

AU Pledges and Commitments on Statelessness

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- The African Union Commission will continue to mainstream efforts on the collection, analysis and dissemination of data on statelessness by supporting the implementation of the Nouakchott Declaration and supporting the implementation of programs such as the Africa Programme for Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS).
- 2. The AUC will in 2019 adopt the Protocol to the African Charter on the Right to a Nationality in Africa by the AU Assembly. The protocol had been endorsed by the Specialised Technical Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons on 3rd November 2018 at Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.
- 3. The AU throughout 2019 and beyond will fully integrate the issue of statelessness persons in all activities of the African Union theme of the year 2019 on "Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solution to Forced Displacement in Africa."
- 4. The AU commits and pledges to strengthen its capacity building and training initiatives on statelessness by fully integrating statelessness issues in its capacity building and training initiative named "Livingstone Syllabus" in 2019 and beyond.
- 5. The AUC, working with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights particularly the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Refugees, IDPs and Migrants, will throughout 2019 and beyond advocate for the ratification and implementation of the Protocol (once adopted) and other relevant international conventions on Statelessness.