

# Session 3. Introduction to the United Nations methodological framework

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- ❑ United Nations Statistics Division mandated to develop the methodological framework for civil registration and vital statistics
- ❑ Mandate dates back to 1950 by the Economic and Social Council and was renewed regularly
- ❑ The framework is extended to cover guidelines for holistic approach to civil registration, vital statistics and identity management



- Vital events proper
  - Live births
  - Deaths, including foetal deaths
- Dual events – occurring simultaneously in the lives of two individuals which cannot occur again in the life of either individual without a previous change
  - Marriage (legal partnership, where appropriate)
  - Divorces (legal dissolution of partnership, where appropriate)
  - Annulment
  - Judicial separation
- Vertical family events involving a descendant
  - Adoption
  - Legitimation
  - Recognition



## The original version in 1953

- ❑ vital statistics system was defined as including the legal registration, statistical recording and reporting of the occurrence, and collection, compilation, analysis, presentation and distribution of statistics pertaining to vital events, which in turn include live births, deaths, foetal deaths, marriages, divorces, adoptions, legitimating, recognitions, annulments and legal separations
- ❑ essentially civil registration was defined as a part of vital statistics system



## The first revision - 1973

- ❑ vital statistics system, irrespective of how it is organized, is defined as the total process of (a) collecting by registration, enumeration or indirect estimation, of information on the frequency of occurrence of certain vital events, as well as characteristics of events themselves and of the person(s) concerned, and (b) compiling, analysing, evaluating, presenting and disseminating these data in statistical form
- ❑ introducing enumeration and indirect estimation – recognizing the reality of the lack of civil registration in many countries



## The second revision - 2001

- ❑ vital statistics system as the total process of (a) collecting information by civil registration or enumeration on the frequency of occurrence of specified and defined vital events, as well as relevant characteristics of the event themselves and of the persons or persons concerned, and (b) compiling, processing, analysing, evaluating, presenting and disseminating these data in statistical form
- ❑ omits indirect estimation – as *ad hoc* and temporary methods

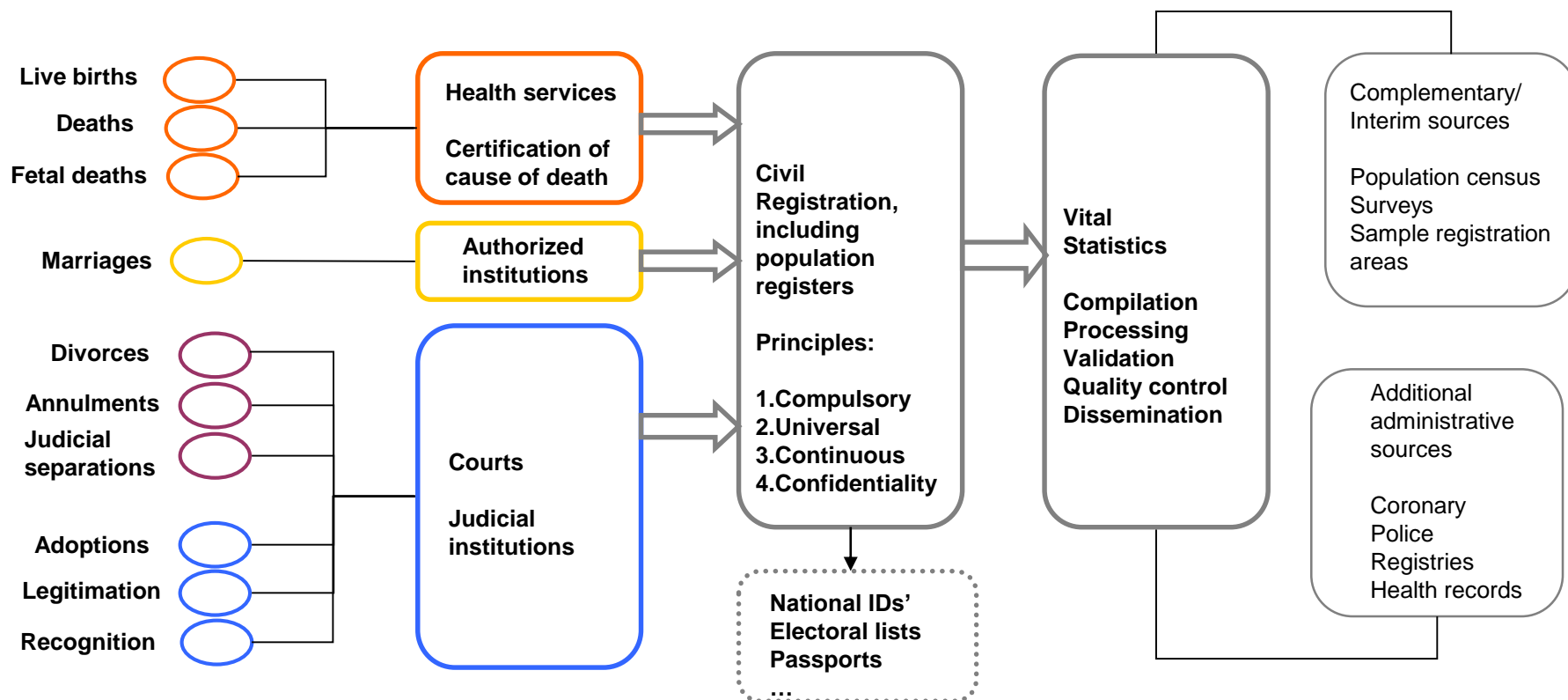


## The third revision - 2015

- ❑ In the context of defining a system as a set of interacting or independent components forming an integrated whole and for the purposes for which these principles and recommendations are to be applied, the components of a vital statistics system are: (a) legal registration, (b) statistical reporting of, and (c) collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics pertaining to vital events
- ❑ Focus on civil registration, back to 1973



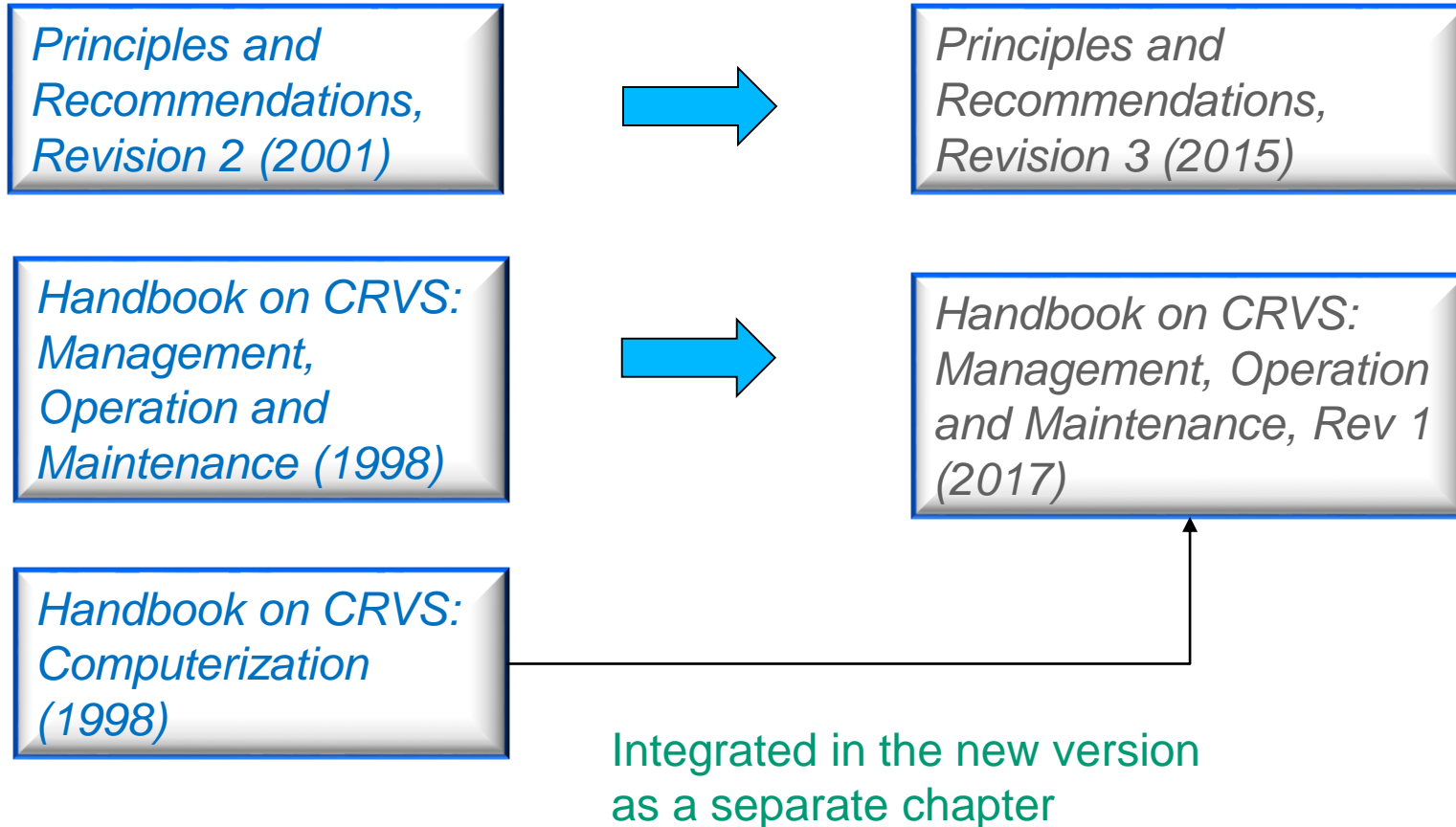
## Vital Statistics System







# Methodological framework





*Handbook on Training  
in Civil Registration  
and Vital Statistics  
Systems (2002)*



*CRVS E-learning Course  
(2017)*

*Handbook on  
Developing  
Information,  
Operation and  
Maintenance (1998)*



*Under revision, expected  
release date fall 2018*

*Handbook on Legal  
Framework(1998)*



*Annotated outline  
adopted, under revision,  
expected release date  
fall 2018*



- ❑ New component – *Guidelines for Assessing the Quality and Completion of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics*
  - ❑ In its final stages of completion
  - ❑ Dimension 1 – Evaluation of quality assurance systems and processes
    - ❑ Civil registration structural design
    - ❑ Business processes
    - ❑ Infrastructure
    - ❑ Management and operations
    - ❑ Internal audits
    - ❑ Overall assessment



- ❑ Dimension 2 – Data quality assessment
  - ❑ Accuracy
  - ❑ Relevance
  - ❑ Comparability
  - ❑ Timeliness
  - ❑ Accessibility
  
- ❑ National examples and experiences
- ❑ Online live document, regularly updated
- ❑ End of November 2017



- ❑ Workshop on the Operation of Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management Systems for South East Asian Countries, 13 – 17 November, Hanoi, Viet Nam
- ❑ Participating countries: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam
- ❑ Representatives from civil registration/identity management, health and national statistical office
- ❑ Curriculum based on revised *Handbook on Operation, Management and Maintenance*