



Organization of  
American States

## Course on Fundamental Elements for Identification and Protection of Stateless Persons and Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness in the Americas

--NOTICE--

The **Department of International Law** of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that registration for the “**Course on Fundamental Elements for Identification and Protection of Stateless Persons and Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness in the Americas**” is currently open. The event will take place on **February 23, 2012**, at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS).

**Mandate.** OAS General Assembly resolution [AG/RES. 2665 \(XLI-O/11\)](#), “Protection of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the Americas,” instructed the Permanent Council, through the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) and with support from the Department of International Law of the General Secretariat and such technical and financial cooperation as may be provided by the UNHCR, to emphasize the topic of statelessness in its promotional and training activities, particularly in view of the fact that 2011 marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

Pursuant to this mandate, the CAJP decided in its session of December 15, 2011, to hold a “Course on Fundamental Elements for Identification and Protection of Stateless Persons and Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness in the Americas”.

**Place and date.** The event will take place on February 23, 2012, at the headquarters of the OAS: [1889 F St. NW, Washington, D.C.](#) (Padilha Vidal Room).

**Participation.** The course is open to staff of the permanent missions, staff of the General Secretariat, as well as for other interested persons.

**Languages.** The course will be held in English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation available in the four official languages of the Organization.

**Registration.** Spaces are limited. Please reserve your spot by registering online: <https://www.oas.org/surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=8IK2lo4>.

**Webcast.** The course will be transmitted live via webcast at the following site, for which no registration is necessary: [http://www.oas.org/en/media\\_center/webcast.asp](http://www.oas.org/en/media_center/webcast.asp).

**Certificates of attendance.** Certificates of attendance will be provided to registered participants who attend all classes at the physical location of the course. Certificates will be mailed once the course is over to the address indicated in the registration form. Those following the course via webcast will not be entitled to receive a certificate.

**Contact.** For questions or technical problems with the online registration, please contact Mr. Francisco Montero, from the Department of International Law: [fmontero@oas.org](mailto:fmontero@oas.org).