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# CRVS Insight

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### 2024 Review of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade in Asia and the Pacific: Digitalization as a key enabler to get every one in the picture

26 April 2024 | 12:45-13:45 (UTC +7)  
*In-Person | Meeting Room A, Virtual meeting | Microsoft Teams*

The event will emphasize digitalization's role in achieving universal vital event registration. It will cover ongoing efforts by countries to digitize CRVS processes and integrate systems with national IDs. Additionally, it will outline plans for the 2024 CRVS Decade review and the Third Ministerial Conference on CRVS in June 2025, gathering insights to inform the review report.

<b>OPENING</b>	<b>SPEAKERS</b>		
 <p><b>Rachael Beaven</b> Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p>	 <p><b>Romain Santon</b> Regional Deputy Director, CRVS Improvement Programs, vital strategies</p>	 <p><b>Jonathan Marshall</b> Deputy Program Officer, World Foundation for Development (WFD) Executive, World Bank</p>	<p><b>In-person :</b> Register via (1) Indico and (2) MS form</p> <p><b>Online:</b> Register via MS Form only</p>
<b>MODERATOR</b>			
 <p><b>Petra Nahmias</b> Chief, Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p>	 <p><b>Belinda Hlatshwayo</b> MSE Officer - Statistics and Harmonization Unit, UNDP, Bangkok Regional Hub</p>	 <p><b>Tanja Sejersen</b> Statistical, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p>	 <p><b>INDICO-REGISTRATION</b></p>
 <p><b>ESCAP</b> Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</p>	 <p><b>Vital Strategies</b></p>	 <p><b>THE WORLD BANK</b></p>	 <p><b>UNDP</b></p>  <p><b>MS-REGISTRATION</b></p>

## 2024 Review of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade in Asia and the Pacific: Digitalization as a key enabler to get everyone in the picture

ESCAP, together with Vital Strategies, World Bank, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are hosting a side event of the 80th Commission for ESCAP on "Digitalization as a key enabler to get every one in the picture". The event will take place in-person at the United Nations Conference Centre and online on 26 April 2024, at 12:45-13:45 (UTC+7).

With digitalization being a key enabler of sustainable, inclusive and resilient CRVS system and a digitized CRVS system providing the backbone for eGovernment; the side event focuses on the importance of digitalization to achieve universal registration of vital events and ongoing efforts of countries to advance the digitalization of simplified and proactive CRVS business processes. The session will also discuss ongoing integration of CRVS systems with national ID systems in the Asia and the Pacific.

For more information and the registration link, please visit the [80th Session of the Commission page](#).

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### The first cohort of the CRVS applied research training (CART) initiative launched

The first cohort of the CRVS applied research training (CART) initiative has launched with 38 participants from Asia-Pacific and Africa. The training will support participants in translating their initial ideas into a high-quality research paper as the initiative focuses on enhancing CRVS systems through supporting applied research on strategies, interventions, and tools for civil registration systems.

The training started with self-paced eLearning modules and a live webinar to welcome participants. A series of office hours, Ask the Experts sessions and mentorship are offered to accompany the participants in their learning journey. Face-to-face workshops are planned in 2024 and 2025.

For more information on the CART initiative, please visit [CART web page](#) here.

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## National Capacity Building Workshop on Using Demographic and CRVS-Related Data and Evidence to Inform Policy and Strategic Programming in Lao PDR

In 2022, Lao PDR embarked on conducting a CRVS inequality assessment, through technical and capacity strengthening in demographic skills. The final [inequality assessment report](#) was published in 2023 and provides an overview of civil registration completeness in Lao PDR and the drivers behind low birth registration.

Based on key findings from the report, relevant national stakeholders with support from ESCAP and UNFPA came together to identify relevant recommendations and policy implications to generate strategic action areas in a one-day national capacity building workshop in Vientiane on 5 April 2024. The workshop engaged a core group of CRVS and demographic data producers, data users, decision makers and other relevant stakeholders in Lao PDR, with the aim of improving understanding of the 'Evidence 2 Action (E2A)' process. The workshop culminated in the identification of selected priority action area(s), their policy implications and the generation of a draft strategic action plan.

Please see the [event details](#) here.

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## Launching India's transition from ICD-10 to ICD-11

The Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) in the Directorate Health of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, hosted a 2-day workshop on 18-19 March 2024 to hail the start of India's transition from International Classification of Diseases 10th Revision (ICD-10) to International Classification of Diseases 11th Revision (ICD-11)

The main objective of the workshop was to sensitize diverse national stakeholders on the importance of implementing ICD-11 to support the generation of accurate and complete information about population health including causes of death, health conditions, reimbursements, resource use, patient safety, vaccinations amongst others. The 2-day agenda included presentations of governmental officials, institutions and WHO on the history and prospects of ICD-11 implementation in India.

The workshop hosted five group work activities and was attended in-person by 180 experts from a diverse set of stakeholders and line ministries and online by around 300 participants.

Please read the [full story](#) here.

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### **Blog: How civil registration is shaping the world's largest election year**

In 2024, over 70 countries are set to hold elections across the world, including countries in Asia and the Pacific such as Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Russia. For eligible citizens to be included in voter lists, countries need to ensure accurate and credible voter registration is in place. Civil registration and identity management is an integral structural support for voter registration, as Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) systems not only secure an individual's legal identity and the resulting human rights, but also supports the collection of voter information.

In the Asia-Pacific region, 15 countries rely solely on population or civil registries, while a further eight countries create voter registration lists through a combination of register data and efforts by electoral management bodies. However, many citizens are still left out due to lack of required identification documents as their existence has never been recognized through birth registration.

In Vanuatu, electoral and civil registration authorities, supported by UNDP/Vanuatu Electoral Environment Project (VEEP), funded by the Government of New Zealand, to digitally transform the civil registration system into new Integrated Identity Management System with an aim to produce accurate and credible voter lists.

The collaborative efforts to improve CRVS goes beyond Vanuatu. ESCAP and UNDP are working with partners to support governments in achieving the shared regional vision of universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights, support good governance, health and development.

Read the [full blog](#) here.

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## Australia pilot digital birth certificates in New South Wales

The New South Wales government has started the pilot programme for digital birth certificate on 9 April 2024, for people born in NSW in 2024. The digital birth certificate project, led by the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, is housed within a stand-alone application and will provide users with access to and use of their Australian birth certificate in a secure digital format. It is a choice for people how to prove their identity as they can choose to use either paper birth certificates or digital ones.

Read more about the [digital birth certificate](#) here.

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### NEW RESOURCES

- [UNLIA Monthly Webinars](#)
  - [Assessment, Analysis, and Redesign of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Business Processes Turkmenistan \(2023\) CRVS Business Process Improvement \(BPI\) Brief](#)
  - [Materials and presentations from Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Implementing Guidance on Inclusive CRVS Systems with a Focus on Forced Displacement, Statelessness and Children on the Move \(18-21 March 2024\)](#)
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Global calendar of statistical events](#)
  - **26 April 2024:** [2024 Review of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade in Asia and the Pacific: Digitalization as a key enabler to get everyone in the picture](#)
  - **29 April 2024:** [National Closing Workshop: Capacity Building for the Project on Assessing Inequalities in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in the Philippines](#)
  - **6 May 2024:** [Meeting of the Asia Pacific CRVS Partnership](#)
  - **7- 9 May 2024:** [Meeting of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific](#)
  - **21-24 May 2024:** [ID4Africa 2024 Annual General Meeting](#)
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## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- [ESCAP: A consultant for the project on assessing inequalities in civil registration and vital statistics in Bhutan](#)
  - [ESCAP: A consultant for the project on assessing inequalities in civil registration and vital statistics in Indonesia](#)
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