Convened jointly by OHCHR and UNHCR, this virtual panel discussion will call attention to the right to nationality and the plight of stateless populations, in particular those who are stateless as a result of discrimination. The event will highlight good practices with respect to ensuring the right to a nationality, including the removal of all forms of discrimination from nationality laws, policies, and practices.

Opening remarks
Ms Gillian Triggs, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Protection
Ms Ilze Brands Kehris, OHCHR Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

Panel 1: Discriminatory nationality laws as a cause of statelessness and good practices to address it
Moderator: Mr Patrick Eba, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
Mr Elvis Beriša, Executive Director, Roma youth organization Walk with Us – Phiren Amen
Ms Deborah Amany, Principal Immigration Officer, Uganda Ministry of Internal Affairs
Ms Hanitrinaina Belalahy, Director of Human Rights and International Relations, Madagascar Ministry of Justice
Ms Nahla Haidar, Vice-Chair, UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Mr Amal de Chickera, Co-Director, The Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion

Panel 2: An intersectional approach to the right to nationality among UN human rights mechanisms and national human rights institutes
Moderator: Ms Mona Rishmawi, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR
Ms Photini Pazartzis, Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee
Ms Rita Izsák-Ndiaye, Rapporteur, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Mr Fernand de Varennes, Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues
Mr Carlos Ernesto Camargo Assis, Ombudsperson, Colombia

How to join
To attend this virtual event, please register here by 14 October. The event will be held via the Interprefy platform with interpretation in French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic. Each panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A.