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Member States Experts Meeting on the Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Specific Aspects on the Right to Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa.

**7-9 September 2017
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Draft Programme

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THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

Day 1: Opening Session and Consideration of the Draft Protocol

Sub-Session 1 – Opening and Keys Statements

This session is aimed at welcoming participants to the AUC meeting and introduce them to each other in order to create familiarity and collegial environment as well as delivering to them Keys Statements

8:30 – 9:00: Arrival of Participants and Registration

9:00 – 9:30: Opening Remarks:

- *Welcome Remark by Dr. Khabele Matlosa, Director for Political Affairs, AUC*
- *Statement of H. E Ambassador Simeon Oyono Esono Angué, Chair of the PRC Subcommittee on Refugee, Returnees and Forced Displaced Persons in Africa.*
- *Statement by the Representative of UNHRC*
- *Opening statement, by official of Government of the Republic of Mauritius*

9:30 – 10:00: Group Photo and Coffee Break

Sub-Session 2 – Introduction to issues relating to statelessness and to the draft protocol

This session is aimed at introducing participants to the problem relating to statelessness in Africa by providing a holistic approach to the issue of nationality in Africa and to the Draft Protocol.

10h00-11h30: Presentations on themes:

- **State of statelessness in Africa**
(By Mr Matthias Reuss, Senior Regional Protection Officer (Statelessness) UNHCR Regional Representation for Southern Africa)
- **Role of birth registration in preventing statelessness in Africa**
(By Mr Ayalew Getachew Assaffa, Segnor Legal Researcher, Secretariat of the African Committee of experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child)
- **Efforts to address the issue of statelessness in Africa: The example of Côte d'Ivoire**
(By Mr. Benjamin Malan Nianké, Director of African Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Republic of Cote d'Ivoire)
- **Why ending statelessness in Africa is important?**
(By Mme Bronwen Manby Consultant, Department of Political Affairs)

- General Discussion -

11h30 – 13h00: Overview of the Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Specific Aspects on the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa *(By Mr Ibrahim Kane, Consultant, Department of Political Affairs)*

13h00 - 14h00: Lunch break

14h00 – 17h00: Consideration of the Draft Protocol on Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Specific Aspects on the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa

End of day One

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

Day 2: Members States Experts' Consideration of the draft Protocol

Continuation of day one

09:00 – 17h00: Consideration of the Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Specific Aspects on the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa

End of day Two

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

Day 3: Members States Experts' Consideration of the draft Protocol

Continuation of day two

09:00 – 13h00: Consideration of the Draft Protocol on Free Movement of Persons in Africa

End of the day Three

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