

ENDING STATELESSNESS

The Role of Faith Based Organisations in the Southern African Region for the Protection of Stateless Persons and the Prevention of Statelessness

Programme

Wednesday, 29 August 2018

- 09:00 – 09:15 Welcome remarks by
- Prof Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel, Stellenbosch University
 - Prof Reggie Nel, Dean: Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University
 - Mr Jörn Jan Leidecker, Regional Director: Rosa Luxemburg Foundation for Southern Africa
 - Mrs Melanie Khanna, Head: Statelessness Section, UNHCR Geneva
- 09:15 – 10:00 Opening panel: Stateless persons born in South Africa share their experiences
- Mrs Caroline Masuki
 - Mrs Sara Allelulia
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- 10:00 – 10:30 The right to a nationality and the prevention of statelessness: International legal framework
Mr Gert Bruininkx, UNHCR Pretoria
- 10:30 – 11:00 Current statelessness issues from a global perspective
Mrs Melanie Khanna, UNHCR Geneva
- The #IBelong Campaign and its achievements to date
 - The upcoming High Level Event on Statelessness in Geneva 2019
 - The global co-operation between Faith-Based Organizations and UNHCR on statelessness
- 11:00 – 11:15 Tea/coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:00 3 x Academic papers on statelessness
- *Prof Robert Vosloo (Systematic Theology, Stellenbosch University)*
 - *Prof Xolile Simon (Missiology, Stellenbosch University)*
Responses of FBO's to Ethnic and Religious Minority Stateless Groups in South Africa? Socio-theological mechanisms of exclusion and inclusion.
 - *Dr Ntozakhe Cezula (Old Testament, Stellenbosch University)*

- 12:00 – 12:45 Preventing childhood statelessness in Africa
Prof Benjam Mezmur, ACRWC and UWC (t.b.c.)
- 12:45 – 14:15 Lunch break
- 14:15 – 14:35 Gender discrimination and the prevention of statelessness in Southern Africa
Ms Aamina Petersen, LL.M. (Candidate), UWC
- 14:40 – 15:00 Birth registration and documentation of children: Law and practice in South Africa
Mrs Sindisiwe Moyo, LL.B., Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town
- 15:00 – 16:00 The role of faith based organisation in the prevention of statelessness: Panel discussion (chaired by Stellenbosch University)
- DRC representative
 - URCSA: Rev Dr Llewellyn L Macmaster
 - Anglican Church representative
 - Muslim representative
 - Western Province Religious Council representative
 - Western Provice Council of Churches: Rev Pieter Grove
- 16:00 – 17:00 Conference welcome. Refreshments served

Thursday, 30 August 2018

- 09:00 – 09:45 Opening panel: The WCC on Statelessness
Mrs Semegnish Asfaw Grosjean, Programme Executive, Commission of the Churches on Internatuional Affairs, World Council of Churches
- 09:45 – 10:15 Preventing statelessness in Zimbabwe and among persons of Zimbabwean descent: Causes, consequences, solutions
Mrs Olivia Mugambi-Spielmann, UNHCR Zimbabwe
- 10:15 – 10:45 Preventing statelessness among migrant workers in Southern Africa
Mr Paliani Chinguwo, SATUCC
- 10:45 – 11:00 Tea/coffee break
- 11:00 – 11:45 Protecting stateless persons
Ms Liesl Muller, LL.M. (Candidate), Lawyers for Human Rights



- 11:45 – 12:30 Protecting stateless persons
Rev Daniel Kuys, URCSA
Prof Pieter Coertzen, emeritus professor, Church History, SU
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 14:30 Opportunities and needs for academic research in the area of statelessness
Mr Gert Bruininkx, UNHCR Pretoria
- 14:30 – 16:00 Policy advocacy on the prevention of statelessness and enhanced protection of stateless persons: The way forward
- General discussion chaired by Stellenbosch University
 - Adoption of a joint statement
- 16:00 – 16:10 Summary of day 2 and valedictory remarks by Stellenbosch University, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation and UNHCR
- 16:10 – 16:30 Tea/coffee