

**REGIONAL STRATEGIC MEETING ON STATELESSNESS:  
WEST AFRICA ON THE JOURNEY TOWARDS THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT  
TO BE HELD ON 07 OCTOBER IN GENEVA**

**Abidjan, 6-10 May 2019**

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Component: Regional Focal Points Annual Meeting<br>Day 1 – Monday, 06 May 2019<br>Taking Stock of Achievements |  |  |
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| Time   | Agenda Item  | Facilitator  |
| 08:00 – 08:45  | <b>Opening of the meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opening remarks by ECOWAS Representative in Côte d’Ivoire (15 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Welcome speech by UNHCR Representative in Côte d’Ivoire (10 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Presentation of the agenda and materials (5 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Brief round of introductions (15 minutes)</li> </ul>  | Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar                             |
| 08:45 – 09:30  | <b>The High-Level Segment (HLS) on Statelessness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why the HLS is a key event</li> <li>▪ How the HLS will be run, including guidance on the pledge format</li> <li>▪ Link between the HLS and the Global Refugee Forum</li> <li>▪ Importance of follow-up</li> </ul>  | Melanie KHANNA,<br>Statelessness<br>Section, UNHCR<br>HQ, Geneva |
| 09:30 – 10:00  | <b>Taking stock of achievements and challenges in the region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Based on the outcomes of the last regional meeting in November 2018</li> </ul>   | Alves<br>D’ALMADA,<br>ECOWAS<br>Representative                   |
| 10:00 – 10:30  | <b>GROUP PHOTO &amp; COFFEE BREAK</b>  |  |
| 10:30 – 11:00  | <b>Group work: Towards the HLS – Finalising achievements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 12 country teams made up of Government Focal Points, UNHCR Senior Protection Officers and UNHCR Statelessness Focal Points</li> <li>▪ 01 group bringing together Government Focal Points of Benin and Sierra Leone</li> <li>▪ 01 group bringing together Senior Protection Officers from Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Chad</li> <li>▪ 01 group bringing together ECOWAS and CEMAC representatives, as well as members of Liaison Unit</li> </ul> | Hannah<br>OFFERMANN,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar                     |
| 11:00 – 12:30  | <b>Plenary: Towards the HLS – Finalising achievements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentations by each of the 12 country teams, Government Focal Points of Benin and Sierra Leone as well as ECOWAS (about 10 minutes each)</li> </ul>   | Teresa VAZQUEZ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar                          |
| 12:30 – 13:30  | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |  |

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| <b>13:30 – 14:30</b> | <b>Plenary: Towards the HLS – Finalising achievements (continued)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentations by each of the 12 country teams, Government Focal Points of Benin and Sierra Leone as well as ECOWAS (about 10 minutes each)</li> </ul>  | Teresa VAZQUEZ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar |
| <b>14:30 – 15:30</b> | <b>Introduction to statelessness in the CEMAC region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview by CEMAC representative on engagement on statelessness and HLS preparations in CEMAC region (15 minutes)</li> <li>Presentations by UNHCR Senior Protection Officers on work on statelessness in Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Chad (15 minutes each)</li> </ul> | Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar    |
| <b>15:30 – 16:00</b> | <b>AFTER-WORK COFFEE</b>  |   |

| Day 2 – Tuesday, 07 May 2019   |   |   |
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| Securing Concrete, Realistic, Measurable and Time-Bound Pledges from the ECOWAS Region |   |   |
| Time   | Agenda Item   | Facilitator   |
| <b>08:00 – 08:30</b>   | <b>Overview of key areas for pledges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the Global Action Plan to End Statelessness and UN Key Messages on Statelessness</li> </ul>  | Melanie KHANNA,<br>Statelessness<br>Section, UNHCR<br>HQ, Geneva  |
| <b>08:30 – 10:00</b>   | <b>Group work: Towards the HLS – Exchanging on pledges</b><br>Country teams join up in thematic groups along the 10 Actions of the Global Action Plan to End Statelessness.   | Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar  |
| <b>10:00 – 10:30</b>   | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>   |   |
| <b>10:30 – 11:00</b>   | <b>Group work: Towards the HLS – Finalising pledges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 country teams made up of Government Focal Points, UNHCR Senior Protection Officers and UNHCR Statelessness Focal Points</li> <li>01 group bringing together Government Focal Points of Benin and Sierra Leone</li> <li>01 group bringing together ECOWAS representative and members of Liaison Unit</li> <li>01 group bringing together CEMAC representative and Senior Protection Officers from Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Chad</li> </ul> | Melanie KHANNA,<br>Statelessness<br>Section, UNHCR<br>HQ, Geneva, &<br>Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar |
| <b>11:00 – 12:30</b>   | <b>Plenary: Towards the HLS – Finalising pledges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentations by each of the 12 country teams as well as Government Focal Points of Benin and Sierra Leone (about 10 minutes each)</li> </ul>   | Melanie KHANNA,<br>Statelessness<br>Section, UNHCR<br>HQ, Geneva, &<br>Hervé KUATÉ,                         |

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| <b>12:30 – 13:30</b> | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |   |
| <b>13:30 – 14:30</b> | <b>Plenary: Towards the HLS – Finalising pledges (continued)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentations by each of the 12 country teams as well as Government Focal Points of Benin and Sierra Leone (about 10 minutes each)</li> </ul>  | Melanie KHANNA,<br>Statelessness<br>Section, UNHCR<br>HQ, Geneva, &<br>Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar |
| <b>14:30 – 15:00</b> | <b>Discussion on ECOWAS pledges at the HLS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Short presentation by ECOWAS representative on proposed pledges</li> <li>▪ Discussion on areas requiring more support from ECOWAS and UNHCR RRWA</li> </ul>  | Silvia CRAVESANA,<br>Liaison Unit,<br>UNHCR Abuja   |
| <b>15:00 – 16:00</b> | <b>Partnerships on statelessness: The Secretary-General’s Guidance Note “The United Nations and Statelessness” and the engagement of the World Bank and civil society</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the content of the Guidance Note, stressing the role of other actors in the fight against statelessness</li> <li>▪ Short presentation by World Bank representative</li> <li>▪ Short presentation by civil society representative</li> </ul> | Melanie KHANNA,<br>Statelessness<br>Section, UNHCR<br>HQ  |
| <b>16:00 – 16:30</b> | <b>AFTER-WORK COFFEE</b>   |   |
| <b>18:30 – 21:00</b> | <b>ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL: BANJUL PLAN OF ACTION</b>   |   |

### Day 3 – Wednesday, 08 May 2019

#### Developing Country-Specific Roadmaps on Pledges

| Time                 | Agenda Item  | Facilitator  |
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| <b>08:00 – 09:15</b> | <b>Engaging with UNICEF and UNFPA – Experiences at the global level and in the ECOWAS region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Headquarters’ perspective (15 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Experience-sharing on Coalition on Every Child’s Right to a Nationality: UNHCR Côte d’Ivoire and UNICEF (15 minutes)</li> <li>▪ UNFPA’s work on statelessness (15 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Discussion (30 minutes)</li> </ul> | Melanie KHANNA,<br>Statelessness<br>Section, UNHCR<br>HQ |
| <b>09:15 – 10:00</b> | <b>Group work: Towards the HLS – Exchange on country-specific roadmaps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 08 working groups each made up of two country teams</li> <li>▪ 01 working group made up of ECOWAS and CEMAC representatives</li> </ul>   | Hannah OFFERMANN,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar                |

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|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each country team/regional organisation presents its roadmap to the other country team that provides comments before presenting its own roadmap and receiving comments in turn.</li> </ul>   |   |
| <b>10:00 – 10:30</b> | <b>COFFE BREAK</b>  |   |
| <b>10:30 – 11:00</b> | <b>Group work: Towards the HLS – Refining country-specific roadmaps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 country teams made up of Government Focal Points, UNHCR Senior Protection Officers and UNHCR Statelessness Focal Points</li> <li>01 group bringing together Government Focal Points of Benin and Sierra Leone</li> <li>01 group bringing together ECOWAS representative and members of Liaison Unit</li> <li>01 group bringing together CEMAC representative and Senior Protection Officers from Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Chad</li> </ul> | Teresa VAZQUEZ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar |
| <b>11:00 – 12:30</b> | <b>Plenary: Towards the HLS – Refining country-specific roadmaps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentations by each of the 12 country teams, Government Focal Points of Benin and Sierra Leone, 03 Senior Protection Officers from Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Chad, as well as ECOWAS and CEMAC (about 10 minutes each)</li> </ul>  | Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar    |
| <b>12:30 – 13:30</b> | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>  |   |
| <b>13:30 – 15:00</b> | <b>Plenary: Towards the HLS – Refining country-specific roadmaps (continued)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentations by each of the 12 country teams, Government Focal Points of Benin and Sierra Leone, 03 Senior Protection Officers from Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Chad, as well as ECOWAS and CEMAC (about 10 minutes each)</li> </ul>  | Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar    |
| <b>15:00 – 15:30</b> | <b>Closing session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing remarks by ECOWAS Representative in Côte d'Ivoire (15 minutes)</li> <li>Closing remarks by UNHCR Representative in Côte d'Ivoire (15 minutes)</li> </ul>  | Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar    |
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Component: Workshop on the Domestication of the 1954 Convention**

**Day 1 – Thursday, 09 May 2019**

**The Relevance of Statelessness Status Determination**

| Time                 | Agenda Item  | Facilitator  |
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| <b>08:00 – 08:45</b> | <b>Opening of the meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcome speech by Assistant Regional Representative (Protection)</li> <li>▪ Opening remarks by ECOWAS Representative</li> <li>▪ Presentation of the agenda and materials</li> <li>▪ Brief round of introductions</li> </ul>   | Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar                   |
| <b>08:45 – 09:30</b> | <b>Video: Comparative overview of Statelessness Determination Procedures by Gábor GYULAI of The Hungarian Helsinki Committee</b>   | Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar                   |
| <b>09:30 – 10:30</b> | <b>Presentation: UNHCR guidance on establishing and conducting SDPs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Relevance of SDPs, including link with Global Action Plan to End Statelessness and Banjul Plan of Action as well as High-Level Segment on Statelessness</li> <li>▪ Overview of UNHCR guidance on key elements of SDPs as set out in the Handbook on Protection of Stateless Persons</li> </ul>                      | Hervé KUATÉ,<br>UNHCR RRWA,<br>Dakar                   |
| <b>10:30 – 11:00</b> | <b>GROUP PHOTO &amp; COFFEE BREAK</b>  |  |
| <b>11:00 – 13:00</b> | <b>Determining statelessness and developing a legal system to protect the rights of stateless persons – The French experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establishment of French SDP and key elements of the procedure</li> <li>▪ Linkages between asylum procedure and SDP</li> <li>▪ Profiles of stateless persons in France</li> <li>▪ Rights attached to statelessness status</li> <li>▪ Challenges</li> </ul> | Mourad DERBAK,<br>Chef de la Division<br>Europe, OFPRA |
| <b>13:00 – 14:00</b> | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |  |
| <b>14:00 – 15:00</b> | <b>Presentation of different situations of statelessness</b>   | Mourad DERBAK,<br>Chef de la Division<br>Europe, OFPRA |
| <b>15:00 – 15:30</b> | <b>Discussion on ECOWAS’ engagement on the establishment of SDPs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Short introduction by ECOWAS representative on ECOWAS’ role in the establishment of SDPs as set out in the Banjul Plan of Action</li> </ul>  | Silvia<br>CRAVESANA,<br>Liaison Unit,<br>UNHCR Abuja   |

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|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion on areas requiring more support from ECOWAS and UNHCR RRWA</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>15:30 – 16:00</b> | <b>AFTER-WORK COFFEE</b>  |  |

| <b>Day 2 – Friday, 10 May 2019</b><br><b>Establishing SDPs</b> |   |                                     |
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| Time   | Agenda Item   | Facilitator                         |
| <b>08:00 – 09:00</b>   | <b>Group work: Country-specific roadmaps for the establishment of SDPs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>06 country teams made up of representative in charge of RSD, Government Focal Point on statelessness, UNHCR Senior Protection Officer and UNHCR Statelessness Focal Point</li> <li>01 group bringing together ECOWAS representative and member of Liaison Unit (to discuss necessary follow-up by ECOWAS and UNHCR)</li> <li>Country-specific roadmaps should include reflections on: Proposed time frame, need to create new institutions, stakeholders to be involved when advocating for establishment of SDPs, most suitable type of procedure, main elements of the procedure and next steps.</li> </ul> | Hannah OFFERMANN, UNHCR RRWA, Dakar |
| <b>09:00 – 09:30</b>   | <b>Group work: Exchange on country-specific roadmaps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03 working groups each made up of 02 country teams as well as of 01 ECOWAS representative and 01 member of Liaison Unit</li> <li>Each country team presents its roadmap to the other country team that provides comments before presenting its own roadmap and receiving comments in turn.</li> </ul>   | Hannah OFFERMANN, UNHCR RRWA, Dakar |
| <b>09:30 – 10:00</b>   | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>   |                                     |
| <b>10:00 – 12:30</b>   | <b>Plenary: Refining country-specific and ECOWAS roadmaps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentations by each of the 06 country teams and the group bringing together ECOWAS representative and member of Liaison Unit</li> </ul>  | Teresa VAZQUEZ, UNHCR RRWA, Dakar   |
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