

CRVS INSIGHT - ASIA PACIFIC



PCRN
Pacific Civil Registrars Network

Data sharing in the Pacific - New Zealand and Niue share registration data

Traditionally, information on people who have died or changed their names overseas is only captured in the country of occurrence. This means that when someone dies overseas, their death is not captured by their 'home island' and their birth record and potentially their passport remains open. The Pacific Civil Registrars Network has completed legal analysis and is assisting countries to enter into agreements which enable data to be shared, thereby creating stronger, more robust birth and death registers across the Pacific. The latest agreement to be signed is between Niue and New Zealand. The new agreement mirrors those signed in early 2017 between New Zealand and New South Wales, and New Zealand and the Cook Islands.



Kyrgyzstan progressing on a national strategy for CRVS

The draft Action Plan of the National Strategy for Registration of Civil Status Acts and Statistics of the Natural Movement of Population is nearing completion in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The draft was developed by several ministries and departments working in coordination, including specialists from: the State Registration Service under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (which includes the Registry Office), the Ministry of Health, and the National Statistics Committee. In preparing the Action Plan, Kyrgyzstan's already functioning Automated Information System "Civil Registry Office" (AIS "registry office") was taken into consideration and the Civil Status Acts (2005) has been identified for revision. The Action Plan will now be approved by a decree from the government.



International conference on CRVS in Bangladesh in January 2018

The CRVS Secretariat of the Cabinet Division, Government of Bangladesh is organizing the ["International Conference on CRVS, 2018"](#) to be held on 23-25 January 2018 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The conference will be a forum for CRVS stakeholders from Bangladesh and other South Asian countries as well as international experts on CRVS. The objectives of the conference are:

- To showcase the efforts of realizing the CRVS++ model

- To share and exchange CRVS related knowledge, experiences, innovations and ideas of different countries
- To discuss the establishment of a "South Asian Civil Registrars' Network"

The conference results will be taken forward to shape the further work of improving the CRVS system in Bangladesh. They will also be the foundation of future policy and research debates and increased knowledge sharing amongst South Asian countries.

For further information and to participate in the conference please contact: Deputy Secretary, Development Coordination, Cabinet Division at dc_sec@cabinet.gov.bd or tomukut007@gmail.com.



New Zealand launches online marriage registration

New Zealand has introduced a new [online marriage registration service](#) designed to make life easier for the 55 000 New Zealanders who get married each year. Both residents and non-residents may use the online service provided they apply at least three working days in advance. Applicants must then visit a local Registrar of Marriages to finish the process by signing a Statutory Declaration. Obtaining a marriage license is mandatory under New Zealand law and this new initiative will help to streamline this procedure for busy newlyweds.

Events & Media

Certification of Causes of Death Meeting

28-30 November 2017
Suva, Fiji

Capacity building workshop for selected National CRVS Focal Points

12-14 December 2017
Bangkok, Thailand

Harnessing the Power: CRVS Systems for 2030 Global Agendas

27-28 February 2017
Ottawa, Canada

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