

Side event of the 69th session of the Executive Committee

Building momentum: mid-point of the #IBelong Campaign

Moderated by Ms. Carol Batchelor, Special Adviser on Statelessness, UNHCR

Speakers:

**Ambassador Maria Nazareth Farani Azevêdo, Permanent Representative of Brazil
to the United Nations Office at Geneva**

**Ms. Florence Nwawuihe Iheme, Director, Humanitarian and Social Affairs Directorate
Department of Social Affairs and Gender, ECOWAS Commission**

**Ms. Tuenjai Deetes, Commissioner
of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand**

Ms. Maha Mamo, Activist and stateless person



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Since the launch of the #IBelong campaign to end statelessness in November 2014, States have granted nationality to thousands of stateless individuals and have implemented legislative reforms to prevent statelessness and better identify stateless persons. Civil society groups have also helped raise awareness of the statelessness cause and encouraged law reforms, and regional bodies have spearheaded initiatives that have led to the adoption of declarations and action plans to eradicate statelessness. This side event will showcase some of these efforts to build momentum ahead of the High-Level Event in October 2019, which will mark the mid-point of the #IBelong Campaign.



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13:15-15:00

Palais des Nations – Room XII

Interpretation will be provided in English and French.
Sandwiches will be served outside of the room from 13:00.

