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Globally, governments are pushing back against movements for gender equality and a variety of lived sexuality. Discriminatory environments have significantly reduced the civic space of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), journalists and public media which play a crucial role in promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights by raising issues of perceived injustice in society. This event seeks to formulate strategies to recover the space needed for CSOs.

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