


Overview on implementation status on GRF related statelessness pledges made in the Great Lakes region:

Pledges made by ICGLR Member States and other pledging entities in the Great Lakes region at the 2019 October High-Level Segment on Statelessness (HLS)¹ and 2019 December Global Refugee Forum (GRF)²

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GRF pledges submitted by ICGLR Member States

Pledging entities & No. of pledges	GRF Pledges relevant to eradication of statelessness	Status of Implementation³
Angola (6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00249</u>. (Documentation) - The Government of Angola pledges to issue and renew personal identity documents of refugees who are either undocumented or in possession of expired ones to establish their legal identity and facilitate inclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00250</u>. (Local Integration) - to support local integration of refugees who opt to stay in Angola, including former refugees falling under the cessation clauses, namely Sierra Leonean, Liberians, and Rwandans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Stage
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00254</u>. Strengthening the asylum system - to implement the protection and prevention mechanisms contained in the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Conventions, recently ratified by Angola. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In Progress


¹ UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), High-Level Segment on Statelessness: Results and Highlights, May 2020, available at: <https://www.refworld.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/rwmain?page=search&docid=5ec3e91b4&skip=0&query=hls>

² [UNHCR - Summary of participation and pledges at the Global Refugee Forum](#)


³ Information on update on the pledge's implementation gathered by UNHCR with the pledge entities



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00256</u>. To establish a Technical Group for the Eradication of Statelessness and a National Action Plan. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00257</u>. To broaden the basis of civil status registration for nationals born in Angola, irrespective of their nationality, as well as for Angolans living abroad. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00258</u>. To sensitize the local population and the implementation of the two United Nations Conventions on statelessness from 1954 and 1961. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Stage ▪ In Progress ▪ Planning Stage
<p>Burundi (2)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01912</u>. <i>Développer et adopter un plan d'action national pour éradiquer l'apatridie au Burundi</i> ENG: Elaborate and adopt a national action plan to eradicate statelessness before the end of the #Ibelong Campaign (2024) ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01916</u>. <i>Poursuivre avec dévouement le processus du rapatriement et la réintégration effective des rapatriés Burundais.</i> ENG: Pursue with dedication the repatriation process and the effective reintegration of Burundian returnees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided ▪ No update provided
<p>Central African Republic (8)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00835</u>. <i>D'ici 2022, la République Centrafricaine s'engage à simplifier et faciliter l'accès à la délivrance des documents attestant de la nationalité aux rapatriés d'origine centrafricaine (anciens réfugiés) qui sont rentrés sur le territoire centrafricain dans le cadre d'un rapatriement volontaire avec l'assistance de l'UNHCR et qui n'ont pas ou plus des documents attestant de leur nationalité centrafricaine et y ont droit.</i> ENG: By 2022, to simplify and facilitate access to the issuance of nationality documentation to returnees of Central African origin (former refugees) who have returned to Central African territory in the context of voluntary repatriation with the assistance of UNHCR and who do not or no longer have nationality documentation and are entitled to them. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF GRF-00834</u>. <i>D'ici 2020 et au plus tard d'ici fin 2021, la République centrafricaine, en collaboration avec d'autres acteurs régionaux tels que la Commission pour la Communauté Economique et Monétaire des Etats de l'Afrique centrale et l'UNHCR, s'engage à entreprendre et à publier une étude pour mieux comprendre la situation des individus et des groupes d'apatrides ou à risque d'apatridie vivant sur son territoire et/ou relevant de sa juridiction, dans l'optique de trouver une solution à leur situation.</i> ENG: By 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In Progress ▪ In Progress


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	<p>and at the latest by the end of 2021, - in collaboration with other regional actors such as the Commission for the Economic and Monetary Community of Central African (CEMAC) and UNHCR-, to undertake and publish a study to better understand the situation of individuals and groups of stateless persons or at risk of statelessness living on its territory and/or subject to its jurisdiction, with a final aim to finding a solution to their situation.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pledge No. GRF-00837. <i>D'ici 2021, la République Centrafricaine s'engage à améliorer l'accès aux procédures d'enregistrement des naissances y compris l'enregistrement tardif des naissances pour garantir l'enregistrement de toutes les naissances ayant eu lieu sur son territoire et en particulier, de renforcer les capacités institutionnelles des services d'état civil dans les localités de retour des rapatriés (anciens réfugiés) et des personnes déplacées à l'intérieur de leur pays pour assurer que toutes ces personnes qui sont nés sur le territoire disposent d'un acte de naissance.</i> ENG : By 2021, to improve access to birth registration procedures, including the late birth registration in order to ensure the registration of all births that have taken place on its territory and, in particular, to strengthen the institutional capacity of vital registration services in localities of return of returnees (former refugees) and internally displaced persons to ensure that all these persons who were born on the territory have a birth certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pledge No. GRF-00836. <i>D'ici décembre 2019, la République Centrafricaine s'engage par la présente à finaliser et adopter un plan national visant à éradiquer l'apatridie en République centrafricaine d'ici 2024.</i> ENG: By December 2019, to finalize and to adopt a national plan to eradicate statelessness in the Central African Republic by 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fulfilled
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pledge No. GRF-00838. <i>D'ici fin 2021, la République Centrafricaine s'engage par la présente à insérer dans le code de la nationalité centrafricaine de 1961 amendé une disposition prévoyant d'attribuer la nationalité centrafricaine à la naissance aux enfants nés sur son territoire qui autrement seraient apatrides.</i> ENG: By the end of 2021, to insert a provision into the Central African Nationality Code of 1961 subsequently amended providing for the conferral of Central African nationality at birth to children born on its territory who would otherwise be stateless. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Stage



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="371 397 1720 528">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00832</u>. <i>La République Centrafricaine s'engage par la présente à adhérer à la convention de 1954 relative au statut des apatrides au plus tard d'ici juin 2020 et à mettre pleinement en œuvre ces dispositions dans sa législation interne.</i> ENG: By June 2020, to accede to the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, and to fully implement these provisions in its domestic legislation. <li data-bbox="371 560 1720 719">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00833</u>. <i>La République centrafricaine s'engage par la présente à adhérer à la convention de 1961 sur la réduction des cas d'apatridie au plus tard d'ici juin 2020 et à mettre pleinement en œuvre ces dispositions dans sa législation interne.</i> ENG: By June 2020, to accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness by June 2020 at the latest and to fully implement these provisions in its domestic legislation. <li data-bbox="371 751 1720 911">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00840</u>. <i>La République centrafricaine s'engage par la présente à réformer le code de la nationalité de 1961 amendé afin de permettre aux hommes et aux femmes centrafricaines de transmettre leur nationalité à leur conjoint (e) sur un même pied d'égalité d'ici fin 2021.</i> ENG: By end of 2021, to reform the Nationality Code of 1961 subsequently amended in order to allow Central African men and women to transmit their nationality to their spouses on an equal footing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1749 397 1928 429">▪ In Progress <li data-bbox="1749 560 1928 592">▪ In Progress <li data-bbox="1749 751 2029 783">▪ No update provided
<p data-bbox="125 956 275 1019">Republic of Congo (7)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="371 956 1720 1131">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00862</u>. <i>Finaliser le processus d'adhésion à la convention du 28 septembre 1954 relative au statut des apatrides et à la convention du 30 août 1961 sur la réduction des cas d'apatridie avant la fin de l'année 2019.</i> ENG: By end of 2019, to finalize the process of accession to the Convention of 28 September 1954 Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention of 30 August 1961 on the Reduction of Statelessness. <li data-bbox="371 1163 1720 1323">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00859</u>. <i>Achever la réforme législative en cours depuis le 30 mai 2016 portant sur le code des personnes et de la famille afin de supprimer toutes les dispositions discriminatoires et autres articles susceptibles de causer l'apatridie d'ici à 2021.</i> ENG: By 2021, to complete the legislative reform started on 30 May 2016 on the Persons and Family Law in order to eliminate all discriminatory provisions and other articles that may cause statelessness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1749 940 1928 971">▪ In progress <li data-bbox="1749 1131 1928 1163">▪ In progress


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00861.</u> <i>Mettre en place un organe national de détermination du statut et la protection des apatrides.</i> ENG: By 2022, to set up a national body for the status determination and protection of stateless persons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00863.</u> <i>Appuyer le processus d'adoption, de signature et de ratification du protocole à la Charte africaine des droits de l'Homme et des Peuples sur les aspects spécifiques du droit à la nationalité et l'éradication de l'apatridie en Afrique.</i> ENG: By 2022, to support the process of adoption, signature, and ratification of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Specific Aspects of the Right to Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00860.</u> <i>Veiller à ce que toute personne identifiée sans acte de naissance lors du recensement national à vocation d'état civil obtienne un acte de naissance d'ici à 2019. Faire en sorte qu'il ait zéro enfant en République du Congo sans acte de naissance d'ici 2022.</i> ENG: By 2019, to ensure that any person identified without a birth certificate in the national census for civil registry purpose obtain a birth certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00858.</u> <i>Poursuivre des activités de sensibilisation à l'endroit de la population pour encourager l'enregistrement de chaque naissance.</i> ENG: To pursue awareness-raising activities among the population to encourage the registration of every birth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00864.</u> <i>Entreprendre une étude quantitative et qualitative pour mieux comprendre la situation des groupes et des individus vivant sur son territoire, qui sont apatrides ou risquent de le devenir, en vue de trouver une solution à leur situation et aussi pour disposer des données fiables en la matière.</i> ENG: By 2021, to undertake a quantitative and qualitative study to gain a better understanding of the situation of groups and individuals living on its territory who are stateless or at risk of becoming stateless, with a view to have reliable data on these population and to find a solution to their situation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress

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<p>Democratic Republic of Congo (4)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00869</u>. <i>La RDC s'engage à adhérer aux 2 conventions sur l'apatridie en améliorant l'accès aux documents d'état civil pour les groupes à risque d'apatridie parmi les réfugiés notamment les 62% des enfants des réfugiés rwandais nés en RDC, en majorité sans acte de naissance et 14.079 anciens réfugiés angolais ayant opté pour le rapatriement volontaire en 2014, et qui continuent à demeurer en RDC, sans statut défini.</i> ENG: <i>The DRC undertakes to accede to the 2 conventions on statelessness by improving access to civil status documents for groups at risk of statelessness among refugees, particularly 62% of children of Rwandan refugees born in the DRC, the majority without birth certificates, and 14,079 former Angolan refugees who opted for voluntary repatriation in 2014 and who continue to remain in the DRC without a defined status.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00865</u>. <i>Adhérer à la convention de 1961 sur la réduction des cas d'apatridie et celle de 1954 sur le statut des apatrides.</i> ENG: <i>By 2019, to accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00866</u>. <i>Harmoniser le cadre Legal conformément aux prescrits des conventions suscitées et assurer le respect des standards et principes d'action internationale en matière de nationalité et de prévention de l'apatridie.</i> ENG: <i>By 2021, to bring its legal framework in line with the provisions of the above-mentioned statelessness conventions and ensure compliance with the international standards and principles on nationality and the prevention of statelessness.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00873</u>. <i>Reformer le système d'Etat civil et de production des statistiques vitales, prendre les initiatives telles [qu'identifier les] cas d'apatridie et personnes à risque d'apatridie, institutionnaliser la collecte des données sur les apatrides et personnes à risque d'apatridies ainsi que prévenir l'apatridie par la mise en place de mécanismes nationaux, notamment ; l'enregistrement a l'état civil/la délivrance des documents d'identité nationale.</i> ENG: <i>By 2024, to reform the system of civil registry and production of statistics on vital events, take initiatives such as identifying cases of statelessness and persons at risk of statelessness, institutionalize the collection of data on stateless persons and persons at risk, and prevent statelessness through the establishment of national mechanisms, including civil registration/ issuance of national identity documents.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress


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<p>Kenya (7)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00504.</u> Re-establish a national taskforce on statelessness by 2019. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00509.</u> Validate a national action plan to eradicate statelessness by 2019. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00503.</u> By 2020, recognize and register Kenyan citizens members of the Shona community who qualify for citizenship under the law. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00499.</u> By 2020, enact a new Birth and Deaths Registration Act that provides safeguards to prevent statelessness. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00496.</u> By 2021, accede to the 1954 and 1961 statelessness conventions. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00497.</u> By 2023, complete legal reforms to address and remedy statelessness in Kenya permanently. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00498.</u> Continue to provide protection to stateless persons and those at risk of statelessness to ensure that they enjoy their basic human rights (continuous). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fulfilled ▪ No update provided ▪ Fulfilled ▪ In progress ▪ No update provided ▪ No update provided ▪ No update provided
<p>Rwanda (9)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00908.</u> Build an effective and efficient registration documentation system including birth and marriage registration and the recognition of the legal status of displaced persons and their families. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00909.</u> Contribute to the adoption and subsequent ratification by Rwanda of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on Specific Aspects of the Right to Nationality and Eradication of statelessness in Africa. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00911.</u> Establish a national taskforce on statelessness by Feb-2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fulfilled ▪ In progress ▪ Fulfilled



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="387 395 1709 467">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00914</u> Ensure that former refugees of Rwandan origin who opted for local integration in their respective host country are issued with nationality documentation no later than 2024. <li data-bbox="387 499 1709 571">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00915</u>: Enact the nationality legislation to facilitate access to naturalization for stateless persons by June 2020. <li data-bbox="387 603 1709 675">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00916</u> Grant or confirm the Rwandan nationality to all stateless persons and their descendants living in Rwanda no later than 2024. <li data-bbox="387 707 1709 778">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00917</u>. Improve access to late birth registration for refugees born in Rwanda (by 2020). <li data-bbox="387 810 1709 882">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00919</u>. Include question on statelessness in the next national population & housing census so that results can be made available by 2023. <li data-bbox="387 914 1709 986">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00920</u>. Prepare and adopt of a national action to eradicate statelessness by May 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1765 387 1910 411">▪ Fulfilled <li data-bbox="1765 483 1910 507">▪ Fulfilled <li data-bbox="1765 595 1933 619">▪ In progress <li data-bbox="1765 691 1910 715">▪ Fulfilled <li data-bbox="1765 786 1910 810">▪ Fulfilled <li data-bbox="1765 882 1910 906">▪ Fulfilled
South Sudan (5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="387 970 1709 1042">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00984</u>. By December 2019, adopt a national action to eradicate statelessness in South Sudan. <li data-bbox="387 1058 1709 1090">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00980</u>. By December 2020, accede to both statelessness conventions. <li data-bbox="387 1137 1709 1201">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00983</u>. By December 2021, reform its nationality law to introduce safeguards to grant nationality to children born on the territory of South Sudan who otherwise would be stateless. <li data-bbox="387 1249 1709 1337">▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00981</u>. By December 2021, ensure access to birth registration procedures for all born on the territory of South Sudan including simplified late birth registration to ensure free and universal birth registration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1765 962 1910 986">▪ Fulfilled <li data-bbox="1765 1042 1933 1066">▪ In progress <li data-bbox="1765 1121 1933 1145">▪ In progress <li data-bbox="1765 1225 1933 1249">▪ In progress

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00982</u>. By December 2022, ensure that particular groups identified as being at risk of statelessness and which are entitled to nationality under the nationality law, but are not able to acquire documentary proof of their nationality are able to do so by improving access to nationality documentation services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
<p>United Republic of Tanzania (1)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00994</u>. Find durable solutions to the remaining 1972 Burundian refugees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
<p>Uganda (6)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01011</u>. Accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness by 2020. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01014</u>. By the end of 2019, finalize and approve the National Action Plan to serve as the national strategy to eradicate statelessness in the country by 2024. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01012</u>. By 2021, complete a legal study on statelessness and citizenship in order to better understand and address the factors leaving certain populations stateless or at risk of statelessness and to support comprehensive legal and constitutional reform. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01016</u>. By 2024, introduce and implement safeguards in its nationality law to grant nationality to children born on the territory who would otherwise be stateless. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01015</u>. By 2024, introduce a law reform to prevent denial or attribution of nationality at birth on discriminatory grounds. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01013</u>. By 2024, ensure that the Maragoli, Benet, Ugandan-Asian and other unrecognized communities present in Uganda since before 1926 are recognized as citizens of Uganda in order to ensure they are issued with the nationality documentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress ▪ Fulfilled ▪ In progress ▪ No update provided ▪ No update provided ▪ No update provided

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<p>Zambia (6)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01037</u>. To complete the local integration of former refugees from Angola and Rwanda. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01029</u> By 2020, to ensure accession to the 1961 UN Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01031</u>. By 2021, to complete the issuance of the residence permits to all former refugees who have opted to locally integrate in Zambia, and to facilitate their naturalization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01030</u>. By 2023, facilitate the naturalization procedures for stateless persons and their children to acquire nationality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At planning stage
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01039</u>. By 2023, to simplify and improve access to birth registration and certification, for persons born in Zambia, including late birth registration, to ensure universal birth registration for all children, including refugees and asylum seekers born on the territory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01040</u>. By 2023, to support the adoption of the draft Regional Action Plan to end statelessness in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region so that the region moves in tandem with the rest of the world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress


Pledges submitted by regional intergovernmental bodies (working in ICGLR region)



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<p>African Union Commission (5)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00026</u>. to continue mainstreaming statelessness into the AU Commission’s work until the end of 2024 by collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data on statelessness and groups at risk through the implementation of the Nouakchott Declaration and the operationalization of programs such as the Africa Programme for Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00028</u>. No later than by the end of 2020, to submit the draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on Specific Aspects of the Right to Nationality and Eradication of Statelessness in Africa for adoption by the AU Assembly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00029</u>. Throughout 2020 and no later than by end of 2024, to support further research on the nexus between forced displacement, protracted refugee situation, and statelessness in Africa in continuation with the African Union theme of the year for 2019“Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00027</u>. In 2019 and beyond, to strengthen the African Union’s capacity building and training initiatives on statelessness by fully integrating statelessness issues in its capacity building and training initiative named “Livingstone Syllabus”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00025</u>. Throughout 2019 and beyond, and in cooperation with the AU Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, particularly the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Refugees, IDPs and Migrants and the Pan-African Parliament, to advocate for AU Member State ratification and implementation of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on Specific Aspects of the Right to Nationality and Eradication of Statelessness in Africa (once adopted) and other relevant international conventions on statelessness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress

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<p>ICGLR Secretariat (5)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pledge No. GRF-01138. Support and submit at the next ICGLR Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee (RIMC) the draft consolidated draft action plan of ICGLR on the eradication of statelessness in the Great Lakes Region (2017-2024) for its final adoption by end of 2020. ▪ Pledge No. GRF-01139. Support research on people at risk of statelessness and stateless persons in the Great Lakes Region to improve the availability of data on statelessness and nationality issues by 2021. ▪ Pledge No. GRF-01137. Steer the development and the operationalization of a regional policy and programmatic framework on civil registration including birth registration for the prevention of statelessness by 2023. ▪ Pledge No. GRF-00355. By June 2021 and in the spirit of the Declaration of International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Member States on the Eradication of Statelessness signed in Brazzaville on 16 October 2017, the ICGLR Secretariat commits to carry out a regional inception study to inform a Regional Comprehensive Strategy on Durable Solutions for the displaced to address protracted refugee situations and risks of statelessness in the Great Lakes Region in close collaboration with UNHCR. ▪ Pledge No. GRF-000839. By June 2022 and in the spirit of Paragraph 29 of the 2019 Outcome Document on the High-Level Meeting of Ministers in charge of refugees in the Great Lakes Region adopted on 7 March 2019 at Munyonyo in Uganda, the ICGLR Secretariat commits to complete a Comprehensive Durable Solutions Strategy in the Great Lakes Region and develop a Regional Action Plan to implement this Strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fulfilled ▪ In progress ▪ In planning stage ▪ Fulfilled ▪ In planning stage
<p>Pan African Parliament (4)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pledge No. GRF-01269. The PAP will actively advocate for Regional Economic Communities to develop regional agreements on refugee and statelessness protection, including responsibility sharing arrangements and policies on the prevention of displacement and statelessness. ▪ Pledge No. GRF-01271. The PAP will advocate for accession to the United Nations conventions on refugees and statelessness, as well as ratification of the African Union convention on refugee and Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs), and the upcoming Protocol on the Right to Nationality an Eradication of Statelessness. ▪ Pledge No. GRF-01272. The PAP will promote the development of model laws on the protection of refugees and stateless persons, based on international law and best practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided ▪ No update provided ▪ No update provided

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01273</u>. The PAP will provide training on statelessness, refugees and IDPs to members of the parliament every year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided

Pledges submitted by Civil Society Organizations (from the ICGLR region)

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<p>International Refugee Rights Initiative (IRRI) (4) <i>Uganda</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. 01111</u>. By 2021, engaging the government-led Statelessness Taskforce in the identification of groups affected by or at risk of statelessness in Uganda, including those with challenges to obtaining legal identification such as birth registration and nationality documentation. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01112</u>. By 2023, supporting efforts by the government of Uganda to commit to and implement international and continental legal and policy frameworks, domesticate them in national law and apply them in practice at the national level to resolve current cases of statelessness and prevent future cases. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01109</u>. By 2024, continuing to work with indigenous communities in Uganda excluded from the Third Schedule of the 1995 Constitution, such as the Maragoli, Benet and others by supporting self-identification mechanisms, sensitization, and awareness-raising on the importance of proof of legal identity, including birth registration and nationality documentation, and support their quest for citizenship. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01110</u>. Until end of the campaign, highlighting the issue of statelessness at the continental level, through continuing to facilitate information sharing and exchange on issues of statelessness, through our contribution to the Citizenship Rights in Africa website and work of the Right to Nationality Coalition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Stage ▪ Planning Stage ▪ No update provided ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01179</u>. Mobilize, organize, and support all the stateless communities and persons to submit their application to the government taskforce in order to resolve their statelessness situation by 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress

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<p>Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) (5) – Kenya</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01178</u>. Provide support and advice to the parliament of Kenya and the ministry responsible for registration of stateless persons to review and amend existing laws to eliminate unequal treatment of stateless persons and create stronger guarantees for facilitated nationality pathways for stateless persons as a form of redress for historical injustices of non-recognition by 2022. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01177</u>. Until 2024, continue creating public awareness on statelessness and providing oversight and technical support to all government agencies in the interventions and strategies to identify, reduce, and prevent statelessness. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01176</u>. Until 2023, advocate and provide legal support to reform the nationality law to insert a safeguard to ensure that a child born in Kenya that would otherwise be stateless would be attributed Kenyan nationality at birth in line with the constitution of Kenya which gives every child a right to a name and a nationality from birth and the ACWRC to which Kenya is party. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-02266</u>. Supporting access to Kenyan citizenship or permanent residence status in Kenya for refugees in Kenya as local integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress ▪ In progress ▪ In progress ▪ No update provided
<p>Dignity Kwanza (4) Tanzania</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00186</u>. To advocate for the protection of stateless people and those at risks by supporting the adoption and implementation of the National Action Plan to Eradicate Statelessness in Tanzania which aims at, among other things, resolving existing issue of non-refugee stateless people, ending childhood statelessness, ending gender discrimination on the nationality laws, ensuring birth registration for the prevention of statelessness and creating qualitative and quantitative data of stateless population in Tanzania by 2024. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00187</u>. To advocate for the ratification and domestication of the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness to ensure protection and eradication of statelessness in Tanzania by 2024. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00188</u>. To continue to raise awareness and enhance capacity of stateless people or at risk to become stateless, government officials, member of civil society and public at large on laws, realities of stateless persons and measures to prevent and ultimately eradicate statelessness by 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided ▪ No update provided ▪ No update provided

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00189</u>. To advocate for Tanzania’s support to the adoption of Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Specific Aspect of the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa by 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No update provided
<p>East Africa Nationality Network (EANN)⁴ (3) <i>(Host Secretariat currently held by KHRC with NAMATI)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00159</u>. Until end of 2024, advocating for prompt adoption of the “Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Specific Aspects on the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa” and promote full implementation and domestication of provisions by Member States. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00160</u>. Until end of 2024, supporting the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) in implementation and monitoring of its Action Plan to eradicate statelessness, including by supporting identification, helping groups with difficulties in accessing legal identity documents, such as birth certificates, national IDs and passports. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-00161</u>. Until 2023, supporting continued awareness-raising and training of relevant stakeholders, such as affected communities, civil society organisations and governments on international, continental, and sub-regional frameworks to eradicate statelessness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress ▪ In progress ▪ No update provided
<p>Southern African Nationality Network (7) <i>(Host Secretariat held by Lawyers for Human Rights in South Africa)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01359</u>. Advocate for and support SADC in creating a regional action plan to end statelessness in SADC. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01360</u>. Advocate for prompt adoption and implementation of Draft Protocol on Eradication of Statelessness in Africa. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01361</u>. Conduct fundraising campaigns to support activities that aim to protect stateless persons and to end statelessness. ▪ <u>Pledge No. GRF-01362</u>. Encourage its members in SADC to mainstream statelessness into their organization's work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress ▪ In progress ▪ In progress ▪ In progress

⁴ Regional Platform of NGOs engaged on statelessness comprising Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pledge No. GRF-01363. Promote and support legal assistance to stateless persons in Southern Africa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pledge No. GRF-01364. Provide training on statelessness and access to nationality to SADC governments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pledge No. GRF-01365. Research on stateless persons in Southern Africa and establish a SADC database. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fulfilled