



Becoming a member
of the Global Alliance to
End Statelessness.

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Why a Global Alliance?

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that "Everyone has the right to a nationality." Yet, millions of people are stateless around the world, with serious impacts on their ability to enjoy even the most basic rights. Unlike many of the world's problems today, statelessness is solvable, forever, for everyone. But this will only be possible if governments, regional intergovernmental organizations, and all other stakeholders hold the same belief, act on it, and encourage others to do the same. The Global Alliance to End Statelessness will constitute a platform that brings together a diverse group of stakeholders to join efforts to address statelessness by catalysing and accelerating change.

The Global Alliance to End Statelessness will be launched in 2024, as the #IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness comes to a close. The Global Alliance will build upon the successes, momentum, and lessons learned from the Campaign. The distinct approach of the Global Alliance centers around fostering greater collaboration and expedited action among relevant actors, including States, with a focus on preventing and resolving statelessness and protecting stateless people.

Vision, Mission, Core Values

The Global Alliance will be a collaborative multistakeholder platform, striving towards the **vision of a world free from statelessness where everyone enjoys the right to a nationality without discrimination.**

The Global Alliance will **convene** key stakeholders including governments, regional intergovernmental organizations, UN agencies, civil society, and stateless-led organizations to facilitate joint action to end statelessness and to protect the rights of stateless persons. It will also **capacitate** its members by providing a platform for learning, exchange, and collaboration. Critically, the Global Alliance will also **catalyse** and **accelerate change** by identifying and responding to gaps in laws, policies and practice, and building the political commitment needed to eradicate statelessness and to uphold the rights of stateless people.

The Global Alliance's **core values** are the foundation of its mission:

Rights-based - guided by international human rights principles, with a focus on the right to nationality.

Inclusive - promotes inclusion and diversity, welcoming all stakeholders who share our vision and mission.

Non-discriminatory - committed to combating discrimination on all grounds and upholding the principles of non-discrimination and equality.

Collaborative - working together across stakeholders to achieve our common goals.

Solutions-focused - prioritizing practical and sustainable solutions to address the root causes of statelessness and secure nationality for stateless individuals.

How will the Global Alliance work?

The Global Alliance will bring key stakeholders together through a range of activities that serve to exemplify the core functions of the Global Alliance to **convene**, **capacitate**, and **catalyse** and **accelerate change**. Activities will commence in a phased manner starting with the soft launch of the Solution Seeker programme, which will take place during the Global Refugee Forum side-event on 15 December 2023.

The Global Alliance activities include:

Solutions Seeker Programme Programme to support champion states and regional intergovernmental organizations accelerate pledge implementation	Knowledge Hub Interactive map, an e-library of the best tools and analysis to address statelessness, and an expert directory
Regional Network Labs Webinars and workshops to exchange good practices and ideas and to build and strengthen regional statelessness networks globally	Forum on Statelessness To be convened every 4 years, during the year preceding the GRF to discuss solutions to persistent and new issues, generate new pledges and build membership.
Online Marketplace Repository of collaborative project proposals from Global Alliance members. The marketplace will be designed to attract donor support, particularly for projects that support pledge implementation.	Thematic Working Groups Inaugural themes: childhood statelessness, discrimination in nationality laws and policies, and the rights of stateless people

How will the Alliance be structured?

The Global Alliance structure will include a Secretariat hosted by UNHCR and led by a Coordinator, a UNHCR staff member. The Coordinator will be responsible for the daily management and member engagement. The Secretariat will lead and oversee the Alliance activities and initiatives, develop an annual work plan, and report on its activities. The structure will also include an Advisory Committee, comprising representatives from the various stakeholder groups. The Committee will offer strategic guidance on the Alliance's strategy, work plan, and activities and will be operational by quarter two of 2024.

Who can become a Member of the Global Alliance?

Membership is open to various stakeholders, including UN Member States, intergovernmental regional organizations, UN agencies, civil society and stateless-led organizations, academic institutions, faith-based organizations, inter-parliamentary unions, philanthropic foundations, and the private sector. Prospective members must endorse the Global Alliance's vision and mission and commit to supporting its objectives.

Membership of states and intergovernmental regional organizations in the Global Alliance will:

- Boost the ability to accelerate pledge implementation.
- Connect states and intergovernmental organizations with key stakeholders to benefit from cutting-edge knowledge and evolving good practice.
- Showcase the concrete advances made by states and intergovernmental organizations to prevent and resolve statelessness and uphold the rights of stateless persons.
- Reinforce the human rights, humanitarian and development credentials of states and intergovernmental organizations through their association with an inclusive, progressive, and impact-driven initiative.
- Identify and create links to new funding channels to support multistakeholder projects designed to fast-track pledge implementation.

A specific **Solution Seeker Programme** will support and champion States and regional intergovernmental organizations to solve the issue of statelessness. To be a Solution Seeker means committing strongly to taking practical steps to prevent and reduce statelessness within the country's borders. This role also demonstrates a willingness to lead by example on a global scale, showcasing effective approaches that other countries can learn from. Solution Seeker States are eligible for selection to the Advisory Committee.

Joining the Global Alliance to End Statelessness and its Solution Seeker Programme will not only contribute to addressing the issue of statelessness but also play a pivotal role in the broader development agenda, advancing both human rights and the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

How do you become a Member of the Global Alliance?

Stakeholders who intend to become members and who wish to showcase their commitment to tackling statelessness and driving positive change can make their commitment public by joining the [Global Refugee Forum Multistakeholder pledge on statelessness](#) and formulating a pledge to join the Global Alliance to End Statelessness. Member States and regional intergovernmental organizations can also join the pledge to become members of the Solutions Seeker Programme.

Civil society and stateless-led organizations, UN Agencies, and other prospective members of the Global Alliance will complete an application form on the Global Alliance website - www.statelessnessalliance.org.

For additional information please visit www.statelessnessalliance.org or contact the Global Alliance Secretariat at stalliance@unhcr.org.