

# **ToR for South-Asia Civil Registration Network (CR8):**

## **Introduction**

Civil registries are necessary for the registration and certification of vital events. They play a key role in achieving the global goal of an identity for all including, first and foremost, birth and death registration but also other vital registrations such as marriage, divorce and adoption, among many others necessary throughout the course of a person's life. Under the theme of 'Get everyone in the picture', the civil registries also play a fundamental role of achieving the goals in the Asia-Pacific region of improving civil registration over the next decade.

## **Objective**

An informal professional network to share information, lessons learned, and good practices of strengthening civil registries in the 8 countries in South Asia, with a view to leaving no one behind and ensuring legal identity for all. It fosters coordination and integration of Civil Registrars' inputs and ideas into the implementation of the Asia Pacific Regional Action Framework for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.

## **Membership**

Civil registration professionals of South Asia countries. This is inclusive of Civil Registrar with State or Country level responsibility for civil registration, or their nominee. Membership is for an individual in an organizational position (public, NGO, academic, development partner, etc.) working specifically on civil registration.

## **Coordination**

A CR8 Coordination Group is established to (i) identify key issues in common across the civil registrars that would benefit from joint discussion, (ii) facilitate gatherings (virtual or in-person) of members, (iii) facilitate information exchange (listserv, e-bulletins, website, social media, etc.), and (iv) liaise with other networks on areas of mutual interest. This group of 3 people will be selected biannually at any CR8 meeting, and will establish the programme of work.

## **Resources**

This group is self-funding. The network may raise funds for specific activities such as in-person events, knowledge management and dissemination. No central fund management is planned initially.

## **Mode of working**

This is an informal network with the basic means being a listserv that all members can access. Website and social media platforms may be set up with responsibility for maintaining them within the network. Face-to-face meetings of the network may be arranged as required provided adequate financial resources are mobilized.