

Side event to the 72nd session of the Executive Committee

The role of the judiciary in strengthening asylum and nationality systems

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Courts play a vital role in safeguarding, promoting, and protecting rights. They also contribute to shaping policies and developing the law. African judges have identified a need to support their capacity in the field of asylum and nationality/statelessness. A new centre of excellence based in South Africa aims to provide collaborative resources to make rulings, set precedence and establish justice. This session will be primarily an information-sharing forum, designed to present the new centre, identify unaddressed challenges, as well as catalogue and disseminate good practice.

Wednesday, 6 October 2021, 8:00-9:15 (CET)

The event will be fully virtual with delegates present in Geneva and all others attending via the online platform link below:

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