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# Protecting the Stateless from Arbitrary Detention

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***“The vulnerability of the stateless is most evident in the context of detention, which is commonplace in many countries from all regions of the world.” - Equal Rights Trust, [Unraveling Anomaly](#)***

Thousands of stateless persons are detained throughout the world every day because they have no effective nationality. Such detention is often – and at best – unnecessary and unreasonable; at worst it is arbitrary and degrading. Stateless persons are extremely vulnerable to abuse and neglect in detention, and are disproportionately impacted by lengthy, unnecessary and arbitrary detention. This panel will explore strategies for protecting the stateless from damaging, arbitrary detention.

Distinguished panelists include:

- Mr. Amal DeChickera, Senior Consultant on Statelessness, Equal Rights Trust
- Ms. Liesl Muller, Refugee and Migrant Rights Programme - Statelessness Unit, Lawyers for Human Rights
- Mr. Ben Lewis, Advocacy Coordinator, International Detention Coalition

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