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Round table

Access to social and economic rights and integration related services for refugees* and stateless persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia

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* For the purpose of this round table the term refugee includes asylum-seekers, refugees, refugees recognized under UNHCR's mandate, persons in a refugee-like situation and humanitarian status holders.

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cristian Urse, Head of Council of Europe Office in Georgia - Yoko Akasaka, UNHCR Regional Representative a.i., UNHCR Regional Representation in South Caucasus - Zurab Sanikidze, Chair, Public Service Development Agency (PSDA), Ministry of Justice of Georgia
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 1: Economic and social rights guaranteed for refugees and stateless persons, persons in refugee/statelessness determination procedures, persons at risk of statelessness, as well as challenges regarding their implementation</p> <p><i>Moderator: Octavian Mohorea, Protection Officer, UNHCR Representation in Azerbaijan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Overview of international and Council of Europe legal framework on economic and social rights of refugees <i>Carole Viennet, Legal adviser at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Lausanne</i> - Overview of international legal framework on economic and social rights of stateless persons <i>Cristina Bunea, Regional Protection Officer, UNHCR Regional Representation in South Caucasus</i> – Observations on domestic legal frameworks and their implementation – Plenary discussion
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Session 2: The European Social Charter as a tool for the protection of social and economic rights</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jutta Seidel, Senior Legal Associate, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Reporting procedure under the European Social Charter and key decisions and annual conclusions by the European Committee of Social Rights which are of interest to refugees and stateless persons <i>Karin Møhl Larsen, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe</i> - Social and economic rights of refugee and stateless children – by drawing parallels to the ECSR’s jurisprudence on social rights of undocumented migrant children <i>Odetta Kumburo-Bianku, Lawyer, Division of Collective Complaints, Department of the European Social Charter, Council of Europe</i> – Plenary discussion
12:00 – 12:15	Coffee Break

<p>12:15 – 13:15</p>	<p>Session 3: Cases before national courts, judgments by the European Court of Human Rights and their implementation</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jutta Seidel, Senior Legal Associate, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selected case-law of the European Court of Human Rights pertaining to the economic and social rights of stateless persons & refugees <i>Mykolas Černiauskas, Senior Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i> - Implementing ECtHR judgments relating to economic and social rights of stateless persons and refugees <i>Ioulietta Bisiouli, Legal Officer, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i> - Plenary discussion
<p>13:15 – 14:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:30 – 17:00</p>	<p>Session 4: Prevention and reduction of statelessness in Council of Europe member states</p> <p><i>Moderator: Simon Tonelli, Head of Division for Legal Co-operation / Secretary to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), Council of Europe</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of international and Council of Europe legal framework including the work of the Council of Europe’s ad hoc expert group on statelessness <i>Cristina Bunea, Regional Protection Officer, UNHCR Regional Representation in South Caucasus</i> <i>Simon Tonelli, Head of Division for Legal Co-operation / Secretary to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), Council of Europe</i> - Good practice examples from selected Council of Europe member States <i>Ala Ganaciu, Head of Statelessness and Information Unit Asylum and Integration Directorate Bureau of Migration and Asylum (Moldova)</i> <i>Judith Carter, Lecturer and In-house Solicitor, University of Liverpool Law Clinic (United Kingdom)</i> - Plenary discussion
<p>17:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Conclusions and Wrap-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Simon Tonelli, Head of Division for Legal Co-operation / Secretary to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), Council of Europe</i> - <i>Cristina Bunea, Regional Protection Officer, UNHCR Regional Representation in South Caucasus</i>
<p>19:30- 21:30</p>	<p>Dinner at restaurant “Vinotel”</p>