Global Alliance Regional Network Lab

Strengthening trans-regional exchange and knowledge-sharing to support changemaking efforts

Geneva – 15 & 16 October 2024

The first **Global Alliance Regional Network Lab** will take place in Geneva on 15-16 October 2024. Timed around the launch of the Global Alliance at ExCom on 14 October, the Regional Network Lab signals the intention of the Global Alliance to act quickly to foster exchange and learning in pursuit of its objectives.

About the Global Alliance to End Statelessness

The Global Alliance to End Statelessness is a multi-stakeholder platform committed to accelerating solutions that bring an end to statelessness. Its mission is to convene key stakeholders and facilitate collaborative action to end statelessness and protect the rights of stateless people. It also aims to build the capacity of its members by providing a platform for learning, exchange, and collaboration, and to catalyse and accelerate change.

A key building block of the Global Alliance is a planned series of Regional Network Labs, intended to foster dynamic and interlinked networks of regional actors that can support the design and implementation of context-sensitive solutions to statelessness.

About the first Regional Network Lab

The first Regional Network Lab is co-organised by UNHCR, as the Secretariat of the Global Alliance to End Statelessness, and the European Network on Statelessness, a civil society alliance of over 180 NGOs, community organisations, academic initiatives, and individual experts in 41 European countries.

Over two days, participatory workshops and spaces for reflection will facilitate learning and exchange on the development of regional statelessness civil society networks, and the co-development, sharing, and translation of knowledge into law and policy reform at national and regional levels to better protect the rights of stateless people and enable everyone to realise their right to a nationality.

There will be a focus on how increased trans-regional exchange can contribute to the mission and objectives of the Global Alliance and support its implementation. The agenda will include stock-taking, workshops on regional civil society network development and opportunities for the future, a spotlight on knowledge tools to support changemaking efforts, and a workshop co-designed and led by stateless-led organisations, as well as participatory spaces for reflection and exchange of learning and ideas.

Outputs will include a report on learnings and agreed follow-up as well as a general concept note and structure for future Regional Network Labs.