



Expert Workshop on the Right to a Nationality: Equality in Nationality Rights in Law and in Practice

Tuesday 06 May 2025 (14:00 – 17:00 CET, Online)

PROGRAMME

14:00 – 14:10 **Opening remarks:** *Ms. Ruvendrini Menikdiwela, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

14:10 – 15:30 **Panel 1 – An Overview of Discrimination in Nationality Matters**

Moderator:

Mr. Simon Walker, Chief, Rule of Law & Democracy Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Speakers:

Mr. Juan Sebastián Chamorro, Political activist, politician, former candidate for president, Nicaragua

Dr. Bronwen Manby, School of Advanced Study, University of London

Mr. Subin Mulmi, Executive Director, Nationality for All, Nepal

Professor Ivana Krstić, Member of the UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women

15:30 – 16:50 **Panel 2 – Good Practices to address Unequal Nationality Laws and Resolve Statelessness among Impacted Populations**

Moderator:

Ms. Monika Sandvik, Senior Statelessness Coordinator, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Speakers:

Addressing statelessness: Experiences from Thailand – H.E. Ambassador Usana Berananda, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva



Ending gender discrimination regarding the conferral of nationality to children in Egypt – *Mr. Mohamed M. Farid, Member of Parliament, Senate of Egypt*

Resolving statelessness among historical migrants in Kenya through the development of community population registers – *Mr. Charles Muendo, Deputy Director of Immigration Services, Ministry of Interior and National Administration, Kenya*

Ensuring equal nationality rights for children of Venezuelan refugees born in Chile – *Professor Macarena Rodríguez, Director of Legal Clinics, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago*

16:50 – 17:00 **Closing remarks:** *Ms. Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*