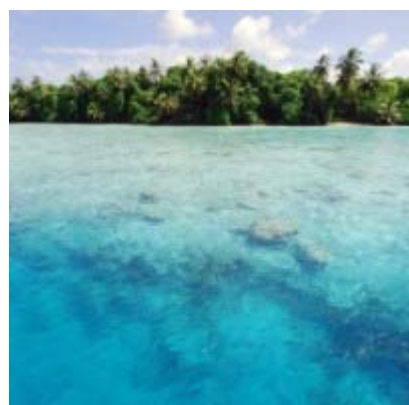


ASIA PACIFIC CRVS INSIGHT

**Strong commitment for improving CRVS in the Pacific**

The [Brisbane Accord Group](#) (including SPC, WHO, UNICEF and ESCAP) in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division convened a [Regional Meeting on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics for Pacific Islands](#) from 22 to 25 February 2016. The meeting brought together civil registrars, national statistics officers and national health information officers and managers from 19 countries and territories in the Pacific to share experiences in improving CRVS systems over the last 4 years of the Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan.

**Toolkit for assessing civil registration of asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons and persons of undetermined nationality**

The Regional Support Office of the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime has initiated a project to develop a toolkit for interested States to analyse and improve how they register births, deaths and marriages of these key population subgroups. The toolkit will be based on international standards, recommendations and case studies of good practice. It is expected that the toolkit will be published for use in the second half of 2016. For more information, please download the [concept note](#) or contact: [Jonathan Marskell](#)

**Countries reporting on national targets and baseline data**

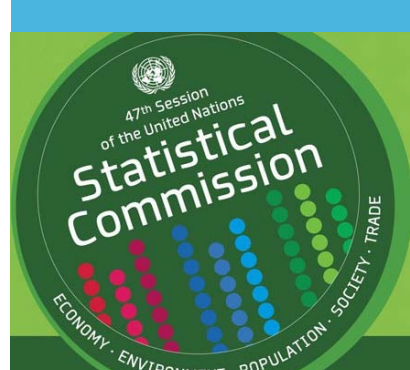
Members and associate members of ESCAP are currently reporting on their national CRVS targets and baseline data as agreed under the Regional Action Framework on CRVS. This information will feed into a regional synthesis report to be presented to the ESCAP Commission during its [seventy second session](#) in May 2016. As of March 4th, 2016, 30 countries have submitted their reports and 14 other countries have informed the Secretariat that they will submit their reports shortly. [More information on the reports can be found here.](#)

Events & Media

**Leave No One Behind: The importance of CRVS for Social Development and the 2030 Agenda**

A panel discussion focusing on the important connection between CRVS, Social Development and the Sustainable Development Goals will be held as a side event to the [fourth session of the Committee on Social Development](#). The [getinthepicture.org](#) website will also be officially launched at this event.

Time and place
30 March 2016, 11:30-13:00
UN Conference Centre, Bangkok

**Focus on CRVS at the 47th United Nations Statistical Commission**

In addition to discussions under the agenda item at the Commission on Demographic Statistics, three side events will be held to the [47th session of the Commission](#). These include a seminar on CRVS systems emphasizing the important relation between SDG's for the on [2030 Agenda and CRVS](#). The Sixth meeting of the [Global CRVS Group](#) and a [side event on CRVS](#) organized by Statistics Norway and UNSD.

Time and place
4-11 March 2016
United Nations, New York

**Regional workshop on outcomes and lessons learnt from technical assistance projects in support of improving CRVS systems**

A Regional workshop for countries who received small grants from ESCAP to support national CRVS improvement activities.

See more information [here](#)

Time and place
18-19 April 2016
UN Conference Centre, Bangkok

A Call For Contributions

Do you have anything you want to share? We welcome contributions to the newsletter and website. If you have a story on CRVS, insights, events, information or tools, please send them through to sejersent@un.org

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