



MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE ERADICATION OF STATELESSNESS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION

Radisson Blu Hotel
Nairobi, Kenya
16-18 April 2019

AGENDA

Day I of the Expert-Level Progress Review Segment, Tuesday 16 April 2019		Facilitator/ Presenter
Master of Ceremonies – Mr. Abdouraouf Gnon-Konde, Head of Global Issues, EU Unit, UNHCR, Brussels		
8:00-8:30	<i>Arrival and registration of participants</i>	
8:30-8:35	Welcoming speech	Major General (Rtd) Dr. Gordon Kihlangwa, Principal Secretary , State Department of Immigration and Citizen Services, Ministry of the Interior and Coordination and National Government, Kenya
8.35 – 8.45	Welcome remarks	Cabinet Secretary of Interior and Coordination of National Government, Kenya delivered by Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of the Interior and Coordination of National Government, Kenya
8:45-9:00	Introductory statement on the ICGLR's vision for eradicating statelessness in the Great Lakes Region by 2024	Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita, ICGLR Executive Secretary
9:00-9:15	Introductory remarks and overview of meeting objectives	Ms. Fathiaa Abdalla, Representative, UNHCR Kenya
9:15- 9:30	Introduction of the participants	Master of Ceremonies

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9:30-10:00	UNHCR's #IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness and the upcoming High-Level Segment on Statelessness Presentation followed by questions and answers	Presenter: Ms. Radha Govil, Senior Legal Officer, Statelessness Section, UNHCR HQs, Switzerland
10:00-10:30	<i>Group photo and coffee/tea break</i>	
10:30-11:20	Statelessness in the Great Lakes Region: An overview of opportunities and challenges <i>Presentation and discussion</i>	Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ayalew Getachew Asseffa, Senior Child Protection Officer, African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Ethiopia Ms. Bronwen Manby, Independent Expert Consultant, United Kingdom
11:20-11:40	Testimonies of statelessness communities from Uganda and Kenya	Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. John Amugune, Leader, Maragoli Community Association, Uganda Ms. Nozizi Duve Shona and Mr. Olivier Muregerera, Representatives from the Shona community, Kenya
11:40-13:00	Progress and next steps in implementing the Brazzaville Declaration to Eradicate Statelessness in the Great Lakes Region <i>Country review presentations :</i>	Facilitator: Ms. Walpurga Englbrecht, Deputy Representative, UNHCR Kenya
	Angola	Ms. Celita Savimbi, Gouvernement Focal Point on Statelessness
	Burundi	M. Zacharie RWAMAZA, Government Focal Point on Statelessness
	Central African Republic	M. Saint Paul NGONGO SINDO, Government Focal Point on Statelessness
	Democratic Republic of Congo	M. MBUSSA MULIMIRO LUSUMBA, Legal Adviser at the Presidency
	Kenya	M. Cyr Maixent Tiba, Government Focal Point on Statelessness
	Republic of Congo	Ms. Eunica Lamba Chacha, Government Focal Point on Statelessness

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13:00-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:15-15:45	Progress and next steps in implementing the Brazzaville Declaration to Eradicate Statelessness in the Great Lakes Region <i>Country review presentations:</i>	Facilitator: Mr. Gervais Ngovon, Director, Human Rights and Good Governance Program, Central Africa Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) Commission, Equatorial Guinea
	Rwanda	M. Jean Damascene Rusanganwa, Government Focal Point on Statelessness
	South Sudan	Major General John Kute Pacifico Ubio, Government Focal Point on Statelessness
	Sudan	Mr. Mohamed Hassan Mohammad Ali, Government Focal Point on Statelessness
	Tanzania	Mr. Alton Ernest Chaula, Government Focal Point on Statelessness
	Uganda	Mr. Ronald Obel, Government Focal Point on Statelessness
	Zambia	Mr. Abdon Mawere, Government Focal Point on Statelessness
15:45-16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16:00-17:00	Civil society shadow report on the implementation of the Brazzaville Declaration and the 2017-2019 ICGLR Regional Action Plan <i>Presentation and discussion</i>	Presenter: Ms. Diana Gichengo, Programme Manager, Kenya Human Rights Commission, (NGO), Kenya
17:00-18:30	Cocktail reception and side event for the launch of regional video on statelessness, Room Mount Kenya 3	Master of Ceremonies: Commissioner George Morara, Vice-Chairperson, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights

Day II of the Expert-Level Progress Review Segment, Wednesday 17 April 2019		Presenter/ Facilitator
Master of Ceremonies – Mr. Abdouraouf Gnon-Konde, Head of Global Issues, EU Unit, UNHCR, Brussels		
Morning session: Continent-wide initiatives to eradicate statelessness		
9:00-10:00	<p>Moving towards the adoption of the draft 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</p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p>	<p>Presenter:</p> <p>Mr. Ibrahima Kane, Senior Programme Advisor, Open Society Foundation, Senegal</p>
10:00-10:45	<p>Cross-fertilization of good practices in Africa for eliminating statelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The N'Djamena Initiative on the Eradication of Statelessness in Central Africa <p><i>Presentation and Q & A</i></p>	<p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gervais Ngovon, Director, Human Rights and Good Governance Program, Central Africa Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) Commission, Equatorial Guinea
10:45-11:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11:15-12:45	<p>Eradicating statelessness in the Great Lakes Region: Taking stock and reviewing the ICGLR's Regional Action Plan looking forward to 2024</p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p>	<p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Desire Iwangou, Director of Humanitarian Affairs and Cross-Cutting Issues, Statelessness Focal Point, International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Secretariat • Ms. Benedicte Voos, Senior Regional Protection Officer (Statelessness), UNHCR (RSC/DIP), Nairobi
12:45-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
Afternoon session: Extending the Regional Action Plan on the Eradication of Statelessness in the Great Lakes region until 2024		
14:00-15:30		Facilitators:

	<p>Break-out into two subgroups to review the draft extended Action Plan of ICGLR on the Eradication of Statelessness in the Great Lakes Region (2019-2024) and the draft expansion of the Action Plan of ICGLR</p> <p><i>Group discussion</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pacome Ngome Ngame, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Central African Republic • Ms. Radha Govil, Senior Legal Officer, UNHCR HQs, Switzerland
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
15:45-16.30	<p>Plenary review of draft extended Action Plan of ICGLR on the eradication of statelessness in the Great Lakes Region and the draft : expansion of the Action Plan of ICGLR</p>	<p>Facilitator: Mr. Ibrahima Kane, Senior Programme Advisor, Open Society Foundation, Senegal</p>

Ministerial Segment, Thursday 18 April 2019

Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Abdouraouf Gnon-Konde, Head of Global Issues, EU Unit, UNHCR, Brussels

08:00-08:45 *Arrival of participants*

08:45-9:30 **Opening statements**

- *Executive Secretary, International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita*
- *Video statement by the Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR, Mr. Volker Türk*
- *Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa, UNHCR, Mr. Raouf Mazou*
- *Keynote speaker: Head of the Division of Humanitarian Affairs, Refugees and Displaced Persons, African Union Commission, Mr. Olabisi Dare*
- *Summary report of the conclusions from the Expert-Level Progress Review Segment presented by the Member State Expert, Mr. Jacques Essissongo, Government Focal Point on statelessness, Republic of Congo*

09:30-9:50 **Statement from the Host Government**

- *Statement from Chief Administrative Secretary of Interior and Coordination of National Government, Kenya, delivered by the Hon. Patrick K. Ole Ntutu*

9:50-10:05 **Testimony of a formerly stateless person**

- *Opening performance by the Makonde Dancers*
- *Remarks by the Chairperson of the Makonde community, Mr. Thomas Nguli*

10:05-10:15 **Statement of support by Civil Society for eliminating statelessness in the Great Lakes Region**

- *Executive Director, International Refugee Rights Initiative, Kenya, Ms. Achieng Akena*

10:15-10:30 **Coffee/tea break**

10:30-13:00 **Progress and potential pledges by ICGLR Member States**

Chair: Mr. Ange Aimé Bininga, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Promotion of Indigenous Populations, Republic of Congo

Ministerial statements on progress and potential pledges to be delivered at the High-Level Segment on Statelessness by each ICGLR Member State

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00- 14:45 Discussion and exchange on potential pledges of organisations from the region in view of the High-Level Segment on Statelessness

Chair: UNHCR Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, Ambassador Mohamed Abdi Affey

Plenary discussion of good practices and additional pledges that could be made at the High-Level Segment on Statelessness

14:45 -15:15 Discussion of the extended Action Plan of ICGLR on the Eradication of Statelessness (2019-2024) and the proposed draft: Expansion of the Action Plan of ICGLR

Speaker: ICGLR Executive Secretary, Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita

15:15-15:30 Closing remarks

- *Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa, UNHCR, Mr. Raouf Mazou*
- *Hon. Patrick K. Ole Ntutu, Chief Administrative Secretary of Interior and Coordination of National Government, Kenya, represented by the Major General (Rtd) Dr. Gordon Kihalangwa, Principal Secretary, State Department of Immigration and Citizen Services, Ministry of the Interior and Coordination and National Government, Kenya*