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

Meeting of Experts

7-8 May 2017
Banjul, The Gambia

Agenda

Saturday, 06 May 2017

18:00-20:00 **Arrival and registration of participants**
Welcoming reception

Sunday, 07 May 2017

08:00-09:00 **Registration of late arrivals**

09:00-10:00 **OPENING SESSION**

Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs

Dr. Fatimata Dia Sow, Commissioner for Social Affairs and Gender, ECOWAS
Ms. Liz Ahua, Regional Representative, UNHCR

Welcoming statement

Mr. Mai Ahmad Fatty, Minister of Interior, The Gambia

10:00-10:30 **PRESENTATION: “ending statelessness in ECOWAS”**

- ✚ Overview of statelessness in West Africa- UNHCR
- ✚ Presentation of the regional plan of action and way forward –
Ms. Florence Iheme, Director of Humanitarian and Social Affairs,
ECOWAS

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-13:30 **PLENARY SESSION**

Review section on *Compliance with Relevant Legal, Policy and Institutional Frameworks for Eradicating Statelessness*

13:30-14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30-15:30 **PLENARY SESSION**

Review of the section on *Strengthening Data Management Systems for Effective Response to the Challenges of Statelessness*

15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:00 **PLENARY SESSION**

Review section on *Ensuring Free Movement of Stateless Persons, as well as Their Integration and Protection*

Monday, 08 May 2017

09:00-10:30

PLENARY SESSION

Review section on *Advocacy and Sensitization of Populations and Stakeholders*

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12.30

PLENARY SESSION

Review section on *Guaranteeing Access to Proof of Nationality*

12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

PLENARY SESSION

Review section on *Establishing Strategic and Operational Follow-up Mechanisms*

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:00

PLENARY SESSION

Final review. Endorsement of the proposed regional plan of action

17.00- 17:30

CLOSING SESSION