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
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| 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**                                                                 |