

First Global Forum on Statelessness

Programme

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

- 08.30 – 09.15: Registration
- 09.15 – 10.00: Plenary: Welcome and keynote address by Volker Türk, UNHCR Director of International Protection
- 10.00 – 11.00: Plenary: A roundtable discussion on ‘Experiences of Statelessness’ with stateless persons, led by writer and critic Adrian Gill
- 11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break
- 11.30 – 13.00: Thematic Panels

Children’s experiences of statelessness:

Catherine Allerton (London School of Economics), Maureen Lynch (Independent Humanitarian Advocate), Shaw Drake, Kimberly Fetsick and Tabitha King (Georgetown University Law Center)

Experiences of statelessness and displacement:

Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh (Oxford University), Nell Gabiam (Iowa State University), Tun Khin (Burmese Rohingya Organisation in the UK)

The prevention of statelessness: contemporary tools and challenges:

Alison Harvey and Laurie Fransman (Immigration Law Practitioners Association / Garden Court Chambers), William Thomas Worster (Hague University of Applied Sciences), Kristine Kruma (Riga Graduate Law School)

Denationalisation as persecution:

David Baluarte (Washington & Lee University), Eric Fripp (Barrister at Lamb Building), H el ene Lambert (University of Westminster)

- 13.00 – 14.00: Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.30: Plenary: Keynote address by Nils Mui znieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe; and presentation by Laurien Koster, President of the Netherlands Institute for Human

Rights of a Joint Statement on Statelessness of the network of European National Human Rights Institutions

15.30 – 16.00: Coffee break

16.00 – 18.00: Thematic panels

Birth registration and statelessness - regional perspectives:

Jacqueline Gallinetti and Mary Lagaay (Plan International), Amit Sen (UNHCR, MENA region), Nick Oakeshott (UNHCR, Asia region) and Bongkot Napaumporn (Thammasat University), Felipe Gonzalez (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights)

Statelessness and paralegal projects:

Laura Bingham (Open Society Justice Initiative), Mustafa Mahmoud Yousif (Nubian Rights Forum, Kenya), Laura Goodwin (Namati, Myanmar), Khalid Hussain (Council of Minorities, Bangladesh)

From the right to a nationality to naturalisation and resettlement:

Ernst Hirsch Ballin (Tilburg University), Tamás Molnár (Hungarian Ministry of Interior and Corvinus University of Budapest), Eva Mrekajova (UNHCR Research Award winner 2013), Dovrangeldy Bayramov (State Migration Service of Turkmenistan)

Networking for change: the importance of collaboration on statelessness :

Chris Nash (European Network on Statelessness), Lara Chen (Waseda University / Stateless Network Japan / APRRN), Tim Parritt (Oak Foundation), Debbie Kohner (European Network of National Human Rights Institutions)

18.00 – 20.00: Reception and exhibition of 'Nowhere People', introduced by the photographer, Greg Constantine

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

09.00 – 11.00: Thematic panels

Statelessness, the right to education, work and health, and the nexus with human trafficking:

Nina van Egmond (VU University, the Netherlands), Dato N. Siva Subramaniam (Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia), Conny Rijken (Tilburg University), Alexander Vu (Johns Hopkins University International Emergency and Public Health Program), Michael Hirsch (Royal University of Phnom Penh)

Affecting change: Exploring how and why action is taken on statelessness:

Lindsey Kingston (Webster University), Ngo The Hong Loan (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam), Diana Gichengo (Kenya Human Rights Commission), Sara de Souza Coutinho (Ministry of Justice, Brazil)

The nexus between stateless persons, refugees & international protection:

Heather Alexander and Jonathan Simon (Tulane University), Mai Kaneko-Iwase (UNHCR Japan/Pakistan), Gábor Gyulai (Hungarian Helsinki Committee), Linda Kerber (University of Iowa)

Statelessness and media:

Mohammad Al-Wuhaib (Kuwait University), Jocelyn Kane (Ryerson University), Emma Batha (Thomson Reuters Foundation), Greg Constantine (Photographer of 'Nowhere People' project)

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: Thematic panels

Birth registration and statelessness – national case studies:

Ivanka Kostic (Praxis, Serbia), Rana Akoum (Ministry of Justice, Lebanon), Stephanie Gordon (University of Leicester)

Statelessness and surrogacy:

Claire Achmad (Leiden University), Sanoj Rajan (ITM University New Delhi), Hannah Baker (Hague Conference on Private International Law)

Exploring the utility of statelessness determination:

Susan Kennedy (University of Adelaide), Yue Fu (Ibaraki University / Stateless Network, Japan), Stans Goudsmit (Netherlands Institute for Human Rights)

Addressing statelessness through foreign policy: Nicole Shepardson (US Department of State Bureau on Population, Refugees and Migration), Garrett O'Brien (European External Action Service), Boriss Cilevičs (Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe)

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 15.30: Plenary: A roundtable discussion on 'Statelessness and Empowerment' with stateless and formerly stateless persons, led by Barbara Hendricks, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

15.30 – 16.00: Coffee break

16.00 – 18.00: Thematic panels

Legal, policy and operational measures to resolve large-scale statelessness situations:

Dato N. Siva Subramaniam (Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia), Rico Salcedo (UNHCR Philippines), Nicole Girard (Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada), Paul Brou Koreki (Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberties, Côte d'Ivoire)

Addressing statelessness as a product of irregular / forced migration:

Adrian Berry and Laurie Fransman (Garden Court Chambers, UK), Monica Sanchez Bermudez (Norwegian Refugee Council), Bronwen Manby (London School of Economics), Lucy Hovil (International Refugee Rights Initiative)

Teaching statelessness, including through university law clinics:

Jos van Schilt and Christina van Kuijk (OLV Lyceum / Tilburg University), Frances Meyler (Liverpool University), David Baluarte (Washington & Lee University), Helena Olea (Universidad Diego Portales)

Statelessness and strategic litigation:

Maxim Ferschtman (Open Society Justice Initiative / European Network on Statelessness), Francisco Quintana (CEJIL, Dominican Republic), Liesl Muller (Lawyers for Human Rights), Kim Rubenstein (Australian National University)

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

- 09.00 – 10.15: Plenary: Keynote address by Irene Khan, Director-General of the International Development Law Organisation
- 10.15 – 10.45: Coffee break
- 10.45 – 12.30: Cross-theme panels on specific situations of statelessness

Myanmar:

Amal DeChickera (Equal Rights Trust), Katherine Southwick (University of Singapore), Tun Khin (Burmese Rohingya Organisation in the UK)

Dominican Republic:

Tatiana Cardoso (UniRitter University – Canoas, Brazil) and Nicole Paganini (UniSEB – Ribeirão, Brazil), Eve Hayes de Kalaf (Haiti Support Group), Bridget Wooding (Caribbean Migrants Observatory / Ibero-American University)

Malaysia:

Sanen Marshall (Centre for Promotion of Knowledge and Language Learning, Malaysia), Amanda Cheong (Princeton University), Rodziana Mohamed Razali (National University of Malaysia), Nanthini Ramalo (DHRRA, Malaysia)

Europe's Roma:

Davor Rako (UNHCR Serbia), Julija Sardelic (University of Edinburgh), Riccardo Mattei (Council of Europe Support Team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues), Adam Weiss (European Roma Rights Centre)

- 12.30 – 13.30: Lunch

- 13.30 – 15.00: Thematic panels

Gender discrimination and childhood statelessness:

Mohna Ansari (National Women's Commission of Nepal), Zahra Albarazi (Tilburg University), Moussa Habib Dione (Ministry of Justice, Senegal)

The impact and legacy of statelessness:

Dawn Chatty (Oxford University), Brad Blitz (Middlesex University), Amanda Flaim and David Feingold (Cornell University / UNESCO)

Protecting the stateless from arbitrary detention:

Ben Lewis (International Detention Coalition), Amal DeChickera (The Equal Rights Trust)

Benchmarks and indicators for assessing nationality laws:

René de Groot, Maarten Vink and Olivier Vonk (Maastricht University), Nick Oakeshott (UNHCR, Asia region) and Bongkot Napaumporn (Thammasat University) and Sangita Jaghai (Tilburg University), Laura van Waas (Tilburg University)

15.00 – 15.30: Coffee break

15.30 – 16.30: Cross-theme regional workshops

Asia:

Yuyun Wahyuningrum (ASEAN Human Rights Working Group), Chris Lewa (Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network)

Europe:

Katja Swider (University of Amsterdam), Giulia Bittoni (University of Burgundy and Bologna)

Africa:

Bronwen Manby (London School of Economics), Ayalew Getachew (African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child)

Americas:

Polly Price (Emory University School of Law), Katie Tobin (UNHCR Caribbean)

16.30 – 17.30 Closing Plenary

Country presentations: As poster sessions during breaks/lunches

Ireland: Hilikka Becker (Immigrants Council Ireland)

Ukraine: Kateryna Moroz (HIAS)

Greece: Eleni Takou (Hellenic League for Human Rights)

Madagascar: Caroline McInerney (UNHCR Research Award winner 2013)

Iraq: Karel Hendriks (UNHCR Iraq)

Kyrgyzstan: Elina Troscenko (University of Bergen)

Iran: Jason Tucker (University of Bath)

Nepal: Dipendra Jha (Terai Human Rights Defenders Alliance)

Thailand: I Hsuan Liu (Chulalongkorn University)

Cambodia: Christoph Sperfeldt and Lyma Nguyen (Asian International Justice Initiative / ECCC)

Saudi Arabia: Nouf Albluwi (Imam University, Saudi Arabia)

Spain: Valeria Cherednichenko (Carlos III University of Madrid)

Poland: Dorota Pudzianowska (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights)