



# #IBelong Campaign, Regional and High Level Consultations on Statelessness

# Stateless?

A person who **is not considered** as a national **by any State under the operation of its law.**

*Article 1, 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons*



# UNHCR Mandate

- Global mandate for prevention and reduction of statelessness and protection of stateless persons (GA Resolutions A/RES/50/152, 1996; A/RES/61/137, 2007)
- Mandated to examine cases of persons who claim the benefit of the 1961 Convention (GA Resolutions 3274 (XXIV), 1974 and 31/36, 1976)
- Mandate re-confirmed and further elaborated by the UNHCR Executive Committee (Conclusions No. 78 and 106)

# ExCom Conclusion No. 106 of 2006

A roadmap for UNHCR engagement in a broad range of activities with regard to:

- Identification;
- Prevention;
- Reduction of statelessness, and
- Protection of stateless persons.



# #IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness



- 10 Year Campaign
- Launched on 4 November 2014
- Goal: “To bring an end to statelessness within 10 years by resolving existing situations and preventing the emergence of new cases of statelessness.”

# Global Action Plan 2014 – 2024

- Guiding framework of 10 Actions to be undertaken by States to end statelessness in 10 years.
- Developed in consultation with a wide range of States, UN Agencies, International Organizations and NGOs.
- UNHCR, other UN agencies, civil society and stateless people to support Governments to accomplish the relevant Actions.

# Global Action Plan

1. Resolve major situations of statelessness
- 2. Ensure that no child is born stateless**
3. Remove gender discrimination from nationality laws
4. Prevent denial, loss or deprivation of nationality on discriminatory grounds
5. Prevent statelessness in cases of State succession
6. Grant protection status to stateless migrants and facilitate their naturalization
- 7. Ensure birth registration for the prevention of statelessness**
- 8. Issue nationality documentation to those with an entitlement to it**
9. Accede to the UN Statelessness Conventions
10. Improve quantitative and qualitative data on stateless populations

# Regional Preparatory Meeting



- Prepare States to announce achievements and develop pledges to be delivered at the High-Level Segment;
- A platform for States [and other actors] to share good practices, challenges and experiences in the lead up to the High-Level Segment; and
- Raise awareness about statelessness issues in the region.



# Regional Preparatory Meeting



Held in Bangkok 30/31 May 2019.

With respect to birth registration, states undertook to consider:

- Extending fee waivers for birth registration;
- Adopting mobile birth registration, especially in remote areas;
- Extending late registration and consider waiving attendant fees;
- Incentivizing communities, including those that are hard to reach to go for registration;
- Enhancing utilization of ICT and digitalization for universal birth registration.

# 2019 High-Level Segment on Statelessness



- States will have an opportunity to showcase achievements related to the #IBelong Campaign.
- States are encouraged to make concrete pledges to end statelessness by 2024.
- Organizations may also make commitments.

Thank you

