

COURSE ON FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND PROTECTION
OF STATELESS PERSONS AND PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF
STATELESSNESS
IN THE AMERICAS

Organization of American States
Washington, D.C.

Rubén Darío Room, February 12, 2015

SCHEDULE

General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2826 (XLIV-O/14), “Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness and Protection of Stateless Persons 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 continue emphasizing the problems of statelessness in its promotional and training activities and to organize during the first quarter of 2015 an international course on statelessness for members of the permanent missions, the staff of the General Secretariat, and other interested parties. To fulfill this mandate, the CAJP decided at its regular meeting of September 25, 2014, to hold a Course on Protection, Prevention, and Reduction of Statelessness in the Americas.

Schedule:

- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration of participants
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Opening ceremony**
- Ambassador Stephen Vasciannie, Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs and Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the OAS
 - Buti Kale, Deputy Regional Representative, UNHCR Regional Office for the United States and the Caribbean
 - Roberto Rojas, Legal Official of the Department of International Law, OAS Secretariat for Legal Affairs
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Nationality as a Human Right and the Problem of Statelessness**
- Juan Ignacio Mondelli, Regional Statelessness Officer, UNHCR*
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **The Right to a Nationality in the Case Law of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights**
- Auxiliadora Solano, Lawyer, Inter-American Court of Human Rights*
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Equality and Laws on Nationality**
- Catherine Harrington, Campaign Manager, Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights (Women’s Refugee Commission)*

- 11:30 am– 12:00 pm. **Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness: The 1961 Convention**
Juan Ignacio Mondelli, Regional Statelessness Officer, UNHCR
- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Question-and-answer session
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon
- 2:00– 2:30 p.m. **Practical Exercise: Identifying Gaps in Domestic Law**
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Legal Frameworks for Determining the Status of Stateless Persons**
Juan Ignacio Mondelli, Regional Statelessness Officer, UNHCR
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Regional Challenges in the Area of Statelessness and the UNHCR
Global Action Plan to End Statelessness**
Katie Tobin, Senior Protection Associate. UNHCR
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. **The Brazil Declaration and Plan of Action: The Response of Latin
America and the Caribbean**
Juan Ignacio Mondelli, Regional Statelessness Officer, UNHCR
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Question-and-answer session
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m . **Closing ceremony**