

11th session of the UN Forum on Minority Issues

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Intersectional and aggravating factors affecting the rights of stateless minorities

Introductory comments: **Amb. Helmut Tichy**, Legal Advisor of the Austrian Foreign Ministry

Fernand De Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Wai Wai Nu, Director, Women Peace Network Arakan (Myanmar)

Salimata Lam, SOS Esclaves (Mauritania)

Khatija Khader, Misaal, Centre for Equity Studies, UN Minority Fellow (India)

Alisa Blintsova, Russian School of Estonia (Estonia)

Video testimonies from stateless minorities in **Europe**, **Asia** and the **Middle East**

Concluding observations: **Amal de Chickera**, Co-Director, Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion

Moderator: **Joshua Castellino**, Executive Director, Minority Rights Group International

This side event seeks to complement discussions at the 11th session of the Forum on Minority Issues by offering focused consideration to individual testimonies, which demonstrate the impact of intersectional discrimination on minorities whose right to a nationality is under threat. We will look at a variety of perspectives, listen to experiences from different regions and different contexts, in order to see how racial or religious discrimination that causes statelessness is compounded by other factors such as gender, age, poverty, displacement etc.