



**Regional Expert Roundtable on Good Practices
for the Identification, Prevention and
Reduction of Statelessness and the Protection
of Stateless Persons in South East Asia**



**28-29 October 2010
Amari Watergate Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand**

*Co-hosted by the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand and
the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Agenda

Day 1 – 28 October 2010

8:30 Welcome and introduction

Professor Amara Pongsapich, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand

Jean-Noel Wetterwald, UNHCR Regional Coordinator for South East Asia

9:00 Introduction to statelessness in South East Asia

Ms. Laura van Waas, Statelessness Consultant, UNHCR

- *Causes and consequences of statelessness*
- *Introduction to statelessness and good practices in ASEAN countries*

9:30 International legal standards relating to statelessness

Mr. Homayoun Alizadeh, Regional Representative, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

- *The definition of a “stateless person” and standards related to the identification, prevention and reduction of statelessness*
- *Human rights of stateless persons*

10:00 Discussion

10:20 Group photo followed by coffee break



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10:45 Identification: good practice presentations

Mr. Madi Suwansiri, Thailand Bureau of Social Development; **Ms. Amanda Flaim & Mr. Peerayot Sidonrusmee**, UNESCO

- *Good practice case study Thailand - UNESCO Highland People's Survey*

Ms. Nanthini Ramalo, ERA Consumer

- *Good practice case study Malaysia – Mapping stateless populations*

11:45 Identification: discussion of good practices and lessons learned

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Prevention: good practice presentations

Ms. Trint Thi Hong Ann, Viet Nam Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs

- *Good practice case study Viet Nam - Vietnamese women without citizenship in Vietnam*

Mr. Surapong Kongchantuk, Member of the Senate of Thailand

- *Good practice case study Thailand – The new Civil Registration Act*

Mr. Yim Sam Ol, Cambodia Department General of Local Administration, Ministry of the Interior

- *Good practices case study Cambodia – Civil Registration in Cambodia*

15:15 Coffee break

15:30 Prevention: discussion of good practices and lessons learned

16:45 Wrap-up

17:30 End of Day One





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9:00 Reduction: good practice presentations

Ms. Myanandar Aung, UNHCR Myanmar

- *Good practice case study Myanmar – Finding common ground to promote citizenship*

Ms. Ngo Thi Hong Loan, Department of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam

- *Good practices case study Viet Nam - Naturalization Process of the former Cambodian stateless refugees in Viet Nam*

Mr. Eddy Setiawan, Indonesia Citizen Institute

- *Good practices case study Indonesia – Guarding the Implementation of the Indonesian Citizenship Law*

10:15 Coffee break

10:30 Reduction: discussion of good practices and lessons learned

11:45 Protection: good practice presentations

Ms. Jocelyn Reyes, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines

- *Good practices case study Philippines - The human rights framework as a tool for protecting stateless persons and some observations on Philippine national policy*

Ms. Hartini Zainudin, NurSalam, Malaysia

- *Good practices case study Malaysia – Protection of stateless children*



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12:30	Lunch
13:30	Protection: discussion of good practices and lessons learned
14:45	Coffee Break
15:00	Discussion of follow up measures and recommendations
16:30	Final remarks Professor Amara Pongsapich & Jean-Noel Wetterwald
17:00	End of Day Two

