## **Speakers and moderator Bios**

## Session: How can NGOs and UNHCR Cooperate to improve stateless persons' access to health, education, and livelihoods?

Date 30 June 2021, 14:30-16:00

## Moderator



Subin Mulmi, Executive Director, Nationality for All

Subin Mulni is a human rights lawyer and researcher based in Nepal. He recently worked as the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Advisor for Mercy Corps. Nepal. Before that he worked for Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) in Kathmandu as the Programme Coordinator for 4 years and then as the Senior Legal Advisor for a year where his responsibilities ranged from project planning, implementation, advocacy, litigation and research on statelessness, migration and human rights. He has conducted a number of studies on acquisition of citizenship certificates and statelessness in Nepal. He identifies as a staunch feminist and adopts a strong intersectional feminist lens in all his work and writings.

## **Speakers**



Matthias Reuss, Senior Stateless Officer, UNHCR Asia Pacific

Mathias Reuss is the Senior Statelessness Officer at the UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific. Previously he worked as a lawyer in academia, the German Federal Parliament, and various international organizations, including UNHCR South Sudan and Southern Africa.



Hafsar Tameesuddin is a human rights defender and Rohingya activist for gender equality, child marriage, LGBTQI, refugees and statelessness. While Hafsar was in Malaysia as a refugee from 2011 till early 2019, she worked with the refugee community to support survivors of SGBV and child marriage. Hafsar also got involved in advocacy work for refugee rights, gender equality and child marriage during this time in Malaysia. Hafsar is still actively engaged with the advocacy work for the

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refugee rights, statelessness and SGBV in New Zealand. She is very much looking forward to making positive changes for the refugees and stateless people within her capacity together with the individuals and agencies who work for the same causes. She is also the deputy chair for APRRN Australia-New Zealand Working group and part of APNOR Rohingya Think Tank Group.



Sevim Saadat, Director Programs, Musawi, Pakistan

**Sevim Saadat** holds a Masters of Law from Cornell University and has worked as a legal practitioner and consultant for over 5 years in the justice sector in Pakistan, specifically on gender-based rights, legal education and legal empowerment of marginalized groups. Sevim is currently serving as Director Programs at Musawi, where she leads two portfolios: (i) gender-based rights and (ii) legal identity, refugees and statelessness. Her work includes conceptualization and development of research, direct pro bono representation for victims and advocacy and awareness raising activities. As a practicing lawyer, she has represented women, in criminal, civil and family matters and has also provided expert opinion on gender-based violence in Pakistan.

Sevim has worked on various projects as a gender-based violence expert including a UNTF funded External Evaluation of a three-year project on reducing gender-based violence; a research project funded by United States Institute of Peace on assessing the extent of constitutional guarantees extended to citizens including women in the Newly Merged Districts in KP. She has also worked as a consultant and extensively researched on Rohingya Refugees in Pakistan. Alongside this, Sevim teaches International Protection of Human Rights at University College Lahore and runs the Human Rights Clinic in the Centre for Human Rights.