

New research and entry points related to forced displacement, trafficking and childhood statelessness

When: Thursday 2 July 2015, 18.45-20.00. Light refreshments provided

Where: UNHCR Room MBT04, basement level, Rue de Montbrillant 94

Statelessness and displacement

Laura Cunial, ICLA Technical Advisor for the Norwegian Refugee Council, will highlight the links between statelessness and forced displacement and then illustrate the experience of NRC in contributing to the identification and prevention of statelessness through the delivery of humanitarian programmes in displacement contexts.



Statelessness and human trafficking

Laura van Waas, Co-Director of the recently established Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion, will discuss the findings of a study into how statelessness puts people at greater risk of human trafficking. She will also talk about how such research can serve to inform and catalyse efforts to address statelessness, and how this fits within the new Institute's mission.

Ending childhood statelessness

Chris Nash, Director of the European Network on Statelessness, will outline new research and actions under ENS' campaign "None of Europe's Children Should be Stateless". His presentation will explore how civil society and other actors can better promote measures that ensure every child's right to acquire a nationality.



The event will be introduced and moderated by Melanie Khanna, Chief of the Statelessness Section of UNHCR.

About the civil society organisations:

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is an independent, international, humanitarian non-governmental organisation which provides assistance, protection and contributes to durable solutions for refugees and internally displaced people worldwide. NRC contributes to the prevention of new cases of statelessness through their information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA) programmes on civil documentation.

www.nrc.no



The [Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion](http://www.instituteforstatelessness.org) is an independent, non-profit organisation registered in the Netherlands. Established in September 2014, the Institute is the first and only *global* centre committed to promoting the human rights of stateless persons and ending statelessness. Its work combines research, education, awareness raising, advocacy and coalition building, and it provides expertise to civil society, academia, the UN and governments.

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The [European Network on Statelessness](http://www.statelessness.eu) (ENS) is a network of NGOs, academic initiatives and individual experts committed to addressing statelessness in Europe – currently with 100 members in over 30 European countries. ENS carries out its work through a range of law & policy, awareness-raising and capacity-building activities. In late 2014, ENS launched its latest campaign, “[None of Europe's Children should be Stateless](http://www.statelessness.eu)”, striving for an end to childhood statelessness in Europe.

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About the UNHCR #ibelong campaign:



In a world comprised of States, the problem of statelessness remains a glaring anomaly with devastating impacts on the lives of at least 10 million people around the world who live without any nationality. In October 2013, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees called for the “total commitment of the international community to end statelessness.” The Global Action Plan to End Statelessness: 2014 – 2024, developed in consultation with States, civil society and international organisations, sets out a guiding framework made up of 10 Actions that need to be taken to end statelessness within 10 years. You can support this effort by signing and sharing the *#ibelong* campaign’s open letter.

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