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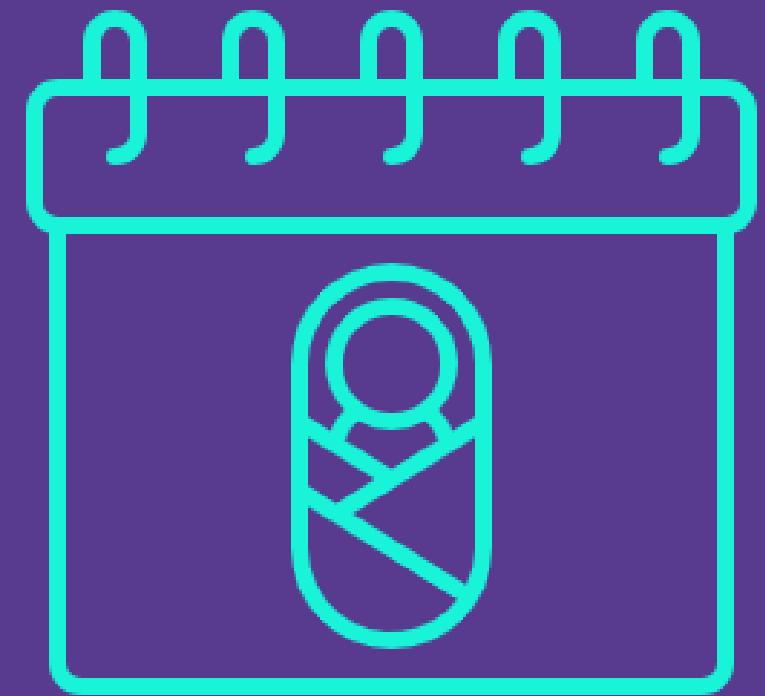
# Child's right to identity

LUNCH BRIEFING WITH UN CRC COMMITTEE  
IDENTITY RIGHTS WORKING GROUP  
28 JANUARY 2026

# Children potentially without an identity

- Nearly 30% children under one are not registered at birth (UNICEF, 2024)
- Over 200 million children under 5 without a birth certificate (UNICEF, 2024)
- 4.4 million reported, but millions more are believed to be stateless due to underreporting (UNHCR)
- 1.2 million children are adopted in cross-border contexts (Selman, 2023)
- 8 million children born through assisted reproductive technology (COE, 2019)

SESSION 1



# Birth Registration

UNICEF – Bhaskar Mishra

ATD Fourth World – Iris Amaldi

SESSION 2

# Nationality

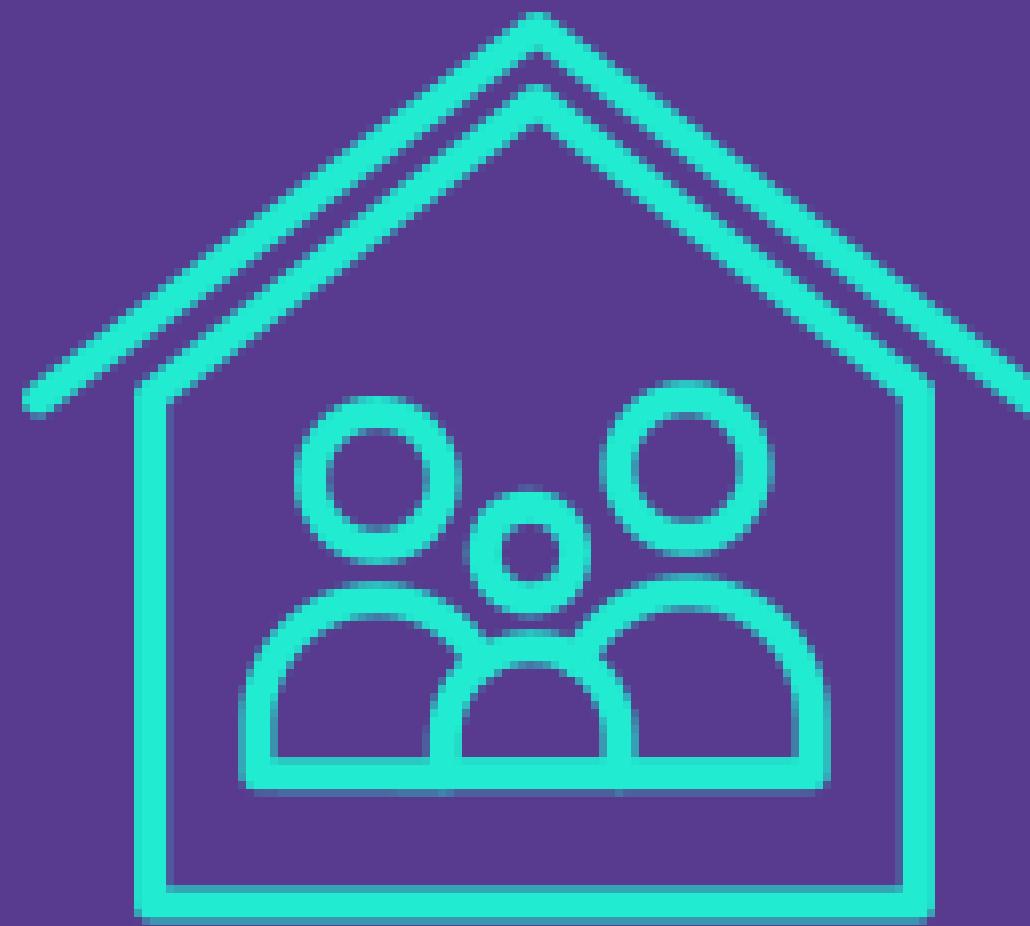
UNHCR – Marcella Rouweler

Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion – Deneisha Moss

European Network on Statelessness – Patricia Cabral



SESSION 3

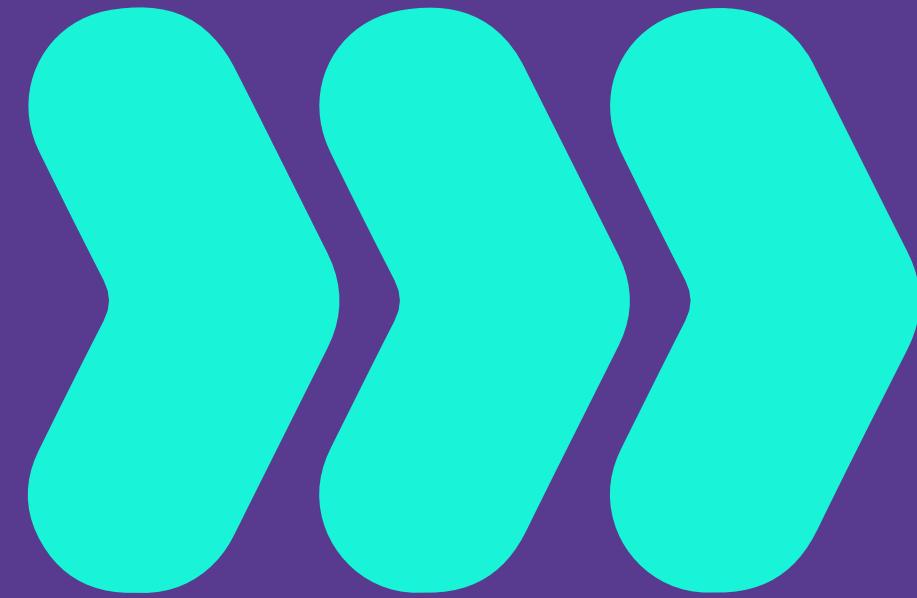


# Family relations

ICAV – Lynelle Long

Association Origines – Audrey Kermalvezen

Global Survivors Fund – Danaé Ponthoz



NEXT STEPS

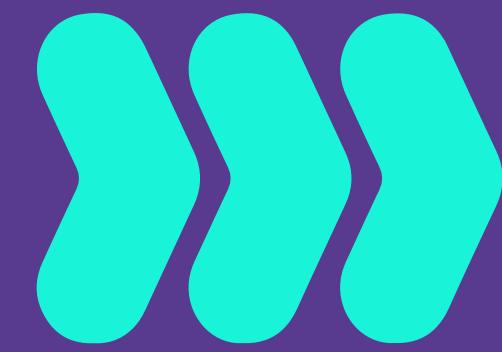
# Supporting CRC Committee

COUNTRY INFORMATION

OPIC PROCEDURES

CAPACITY BUILDING

DGD & GENERAL COMMENTS



# Recommendations

- Accelerate birth registration through decentralization, inter-operability and digitalization and address discriminatory birth registration practices
- Legally recognize community frontline workers, including community health volunteers and traditional midwives, as authorized birth notifiers.
- Ensure that nationality laws provide for the automatic grant of nationality to children born in the territory who would otherwise be stateless, regardless of parents' legal, residency or other status, (2) foundlings, without restrictions
- Help adoptees know their origins, including restoration original identity if that is what they wish (e.g. legal reconnection back to their families of origin)
- Prevent and address the identity gaps & potential sale of children in third party reproduction
- Remove barriers to access to legal identity for children born as a result of rape and address the intersectional and cumulative rights violations they face