

# Roundtable on Equality and Non-Discrimination in Nationality Matters to End Statelessness

21 October, 15:00-17:00 CET



Hajira Khatun, 22, and Sadeka, 3 months, at Kutupalong camp in Bangladesh. The stateless Rohingya family was forced to seek refuge in Bangladesh after fleeing violence and persecution in Myanmar. © UNHCR / Roger Arnold

Convened jointly by OHCHR and UNHCR, this virtual panel discussion will call attention to the right to nationality and the plight of stateless populations, in particular those who are stateless as a result of discrimination. The event will highlight good practices with respect to ensuring the right to a nationality, including the removal of all forms of discrimination from nationality laws, policies, and practices.

## Opening remarks

**Ms Gillian Triggs**, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Protection  
**Ms Ilze Brands Kehris**, OHCHR Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

## Panel 1: Discriminatory nationality laws as a cause of statelessness and good practices to address it

*Moderator: Mr Patrick Eba, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR*

**Mr Elvis Beriša**, Executive Director, Roma youth organization Walk with Us – Phiren Amen

**Ms Deborah Amany**, Principal Immigration Officer, Uganda Ministry of Internal Affairs

**Ms Hanitriniaina Belalahy**, Director of Human Rights and International Relations, Madagascar Ministry of Justice

**Ms Nahla Haidar**, Vice-Chair, UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

**Mr Amal de Chickera**, Co-Director, The Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion

## Panel 2: An intersectional approach to the right to nationality among UN human rights mechanisms and national human rights institutes

*Moderator: Ms Mona Rishmawi, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR*

**Ms Photini Pazartzis**, Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee

**Ms Rita Izsák-Ndiaye**, Rapporteur, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

**Mr Fernand de Varennes**, Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues

**Mr Carlos Ernesto Camargo Assis**, Ombudsperson, Colombia

## How to join

To attend this virtual event, please register [here](#) by **14 October**. The event will be held via the Interprefy platform with interpretation in French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic. Each panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A.