#IBelong Campaign, Regional and High Level Consultations on Statelessness



Stateless?

A person who <u>is not</u> <u>considered</u> as a national <u>by any</u> <u>State under the operation of its</u> <u>law</u>.

Article 1, 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons





UNHCR Mandate

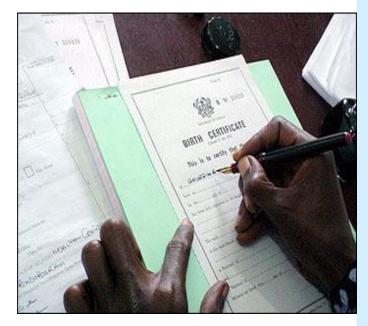
- Global mandate for prevention and reduction of statelessness and protection of stateless persons (GA Resolutions A/RES/50/152, 1996; A/RES/61/137, 2007)
- Mandated to examine cases of persons who claim the benefit of the 1961 Convention (GA Resolutions 3274 (XXIV), 1974 and 31/36, 1976)
- Mandate re-confirmed and further elaborated by the UNHCR Executive Committee (Conclusions No. 78 and 106)



ExCom Conclusion No. 106 of 2006

A roadmap for UNHCR engagement in a broad range of activities with regard to:

- Identification;
- Prevention;
- Reduction of statelessness, and
- Protection of stateless persons.





#IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness



- 10 Year Campaign
- Launched on 4 November 2014
 - Goal: "To bring an end to statelessness within 10 years by resolving existing situations and preventing the emergence of new cases of statelessness."



Global Action Plan 2014 – 2024

- Guiding framework of 10 Actions to be undertaken by States to end statelessness in 10 years.
- Developed in consultation with a wide range of States, UN Agencies, International Organizations and NGOs.
- UNHCR, other UN agencies, civil society and stateless people to support Governments to accomplish the relevant Actions.



Global Action Plan

- 1. Resolve major situations of statelessness
- 2. Ensure that no child is born stateless
- 3. Remove gender discrimination from nationality laws
- 4. Prevent denial, loss or deprivation of nationality on discriminatory grounds
- 5. Prevent statelessness in cases of State succession
- 6. Grant protection status to stateless migrants and facilitate their naturalization
- 7. Ensure birth registration for the prevention of statelessness
- 8. Issue nationality documentation to those with an entitlement to it
- 9. Accede to the UN Statelessness Conventions
- 10. Improve quantitative and qualitative data on stateless populations



Regional Preparatory Meeting



- Prepare States to announce achievements and develop pledges to be delivered at the High-Level Segment;
- A platform for States [and other actors] to share good practices, challenges and experiences in the lead up to the High-Level Segment; and
- Raise awareness about statelessness issues in the region.



Regional Preparatory Meeting



Held in Bangkok 30/31 May 2019.

With respect to birth registration, states undertook to consider:

- Extending fee waivers for birth registration;
- Adopting mobile birth registration, especially in remote areas;
- Extending late registration and consider waiving attendant fees;
- Incentivizing communities, including those that are hard to reach to go for registration;
- Enhancing utilization of ICT and digitalization for universal birth registration.



2019 High-Level Segment on Statelessness



- States will have an opportunity to showcase achievements related to the #IBelong Campaign.
- States are encouraged to make concrete pledges to end statelessness by 2024.
- Organizations may also make commitments.



Thank you