Ministerial Conference on Statelessness in the ECOWAS Region
25 February 2015
Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
Sofitel, Hotel Ivoire
Auditorium room

Agenda

08:15-08:45 Arrival of participants
09:00-10:00 OPENING SESSION

Chair: Mr. Gnenema Mamadou Coulibaly, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberty, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire

- Film
- Introductory statements:
  - Dr. Toga Gayewea McIntosh, Vice-President of the Commission of ECOWAS
  - Mr. António Guterres, High Commissioner for Refugees
- Statements:
  - African Union Commission
  - Mr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for West Africa
  - Ms. Barbara Hendricks, Honorary Lifetime UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador and world-famous classical singer

10:00-10:15 Opportunity for a group photography
  Coffee break

10:15-11:45 COUNTRY OVERVIEWS: “Addressing statelessness in West Africa: successes and challenges”

Chair: Dr. Toga Gayewea McIntosh, Vice-President of the Commission of ECOWAS

- Statements by heads of delegations of ECOWAS Member States
- Testimonies by stateless persons
- Statement by Salif Traoré, A’Sallo, vocal leader of Magic System, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador and Cultural Ambassador for the reconciliation in Côte d’Ivoire
- Religious leaders

11:45-13:00 THEMATIC DEBATE: “Addressing statelessness through joint efforts”

Chair: Mr. António Guterres, High Commissioner for Refugees

- Statements by key partners, national human rights organizations and civil society
- Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch
14:30-15:30 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE DECLARATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair: Mr. Gnenema Mamadou Coulibaly, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberty, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire

15:30-16:30 CLOSING SESSION

Chair: Dr. Toga Gayewea McIntosh, Vice-President of the Commission of ECOWAS

Closing statement by Mr. António Guterres, High Commissioner for Refugees

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17:30 PRESS CONFERENCE

19:00 RECEPTION