
Regional Ministerial-level Meeting for the Validation and Adoption of the Regional Plan of Action to Eradicate Statelessness in West Africa




09 May 2017
Banjul, Republic of The Gambia

Provisional Agenda

- 08:30-09:00 **Arrival of participants**
- 09:00-10:00 **OPENING SESSION**
Chair: Hon. Minister of Justice, Republic of Liberia
- Welcome statement*
Mr. Mai Ahmad Fatty, Minister of Interior, Republic of The Gambia
- Film: movie on stateless risks amongst children in Senegal (7 min)*
- Introductory statements*
Mr. Volker Türk, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees (Protection), UNHCR
Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, SRSG, UNOWAS
H.E. Mr. Marcel de Souza, President of the ECOWAS Commission
- Opening Statement*
H.E. Mr. Adama Barrow, President of The Republic of the Gambia
- 10:00-10:30 **Coffee break/Group Photo**
- 10:30-11:00 **STATEMENTS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ERADICATION OF STATELESSNESS**
Chair: Mr. Volker Türk, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees for Protection, UNHCR
- ✚ Ms Marie Pierre Poirier, Regional Director, UNICEF
 - ✚ M. Mabingue Ngom, Regional Director, UNFPA
 - ✚ Ms. Maya Sahli Fadel, Commissioner, African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights
 - ✚ Mr. Gregory Toulmin, Country Programme Coordinator, World Bank
- 11:00-12:00 **COUNTRY OVERVIEWS**
Chair: Hon. Minister of Justice, Republic of Liberia
- ✚ Statements by ECOWAS ministers on achievements since the adoption of the Abidjan Declaration
- 12:00-13:00 **PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION**
Chair: Hon. Minister of Justice, Republic of Liberia
- ✚ Testimony of a stateless person
 - ✚ Presentation of the report of the Experts' meeting - Chair of Experts Meeting (Republic of Liberia)
 - ✚ Discussions
- 13:00-14:15 **Lunch**

14:15-15:00 **DISCUSSIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION AND COMMUNIQUÉ**

15:00-15:30 **CLOSING SESSION**

-  *Statement* by H.E. Marcel de Souza, President, ECOWAS Commission
-  *Statement* by Mr. Volker Türk, Assitant High Commissioner for Refugees (Protection), UNHCR
-  *Closing statement* by Mr. Mai Ahmad Fatty, Minister of Interior, The Republic of The Gambia

15:30 **PRESS CONFERENCE**

19:00 **RECEPTION**
