#IBELONG progress in ECOWAS

Highlights as of 30.04.2019

**Parties to the 1954 & 1961 Conventions**

- Cabo Verde, Ghana and Togo: Not party

**Statelessness Government Focal Points nominated**

- Cabo Verde: Pending

**National Action Plans**

- Benin, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Guinea and Mali: Adopted
- Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone: In progress
- Cabo Verde: Not started

**Legal reforms**

- Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Senegal and Togo: Ongoing
- Sierra Leone: A mother can transmit her nationality to her children since 2017.
- Côte d’Ivoire: A special procedure on late birth registration and a law on civil status adopted in 2018.
- Niger: Restrictions on dual nationality removed and discrimination with regard to transmission of nationality between spouses ended in 2014.

**Birth Registration**

- Benin, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal: Deliverance of birth certificates to populations at risk of statelessness since 2018: 3,789 in Benin, 37,250 in Burkina Faso, 444 in Gambia, 1,955 in Guinea-Bissau and 1,316 in Senegal.

**Naturalisation/confirmation of nationality**

- Mali: 4 Mauritanian refugees were naturalised and 1,171 refugees born in Mali had Malian nationality confirmed since 2018.
- Burkina Faso: 15,000 nationality certificates delivered to persons at risk of statelessness in 2018.
- Liberia: 300 former Sierra Leonean refugees received naturalisation certificates in 2018.
- Côte d’Ivoire: 161 persons at risk of statelessness obtained nationality certificates in 2018. For the first time in 2018, nationality granted to 11 foundlings.
- Niger: During mobile court sessions 4,707,514 late births registered in 2018.
- Côte d’Ivoire: More than 400,000 children and persons at risk of statelessness received late birth certificates in 2018.

**Studies**

- Côte d’Ivoire and Niger (Diffa region): Published
- Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire (mapping exercise) and Guinea-Bissau: Finished, yet to be published
- Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Niger and Nigeria: Ongoing