



Regional Ministerial-level Meeting on the Validation and Adoption of the Regional Plan of Action to Eradicate Statelessness in West Africa

Meeting of Experts

7-8 May 2017
Banjul, Republic of The Gambia

Provisional Agenda

Sunday, 07 May 2017

08:00-09:00 **Registration of Participants**

09:00-10:00 **OPENING SESSION**

Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs

Dr. Fatimata Dia Sow, Commissioner of Humanitarian Affairs, ECOWAS
Ms. Liz Ahua, Regional Representative, UNHCR

Welcoming statement

Mr. Mai Ahmad Fatty, Minister of Interior, The Gambia

ELECTION OF THE BUREAU AND ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

10:00-10:30 **PRESENTATION: “ending statelessness in ECOWAS”**

Chair: Republic of Liberia

- ✚ Overview of statelessness in West Africa: Ms. Emmanuelle Mitte, Senior Regional Protection Officer (Statelessness), UNHCR
- ✚ Presentation of the Regional Plan of Action and way forward: Ms. Florence Iheme, Director of Humanitarian and Social Affairs, ECOWAS

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

DISCUSSIONS ON THE DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION

Chair: Republic of Liberia

11:00-13:30 **PLENARY SESSION**

Review of Strategic Objective 1: *Compliance with Relevant Legal, Policy and Institutional Frameworks for Eradicating Statelessness*

13:30-14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30-15:30 **PLENARY SESSION**

Review of Strategic Objective 2: *Strengthening Data Management Systems for Effective Response to the Challenges of Statelessness*

15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:00 **PLENARY SESSION**

Review of Strategic Objective 3: *Ensuring Free Movement of Stateless Persons, as well as Their Integration and Protection*

18:30 **Welcome Reception**

Monday, 08 May 2017

09:00-10:30

DISCUSSIONS ON THE DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION

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Chair: Republic of Liberia

PLENARY SESSION

Review of Strategic Objective 4: *Advocacy and Sensitization of Populations and Stakeholders*

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12.30

PLENARY SESSION

Review of Strategic Objective 5: *Guaranteeing Access to Proof of Nationality*

12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

PLENARY SESSION

Review of Strategic Objective 6: *Establishing Strategic and Operational Follow-up Mechanisms*

15:30-16:00






Coffee break

16:00-17:00

VALIDATION OF THE MEETING REPORT

17:00-17:30

CLOSING SESSION

-  Ms. Liz Ahua Regional Representative, UNHCR
-  Dr. Fatimata Dia Sow, Commissioner for Social Affairs and Gender, ECOWAS
-  Chair of the Experts' Meeting, Representative of the Republic of Liberia
-  Representative of the Republic of The Gambia
-  Vote of Thanks