**UNHCR- ECOWAS Parliament Regional Workshop**

**Banjul, 22-23 August 2022**

**Theme –** “**Role of the ECOWAS Parliament in Achieving Protection and Durable Solutions to forcibly displaced and stateless persons in the ECOWAS region”**

**Draft Agenda**

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| Day One | | |  |
| Time Objectives | | **Breakdown** | | | **Desired Outcome** | **Moderator** | Facilitator |
| 08.00  08.30  09.00 | **Registration**  **Opening Ceremony**    **Group Photo** | Remarks:  ECOWAS Commission  UNHCR  ECOWAS Parliament | | | Welcome and Introduction. | ECOWAS Commission |  |
| 09.00 - 09.30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK | | | | | | | |
| 09.30  10.00 | **Presentation** | Vision and Mandate of ECOWAS Parliament | | | Provide an overview of the vision/mandate & priorities of the 5th Legislature of the ECOWAS Parliament | ECOWAS Parliament |  |
| 10.00  10.30 | **Presentation** | UNHCR Mandate | | | Inform on UNHCR mandate and presence in West Africa | UNHCR |  |
| 10.30  10.45 | **Presentation** | The UNHCR-ECOWAS Parliament Partnership | | | Brief on the UNHCR-ECOWAS Parliament engagement, achievements, and challenges. | ECOWAS Parliament |  |
| 10.45  11.45 | **Presentation** | Overview of the Humanitarian Situation in West Africa and UNHCR response actions  Q&A | | | Inform on the prevailing humanitarian situation in West Africa and UNHCR’s ongoing priority response programs, gaps, and challenges, with a view to advocate for concerted actions. | UNHCR |  |
| 11.45  12.45 | **Presentation** | ECOWAS Humanitarian Programs and Frameworks for Response | | | Inform on ECOWAS efforts towards addressing the causes of forced displacement and providing solutions – achievements and challenges | ECOWAS Commission |  |
| 12.45 - 14.00 LUNCH | | | | | | | |
| 14.00  15.00 | **Presentation** | Overview of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)  Discussions/Q&A | | | Present the GCR principles and objectives, with a view to identify the role of the Parliament in the operationalization of the GCR. | UNHCR |  |
| 15.00  16.00 | **Presentation** | Commitments of Member States at Global Refugee Forum (GRF) & High-Level Segment on statelessness and progress on implementation | | | Recall the GRF & HLS pledges made by ECOWAS and Member states, and advocate for support to promote implementation | ECOWAS Commission and UNHCR |  |
| 16.00 - 16.20 TEA/COFFEE BREAK | | | | | | | |
| 16.20  17.20 | Presentation | Introduction of the Initiative on the Minimum Standards of Asylum and stateless persons protection and solutions Systems in West Africa towards the advancement of refugee protection  Discussions/Q&A | | | Inform on the gaps in asylum/refugee/stateless persons protection in the sub-region.  Recall/ inform on the relevance of and secure support of the Parliament for the adoption of an ECOWAS model framework on asylum and stateless persons protection processes.  Briefly discuss the possible role of the Parliament, as appetizer for the working groups of Day 2 | UNHCR |  |
| 18.30  SPECIAL DINNER | | | | | | | |

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| **Day Two** | | |
| Time Objectives | | Breakdown | Expected Outcome | Moderator | **Facilitator** |
| 08.30  09.00 | **Recap** |  | Recap on discussions from Day One. Provide information on the group sessions. | ECOWAS Commission |  |
| 10.15 - 10.30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK | | | | | |
| 10.30  12.00 | Breakout Sessions | * **Thematic 1** – GCR * **Thematic 2** – Asylum/Refugee Protection * **Thematic 3** –Internal Displacement | * Identify the role of the Parliament in the operationalization of the GCR in Member states and possible support actions. * Identify possible support actions of the Parliament towards the adoption of a Directive on Minimum Standards of Asylum processes and the model-law on statelessness in the sub region * Identify the role of the Parliament in addressing the causes and impact of forced displacement in the sub region, with an impetus on alleviating the impact of sanctions on forcibly displaced populations | UNHCR  UNHCR  ECOWAS Commission/UNHCR |  |
| 12.00  13.00 | Presentation | Group reporting | Discussions | ECOWAS Parliament |  |
| 13.00 - 14.30 LUNCH | | | | | |
| 14.30  15.30 | Presentation | Recommendations | Present recommendations in plenary |  |  |
| 15.30  16.00 | Closing Ceremony | Closing Remarks |  | ECOWAS Commission  UNHCR  ECOWAS Parliament |  |