



Ministerial Conference on Statelessness in the ECOWAS Region

25 February 2015
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Sofitel, Hotel Ivoire
Auditorium room

Agenda

- 08:15-08:45 **Arrival of participants**
- 09:00-10:00 **OPENING SESSION**
- Chair: Mr. Gnenema Mamadou Coulibaly, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberty, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- ✚ *Film*
- ✚ *Introductory statements:*
- Dr. Toga Gayewea Mcintosh, Vice-President of the Commission of ECOWAS
 - Mr. António Guterres, High Commissioner for Refugees
- ✚ *Statements:*
- African Union Commission
 - Mr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for West Africa
 - Ms. Barbara Hendricks, Honorary Lifetime UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador and world-famous classical singer
- ✚ *Opening statement* by H.E. Mr. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- 10:00-10:15 *Opportunity for a group photography*
Coffee break
- 10:15-11:45 **COUNTRY OVERVIEWS: “Addressing statelessness in West Africa: successes and challenges”**
- Chair: Dr. Toga Gayewea Mcintosh, Vice-President of the Commission of ECOWAS
- ✚ *Statements by heads of delegations of ECOWAS Member States*
- ✚ *Testimonies by stateless persons*
- ✚ *Statement by Salif Traoré, A’Salfó, vocal leader of Magic System, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador and Cultural Ambassador for the reconciliation in Côte d'Ivoire*
- ✚ *Religious leaders*
- 11:45-13:00 **THEMATIC DEBATE: “Addressing statelessness through joint efforts”**
- Chair: Mr. António Guterres, High Commissioner for Refugees
- ✚ *Statements by key partners, national human rights organizations and civil society*
- ✚ *Discussion*
- 13:00-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30-15:30

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE DECLARATION
AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chair: Mr. Gnenema Mamadou Coulibaly, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberty, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

15:30-16:30

CLOSING SESSION

Chair: Dr. Toga Gayewea McIntosh, Vice-President of the Commission of ECOWAS

✚ *Summing up* by Mr. António Guterres, High Commissioner for Refugees

✚ *Closing statement* by Mr Gnenema Mamadou Coulibaly, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberty, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

17:30

PRESS CONFERENCE

19:00

RECEPTION
