



Global Alliance to End Statelessness

Global Alliance Network Labs (NLs) Concept Note

1. Introduction

Regional and thematic approaches to addressing statelessness can foster solidarity, enhance visibility, and promote more coordinated action among stakeholders. The Network Labs are a distinct Alliance workstream serving as a platform to convene members around shared priorities. Through inclusive dialogue and peer exchange, the Network Labs aim to strengthen collective efforts and advance solutions to statelessness in diverse contexts.

2. Purpose of Network Labs

Network Labs serve as laboratories for deeper engagement, creating a space where Global Alliance Members can dive deeper into specific thematic and/or regional issues with a view to identify effective strategies to advance permanent solutions to statelessness. The Network Labs are also intended to support the other Alliance workstreams, including the work of Thematic Working Groups, and the Solution Seeker programme.

The key objectives include:

- Strengthening the capacity of Global Alliance members to develop and implement regional and country-specific strategies.
- Enhancing knowledge-sharing, collaboration and partnerships.
- Accelerating the pace of pledge implementation and securing solutions to statelessness.

3. Key criteria for Network Labs

To ensure maximum impact, the following criteria apply:

- **Co-organization with a regional entity:** Each Network Lab must be co-organized with a regional network, intergovernmental organization, UNHCR Regional Bureau and/or another key regional actor.
- **Multi-stakeholder or targeted participation:** Ideally, a Network Lab should engage more than one stakeholder group. However, depending on the interest of specific actors, Network Labs can also be organized to engage and strengthen individual stakeholder groups (e.g. civil society/stateless-led groups, academia, etc.)
- **Focused theme or issue with a clear outcome:** Each Network Lab should centre on a specific thematic area, or issue of relevance for that specific region

- **Clear objectives:** Each Network Lab will produce an outcome report and, to the extent possible, an action plan outlining follow-up activities and the responsible implementing actors.
- **Interactive:** The Network Lab should incorporate sufficient time for discussion and exchange, ideally also involving an interactive element using various technological tools.
- **Interpretation:** Where funding allows, interpretation may be arranged to facilitate broader participation and engagement across regions and language groups.
- **Flexible format:**
 - The Network Labs can be regional or cross-regional, conducted online, hybrid, or in-person.
 - In the initial phase, Labs can include external participants through a coordinated registration or sign-up process.
 - To ensure productive discussions and meaningful engagement, the recommended maximum number of participants is 25, though this may vary depending on the regional context.
- **Emphasis on practical problem-solving:** The Labs will explore good practices and engage in collaborative discussions aimed at shaping potential strategies and initiatives relevant to regional contexts.

4. Practical aspects of organizing Network Labs (NL)

When a member of the Global Alliance wishes to organize an NL, the following step-by-step process should be followed:

1. **Submit a concept note** – The organizer(s)/co-convenor(s) submits a brief concept note to the Global Alliance Secretariat at stalliance@unhcr.org. This should outline:
 - Organizer(s) and co-convenor(s) or contributors.
 - The purpose and thematic focus of the NL.
 - The proposed format (in-person, online, or hybrid).
 - The estimated number of participants.
 - The organizations to be invited.
 - The proposed date and location (if applicable).
 - Brief outline of costs & available funding (if applicable).
2. **Consultation with the Secretariat** – The Secretariat reviews the concept note and arranges a meeting with the organizers/co-convenors to provide feedback and discuss logistical and substantive details. If needed, the Secretariat may also consult the Advisory Committee to ensure alignment and help resolve any differing views.



3. **Develop and share a preliminary agenda** – The organizer(s) submit a draft agenda and list of speakers for feedback, allowing the Secretariat to provide input and ensure alignment with the objectives of the Global Alliance.
4. **Implement the RNL** – Organizers, in coordination with the Secretariat, reach out to proposed speakers to confirm their availability and interest. Formal invitations to both speakers and participants will be issued by the Secretariat. The Organizers, in coordination and with Secretariat's support, facilitate the Network Lab and support meaningful engagement and participation throughout the event. Organizers are also encouraged to prepare a short article and/or flyer for promotion on the Global Alliance website and social media, as applicable.
5. **Follow-up and reporting** – After the Network Lab, the organizer(s)/co-convenor(s) prepare an outcome report with follow-up actions and indicate any areas where Secretariat's support may be required.