Global Alliance to
End Statelessness

Global Alliance
Inter-Regional Network Lab

Regional Action, Global Impact: Leveraging Regional Approaches and the Role of Inter-governmental Organizations in addressing statelessness

20 May 2025, 9:00 -12:00 New York EST |15:00 – 18:00 Geneva CET time zone
Format: Half day online event via Teams; Language: English without interpretation

AGENDA

Time	Session name	Content	Speakers
15:00-15:20 *CET time*	**Welcome remarks by co-organizers**	Welcome and introduction to the RNL Overview of the role of regional organizations in addressing statelessness *(4x5 min, 20 mins)*	Mr. Patrick Eba, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR Mr. Gerald Dunn, Head of Division, Secretary to the CDCJ, Council of Europe (CoE) Mrs. Karine María Famer Rocha Boselli, First Vice-President of the Executive Committee, the Latin American and Caribbean Council of Civil Registry, Identity and Vital Statistics (CLARCIEV) Mrs. Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director, Department of Social Inclusion, Organization of American States (OAS)
15:20-16:30	**Session 1:** **Regional Momentum: Showcasing key frameworks and policy developments on statelessness**	Regional organizations to present one key regional framework or initiative/development (e.g. an action plan/framework, declaration), and highlight major	Presentation by regional IGOs **Africa:** Mrs. Mildred Ouma, Senior Legal Officer, African Union Mrs. Bimbo Oyelohunnu, Programme Officer, Social Affairs, ECOWAS

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		opportunities and plans for 2025–2026 *(2 slides, 5 min)* Followed by Q&A and discussions **Moderated by: Francesco Crisafulli**, Chair of the CDCJ-MIG and member of the CDCJ, Council of Europe *(70 mins – 5 min each; 15 min for Q&A)*	Mr. Victor Mugaruka, Assistant Program Officer, Directorate of Gender, Women & Children; Humanitarian and Social issues, ICGLR **Americas:** Mr. Omar Morales Márquez, President of CLARCIEV & Mrs. Rebeca Omaña, Executive Secretary of CLARCIEV Mrs. Sarah Meneses Pajuelo, Specialist, Department of Social Inclusion, OAS **Asia:** Mr. Amit Sen, Senior Statelessness Officer, UNHCR Regional Bureau Asia & the Pacific **Europe:** Mrs. Julie Devys, Programme Manager, CoE Mrs. Beata Bislim Olahova, Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues, OSCE ODIHR Mrs. Elzbieta Kuzborska-Pacha & Mrs. Mitra Jalali, Senior Legal Advisers at the OSCE office of the HCNM **Middle East and North Africa (MENA)** Mrs. Lobna Mamdouh Azzam, Director, Family and Childhood Department, League of Arab States
16:30-17:20	**Session 2:** **Challenges and opportunities in implementing**	Breakout groups (2 or 3 depending on the number of participants): good practices on	Moderated by UNHCR in the breakout groups and the OAS in the plenary session

	regional commitments on ending statelessness **Moderated by: Mrs. Sarah Meneses Pajuelo**, Specialist, Department of Social Inclusion, OAS **Mrs. Claudia Gonzalez Bengoa,** Chief of Section, Department of Social Inclusion, OAS	overcoming challenges, opportunities ahead and common recommendations for IGOs and Member States. Reporting back in the plenary	Rapporteur from each group to present in the plenary *(50 mins: 30 mins discussion in groups, 20 mins for reporting back in the plenary)*
17:20-17:50	**Session 3:** **Strengthening the Global Alliance and expanding the Solution Seekers Programme (SSP)** **Moderated by: Thandeka Chauke,** Coordinator of the South African Nationality Network (SANN)	Panel discussion on motivation of regional IGOs for joining the Global Alliance and the Solutions Seeker Programme followed by brainstorming on how to encourage Member States to join the Alliance and take concrete actions on statelessness	Mrs. Mitra Jalali, Senior Legal Advisers, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe – Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities (OSCE HCNM) Mr. Subin Mulmi, Executive Director, Nationality for All (NFA) *(30 mins)*
17:50-18:00	**Closing reflections**	Summary of key takeaways and follow-up actions	UNHCR *(10 mins)*