

Side event of the 77th session of the Executive Committee

From safeguards to solutions: 65 years of preventing statelessness

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Marking the 65th anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, this side event will highlight the importance of the Convention particularly in relation to the prevention of statelessness. The discussion will focus on key legal safeguards and practical approaches to preventing statelessness, particularly among children. The session will also showcase good practices, implementation challenges, key lessons on strengthening nationality safeguards, civil registration, and legal identity systems to ensure that no child is left without a nationality.

Tuesday, 13 October 2026

8.30 - 9.45

Palais des Nations, Building A, room Concordia 1
(accessible through door A15)

Interpretation will be available in English and in French.

Kindly note that due to limited seating capacity of the meeting room, delegations are requested to designate only one person to attend the side event.

