

# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## 2023 ASIA-PACIFIC CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS RESEARCH FORUM (ONLINE)

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## Submission process and important details

Abstracts must be submitted online. If you have any technical issues, please contact the Forum Organisers on [escap-crvs@un.org](mailto:escap-crvs@un.org), with a copy to [chatchai.intachai@un.org](mailto:chatchai.intachai@un.org).

1. Abstract submissions for the Asia-Pacific CRVS Research Forum are now open.
2. Authors may be the main author on a maximum of TWO abstracts.
3. Authors may be the presenting author on a maximum of TWO abstracts.
4. Authors may be a co-author on any number of abstracts.
5. Please submit your abstract by Monday 12 December 2022.
6. Receipt of abstract submissions will be acknowledged by email.
7. All submitted abstracts will be considered by the Forum Organisers and assessed according to the selection criteria.
8. Forum Organisers may contact you to discuss adaptation of the original topic of your abstract.
9. Authors will be notified of submission outcome by Friday 23 December 2023.

## Author agreement

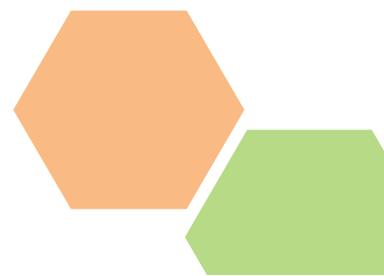
All authors agree to the following when submitting an abstract:

- Agree that if their abstract is accepted, ESCAP has the permission to publish the abstract on [www.getinthepicture.org](http://www.getinthepicture.org).
- Intend to register and attend the Asia-Pacific CRVS Research Forum.
- Agree to have their paper, PowerPoint presentation, and/or poster uploaded on [www.getinthepicture.org](http://www.getinthepicture.org).

## Selection criteria

The abstract should highlight the importance of the topic in achieving the goals of the Asia and Pacific CRVS Decade. Authors are requested to not restrict themselves to data that have been officially published. You may discuss methods or approaches that are being researched for possible future adoption. Practical applications that rely on specific case studies based on real data are encouraged. Authors may also challenge existing frameworks and practices on the specific issue by reflecting on existing realities based on experiences. The following selection criteria will apply:

1. Relevance to the objectives and goals of the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade (<https://getinthepicture.org/regional-picture/goals>).
2. Substance (originality and quality) of the topic.
3. Discussion value. Capacity of the proposed topic to inspire reflection, discussion, and debate.
4. Diversity. Ensuring geographical, cultural, and gender diversity in selected abstracts.
5. Preference will be given to presentations that are:
  - a. Presented by CRVS practitioners (from National Statistics Offices, Ministries of Health, and Civil Registration/National Identity Authorities) from ESCAP Member States in Asia and the Pacific
  - b. Evidence- or outcome-based (i.e., to describe what has worked, or what is working)
  - c. Presenting something new (e.g., new research, new practices, progressive ideas, etc.)



## Forum themes

Forum Organisers are seeking abstracts from interested authors on the following broad themes, noting that the examples provided are not an exhaustive list and authors are welcomed to submit abstracts on other relevant themes not listed below.

### Community engagement and incentives

- Introducing effective and fair incentives for registration and ensuring that penalties for non-registration do not impede the realization of rights, such as access to health and education.
- Working with communities to raise awareness of the purpose and benefits of civil registration and encourage registration of vital events.

### Civil registration system and processes

- Understanding the dimensions and causes of weaknesses in CRVS systems.
- Identifying challenges and bottlenecks to functional CRVS systems and remedial actions to overcome them.
- Identifying barriers to registration for individuals and communities and ways to overcome these, both from a supply and demand side.

### Vital statistics

- Recently released/published CRVS reports, with a focus on, for example, trends in fertility, mortality, and causes of death.
- Analyses of the quality of vital statistics data.
- New or improved practices in the dissemination of vital statistics.
- Analyses of improving processes for the production of vital statistics.

### CRVS workforce

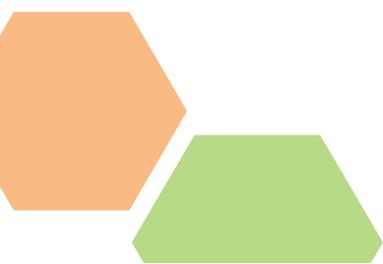
- Developing capacities for high quality registration and certification of vital events.
- Strengthening capacities for quality assurance, compilation, analysis, and use of vital statistics.

### Cross-cutting themes

- Testing and evaluating potential innovations for CRVS, such as the use of ICT and mobile registration.
- Harnessing multisectoral initiatives, such as the introduction of individual identity systems for which CRVS can provide the underpinning.
- Efforts to improve system interoperability.
- Documenting cross-country implementation experiences and lessons learnt, on which those working to improve CRVS can draw.
- Generating knowledge, enabling practitioners to filter and make sense of available information on CRVS, and supporting the translation of knowledge into action.

### The forum welcomes research that is:

1. Operational research: Addresses issues of concern on national and local levels of action, such as a local registration office or a local health facility where births and deaths occur. The findings of such research are mainly relevant to specific, local contexts and circumstances.
2. Implementation research: Predominantly of use to higher-level managers of civil registration and vital statistics, for example, when considering how to roll out a large-scale improvement effort. While contextual factors remain important, the findings can often be generalized to other settings within the country or even for other countries.
3. Systems-wide research: Primarily aimed at improving weaknesses in CRVS systems as a whole and is of most use to those who manage or need to design policies, programmes, and business processes for CRVS. Systems-wide research requires a high degree of cross-sectorial collaboration and use of interdisciplinary methods.



## Preparing your abstract

- Title. Abstract titles are limited to 75 characters (including spaces). The title should be dynamic and conclusive, rather than descriptive.
- Authors. Each author should be added separately to the submission to ensure proper listing. Enter first (given) name, and last (family/surname) name for each author, contact details plus institution/affiliation. One person must be identified as the presenting author.
- Abstract text. Abstracts should be 500 words, organized under the following main sub-headings (do not repeat the question in the body of your abstract, they are there for guides only):
  - Introduction/motivation (Why was the study/research performed? Why is it important?)
  - Objectives (What unsolved problems were you addressing?)
  - Methods/work performed (How did you study this problem?)
  - Results/findings (Report the data, analyses, and/or outcomes)
  - Conclusions
- Notes. Do not include your title or authors in the abstract text. Do not include references.

## Other information required during submission

- The following details for EACH co-author, including the submitting/presenting author is required:
  - Full first and family name(s)
  - Preferred title (e.g., "Dr.", "Prof", "Assoc Prof", etc.)
  - Affiliations including the department, institution/hospital, city, state (if relevant), and country (e.g., "Department of Psychology, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan")
  - Type of institution (Government/international organization/academia, etc.)
  - Contact email
  - Contact phone number
- Keywords for the abstract

## Common reasons for rejection

- Abstract is not in English.
- Abstract is over the word limit.
- Abstract is not based on original or relevant work.
- Nature of the topic is not explicit from either the title or the abstract.
- Material is too closely related to another abstract submitted by the same co-authors – should have been combined into a single submission.
- Abstract poorly organized and/or not complete. Required information not provided (objective/aim, methods, findings, conclusions).
- The outcomes of the work are not clearly stated.
- Conclusions not adequately qualified, i.e., conclusions have greater limitations than implied by the author.

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