



AWARENESS MONTH

CHILDHOOD STATELESSNESS & THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION

INSTITUTE ON STATELESSNESS AND INCLUSION (ISI) AND CHILD IDENTITY PROTECTION (CHIP) WITH ITS PARTNERS* INVITE YOU TO AN

ONLINE SYMPOSIUM

28

2023

1 PM - 4 PM CET/

PROTECTING FUTURES

ADDRESSING LACK OF ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITHOUT LEGAL IDENTITY

NOVEMBER

8 AM - 11 AM EST/

This symposium addresses the situation of millions of children who cannot access education due to lack of legal identity connected with issues such as missing birth certificates, being stateless and lost identity documents. Having a birth certificate is often a prerequisite for enrolment in primary school and/or a requirement to sit for official school exams.

For some children, the absence of a birth certificate or legal identity documents is linked to their denial of nationality. Without legal recognition as a citizen by the State, stateless children are often excluded from birth registration processes, or subject to different processes designed for non-nationals. This prevents them from accessing legal identity documents required for education.

In this first-ever event on this important topic, speakers will outline in the first session the lack of identity and impact on access to education. The second session will focus on solutions that promote the right to education for children lacking identity. The last session will be led by children who have had challenges in accessing education due to lack of identity, in an open dialogue with leading experts about the way forward.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE :

- Ann Skelton, UN CRC Committee Chairperson;
- Faith Marshall-Harris, UN CRC Committee;
- Bhaskar Mishra, UNICEF;
- Monika Sandvik, UNHCR;
- Asa, Centre for Child Law South Africa;
- Elvis, Phiren Amenca and European Network on Statelessness;
- Neha Gurung, Citizenship Affected Person Network in Nepal; ATD Fourth World; Family for Every Child; Global Survivors Fund;
- Najlaa Al Farisi, Al-Runaq Organization for Women and Children and Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights;
- Imkaan Welfare Organization, Pakistan
- Ali Johar, Rohingya Human Rights Initiative
- Child Life Line and Consortium for Street Children ...

