



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

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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 pre-requisite 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.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Ann Skelton
UN CRC Committee Chairperson;

Faith Marshall-Harris
UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Bhaskar Mishra
UNICEF

Monika Sandvik
UNHCR

Elvis Beriša
Phiren Amenca and European Network on Statelessness

Neha Gurung
Citizenship Affected Person Network (Nepal)

Suzanne Clulow & Blessing Mutama
Family for Every Child

Delkhwas Hacı
Technical Advisor for Iraq, Global Survivors Fund (GSF)

Tahera Hasan
Imkaan Welfare Organization, Pakistan

Najlaa Al Farisi
Executive Director of Al-Runaq Organization for Women and Children and Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights

Ali Johar
Rohingya Human Rights Initiative

Olayemi Aileru
Child Life Line and Consortium for Street Children

Carolina Escobar Sarti
ATD Fourth World

Bridget Wooding
Observatory for Caribbean Migrants (OBMICA)

Omar Bielma Velazquez
Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN Office in Geneva

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. The symposium will be in Arabic, English and Spanish.



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