
Guinea								
Guinea Bissau		1993	1993					
Kenya								
Lesotho		2012						
Liberia								

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A – Constitutional prohibition of discrimination based on Sexual Orientation - SO
B – Prohibition of discrim. in employment based on SO
C – Hate crimes based on SO an aggravating circumstance
D – Incitement to hatred based on SO prohibited

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Persecution
Death Penalty: Mauritania, Soudan and parts of Nigeria and Somalia
Imprisonment: 34 countries

Protection
Anti-discrimination laws: 6 countries

Recognition
Recognition of same-sex unions & Joint adoption: South Africa

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Libyan Arab Jamahiriya														
Madagascar														
Malawi														
Mali									1961					
Mauritania														
Mauritius										B-2008				
Morocco														
Mozambique										B-2007				
Namibia														
Niger														
Nigeria														
Rwanda														
Sao Tome and Principe														
Senegal														
Seychelles										B-2006				
Sierra Leone														
Somalia														
South Africa 1998									2007	A-1994/1997 B-1996 D-2000			2006	2002
South Sudan														
Sudan														
Swaziland														
Togo														
Tunisia														
Uganda														
United Republic of Tanzania														
Zambia														
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