Dear subscribers,

We hope you are having a good summer. Due to the summer break we have kept this month’s monthly bulletin short including only the essential updates on statelessness in July. Our regular monthly interview and the twitter update will be back in September!

If there is anything you would like us to add to the future bulletins don’t forget to send it to news@institutesi.org

Announcements

**VACANCY: #ibelong Community Campaign Coordinator, UNHCR**
The UNHCR #IBelong Campaign is now recruiting for a Community Co-ordinator to be based in Geneva who will develop a strategy to identify and engage individual supporters- with the longer term aim of creating communities of support. The deadline for applications is Tuesday August 4

**2 VACANCIES: Communications Manager & Operations Manager, ENS**
The European Network on Statelessness is now recruiting for a Communications Manager AND an Operations Manager! These two posts will be based at its Secretariat in London and they will play a role in the next phase of ENS’ rapid development. Applications should be emailed to info@statelessness.eu by no later than Monday 7 September.

**VACANCY: Trainee Fundraising and Communications Assistant, Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion**
The Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion is looking for a Trainee Fundraising and Communications Assistant. The Institute’s Traineeship programme offers you an opportunity to strengthen your skills as part of the Dutch “starterbeurs” project (www.startersbeurs.nu). During this six month programme, you will learn more about organisational development, fundraising, communications and statelessness, and contribute to the development of the Institute. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 9 September.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Editorial Assistants & Country Researchers on Statelessness and Development**
There is an interesting opportunity to become an editorial assistant or a country expert for a report on Statelessness and Development, to be published in 2016. This will be a country-by-country global report that will bring together peer-reviewed country-sections by experts from all over the world to examine how the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will affect stateless persons. Applications open until 31st August 2016. This work is voluntary and will be concentrated in the last quarter of 2015 and the first half of 2016.

**Upcoming submission deadlines for UN human rights mechanisms**
The next submission deadline for stakeholder reports to the Universal Periodic Review is 21 September. This deadline is for the following countries: Antigua and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Tajikistan; Greece; Samoa; Tanzania; Hungary; Sudan; Thailand; Ireland; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago; Papua New Guinea; Swaziland.

The next submission deadline for stakeholder reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child is 1 November. This deadline is for the following countries: Bhutan; Central African Republic; Estonia; Georgia; Malawi; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Sierra Leone; South Africa.

*If your organisation is interested in making a submission on any of these countries, and would benefit from input related to statelessness, please feel free to contact us at info@instituteSi.org.*

**MA in Refugee Protection by distance learning**
The Refugee Law Initiative, which is part of the School of Advanced Study is offering an MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies which contains a statelessness module. This is an online learning based diploma and the application deadline is 1 September. There are also three Guy Goodwin Gill scholarships available for this.
Statelessness Working Paper Series
Don't forget the call for research and policy papers for our newly established Statelessness Working Paper Series. This online, open access resource offers an avenue for centralising and sharing the latest knowledge, developments, and research findings on statelessness from multiple fields (including, but not limited to law, sociology, history, economics and health), so as to inform a more effective response to the issue globally. Deadline for first cycle of working papers: 15 September 2015. Please email papers@institutesi.org.

What's new: Publications, Tools & Resources

Blog reporting on the 2015 UNHCR-NGO consultations and statelessness retreat
The 2015 UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs was held from 1-3 July in Geneva. The theme of this year's Consultations was "In Pursuit of Solutions". The Consultations were followed by the annual Statelessness Retreat on 4-5 July. You can access online, a number of the background papers from the Consultations and will also be able to access the final report once it becomes available. Please also see the blogpost written by ENS Director Chris Nash, reflecting on this year’s Consultations and Retreat.

Statelessness in Canada
A new UNHCR report entitled the Compatibility of the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons with Canada’s Legal Framework and Its International Human Rights Obligations is now out. This report discusses various provisions of the Convention that protect the rights of stateless persons, and examines their compatibility with Canada’s legal framework and other international obligations.

Statelessness and the Syria crisis
Check out this ENS blog post entitled “A Generation of Syrians Born in Exile Risk a Future of Statelessness”, which discusses the problems of statelessness amongst the Syrian refugee community. Open Democracy also published a compelling piece this month on the same issue entitled Why are so many Syrian children being left stateless?

Article about ECtHR case law on statelessness and detention
In the July 2014 decision of Kim v Russia, the European Court of Human Rights held that Russia’s two-year detention of a stateless person with a view to expulsion violated his right to liberty and security. The details and consequences of this decision are presented in a journal article by Matthew Seet, in the European Journal of Migration and Law entitled Strengthening the Protection of Stateless Persons from Arbitrary Detention in Immigration Control Proceedings.

2 Human Rights Watch reports on statelessness: Dominican Republic and the Moken of Burma/Thailand
As a response to the worsening statelessness situation in the Dominican Republic, Human Rights Watch have published a report this month entitled Arbitrary Deprivation of Nationality in the Dominican Republic. Another Human Rights Watch report out this month entitled Stateless at Sea, highlights the plight of the Moken of Burma and Thailand.

What’s new: Law & Policy

US Court ruling on fathers' right to pass nationality to his children
This month a U.S. court ruled that the US immigration law, which currently imposes a tougher criteria on fathers in the transmission of nationality to their children, is in fact discriminatory and unconstitutional. This law requires unwed fathers who are U.S. citizens to spend at least five years living in the United States before they can confer citizenship onto a child born abroad, out of wedlock and to a partner who is not a U.S. citizen, whereas unwed U.S. mothers in the same situation require only one year.

European Court of Human Rights: same-sex couples must have adequate legal protection
The European Court on Human Rights ruling in the case of Oliari and Others v. Italy, has ruled that Italy violates individual's human rights (article 8 ECHR) by not offering adequate legal protection and recognition to same-sex couples. This judgement may be important in helping to break down barriers for children of same-sex couples in some countries in Europe in accessing nationality (see forthcoming ENS report, out this September!).

UNHCR recommends Luxembourg and Netherlands EU Presidencies push issue of statelessness
The UNHCR’s recommendations to Luxembourg and the Netherlands for the EU Presidency this month has encouraged Member States to take measures to reduce and prevent statelessness; to ensure stateless persons in their territory are identified and protected; and to make accession to the two UN Statelessness Conventions and their implementation by all EU Member States a priority.

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