



Regional Network Lab – Advocacy Guidelines

Date

12th December, 11:00-13:00 CET (online)

Concept note

This concept note sets out the format, agenda and objectives for the Global Alliance Regional Network Lab (RNL) taking place online on 12th December 2025, organised by European Network on Statelessness in partnership with Statefree, Apatride Network and Family Frontiers. [Sign up here](#).

Topic and methodology

The topic for this RNL is **‘Towards collaborative, cross-sector advocacy on statelessness’**. At the 2023 Global Forum on Refugees, ENS, Statefree and Apatride Network made a pledge to develop guidelines for collaborative advocacy on statelessness. In 2025, we have co-developed Advocacy Guidelines in consultation with partners, members, and workshop participants. These Guidelines offer a transformative opportunity to support stateless people to be better able to claim power as leaders of change.

This participatory event will take place online, over two hours, and will facilitate learning and exchange on how stateless people can meaningfully engage in and lead on structured, impactful advocacy, and how civil society actors, allies and institutions can support this engagement in ethical and non-extractive ways.

The draft Advocacy Guidelines will be shared with participants in advance of the workshop, alongside questions for break-out sessions.

At the beginning of the RNL, we will hear from individuals and organisations about their experiences of statelessness advocacy. We will then introduce the Advocacy Guidelines and explore their origins, the co-development process, and next steps.

In break-out discussions, we will explore key areas of the Guidelines, looking at how well they work in practice and how to develop them further. At the end of the workshop, we will discuss feedback from these sessions and share next steps including plans for dissemination.



Agenda

11:00-11:10 – Introductions and Housekeeping (incl. short intro from Marin Roman, Senior Statelessness Officer at UNHCR and Global Alliance Secretariat Coordinator).

11:10-11:20 – Speaker 1: My advocacy journey – Patricia Low, Research & Policy Coordinator at Family Frontiers and mother impacted by GDNL in Malaysia.

11:20-11:30 – Speaker 2: How institutions and allies can better support stateless campaigners – Aleksandra Semeriak, ENS Vice Chair, Statefree Project Manager, Global Statelessness Fund, etc.

11:30-11:40 – Introduction to the Advocacy Guidelines – purpose, process, learnings – Chris & Jessica

11:40-11:45 – Introduce break-out sessions

11:45-12:30 – Break-out sessions

12:30-12:35 - Quick break

12:35-12.50 – Feedback

12.50-13.00 – Round-up and next steps

Break-out sessions

- Co-designing a journey to collective advocacy
- How can institutions and allies better support stateless campaigners
- Making the guidelines more accessible
- Centering mental health in advocacy work

Speakers and facilitators

Apatride Network: Jessica Schmieder

European Network on Statelessness: Chris Afuakwah

Family Frontiers: Shuchi Purohit

Statefree: Aleksandra Semeriak & Margarida Farinha

Global Alliance to End Statelessness: Marin Roman



Register

Register [here](#).

Note: this is not a public event.

Post-event follow-up

Post-event feedback survey

Short article/report about the RNL

Publishing Advocacy Guidelines (2026)

1-1 discussions offered