



CRVS Insight

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CRVS AGENDA FEATURES IN EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

The eighth session of the Committee on Statistics of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) was held from **23-25 August 2022** at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok and online.

The Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific reported on their progress and achievements during agenda item 3(b) *Monitoring progress in response to the Get Every One in the Picture initiative on civil registration and vital statistics*. [Country statements](#) for this agenda item were delivered by Bangladesh, China, Georgia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea and United States of America. The statements highlighted the importance of complete and universal CRVS systems for policy, planning and sustainable development, with many countries re-iterating their commitment to the goals and targets of the Regional Action Framework, to ensure no one is left behind.



FIRST NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR ASSESSING INEQUALITY IN CIVIL REGISTRATION IN LAO PDR

A multi-stakeholder group of participants from Lao Statistics Bureau and other ministries relevant to CRVS, convened for the first national capacity building workshop for assessing inequalities in civil registration in Vang Vieng, Lao PDR from 17 to 19 August 2022. The hands-on workshop which was organized in collaboration between UNESCAP and Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB), took place over three days and focused on methods for estimating civil registration completeness and the compilation of life tables using national data from Lao PDR. The event was organized as part of the UNESCAP project to support countries in undertaking CRVS inequality assessments by providing technical support and facilitating dialogue with policy-makers to ensure the results of assessments are used for policy formulation. The workshop highlighted the importance of complete civil registration data for inclusive mortality analysis which leaves no one behind and provided the foundations for the next national capacity building workshop planned in Lao PDR.



THE 'GET EVERY ONE IN THE PICTURE' INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTED DURING DISCUSSIONS ON REGIONAL STATISTICS STRATEGIES

Dr. Claire Dennis S. Mapa, Undersecretary and National Statistician of The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) presented on the experience of the Philippines in implementing the Regional

Action Framework on CRVS during a side event of the *8th session of the Committee on Statistics of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)* on 24 August 2022. The side event, which was co-organized by SPC, ESCAP Pacific Office, PIFS and PARIS21 focused on enhancing awareness of regional statistics strategies and their use at the country level.

In 2015, the Philippines declared a national CRVS Decade (2015-2024) and adopted the localized theme **“Get Every Pinoy and Pinay in the Picture”**. This proclamation strengthens the establishment of the national coordinating mechanism for CRVS and supports the effective implementation and monitoring of CRVS initiatives in the country. A success story from the Philippines was also shared, which showed significant improvements in birth registration among Muslim populations from 57.5 per cent in 2015 to 81.2 per cent in 2020.



CALL FOR POSTER SUBMISSIONS BY EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS: 3RD CRVS AND GENDER CONFERENCE (17-18 OCTOBER 2022), NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

Deadline for submissions: **31 August 2022** - 5 pm Eastern Time (New York)

The [Centre of Excellence for CRVS systems](#) at [UNFPA](#), in partnership with [UNICEF](#), will co-host the 3rd CRVS and Gender Global Conference — titled “Empowering women, saving lives - Strengthening CRVS Systems” — on 17-18 October in New York at UNFPA headquarters. This conference builds on the second conference held in February 2020 in Ottawa.

The program committee is pleased to announce an open call for scientific posters for inclusion in a dedicated poster session for early-career practitioners, researchers, CRVS and identity management system program managers, advocates, and stakeholders. Accepted posters from individuals based in low- and middle-income countries will be eligible for a limited number of travel grants (covering economy class round trip travel to New York and daily subsistence allowance for the period of the conference).

The call for scientific posters is now open and will close at 5pm Eastern Time on August 31, 2022. Acceptance decisions for poster submissions will be made by September 2, 2022, and all submitting authors contacted during the week of September 3, 2022. All poster abstract submissions should be submitted [here](#) before 5pm Eastern Time on August 31, 2022.

The aim of the Conference is to engage with key stakeholders on gender and CRVS - including researchers, practitioners, decision makers and policy advocates - to ensure that everyone, in particular women and children, is registered, certified and counted by 2030. More specifically, the conference aims to:

1. Assess developments on gender and CRVS since 2020 Conference in Ottawa, including the impact of Covid-19

2. Highlight the value of CRVS data for tracking gender inequalities at national, regional, and global levels
 3. Showcase and advance practices to strengthen gender-responsive CRVS systems to advance the 2030 agenda, and in particular SDG3 and SDG5 and commitments “Leave No One Behind”
 4. Identify research/evidence and practice gaps at the intersection of CRVS and Gender that require further prioritization now through to 2030.
 5. Advance community of practice around gender and CRVS, including nurturing a new generation of CRVS practitioners.
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RESIDENT FELLOWSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF POPULATION (IUSSP)

[The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems](#), jointly with Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research ([WiSER](#), South Africa), the Initiative for Social and Economic Rights ([ISER](#), Uganda) and the USC Institute on Inequalities on Global Health ([USC IIGH](#), USA), and with support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), invite applications for 12-month resident fellowships for early-career, interdisciplinary researcher/practitioner professionals.

Fellows will be hosted for 6-months at WiSER, Johannesburg and 6-months at ISER, Kampala, and benefit from engagement and support from all three sponsoring institutions. Applications from low- and middle-income countries across different geographic regions and disciplinary expertise are highly encouraged.

Fellows will be supported to conduct their own research and activities, to engage in multidisciplinary collaboration, and to become a cohort of thought leaders in this emerging field. They will be encouraged to explore ethical and human rights issues raised by population register systems in particular contexts through empirical, or concrete cases/examples of policy, statistical or administrative processes and procedures that either raise, address, or resolve these issues. The fellowship program will entail interactive dialogues and seminars that seek to unpack and draw on interdisciplinary perspectives to these issues including attention to each case study and development of comparative insights across individual projects.

Deadline for applications: **31 August 2022**

For more information, visit [here](#).



IN-PERSON SIDE EVENT OF THE 77TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: IMPLEMENTATION OF UNLIA IN CAMBODIA AND CAMEROON

UNICEF, UNDESA, and UNDP, co-chairs of the UN Legal Identity Agenda (UNLIA) Taskforce, on behalf of the governments of Cambodia and Cameroon, cordially invite you to participate in a side event on the implementation of the UN Legal Identity Agenda in Cambodia and Cameroon. The side event will take place in person on **Thursday, September 15, 2022**, 18.30 - 19.30 hours, in Danny Kaye Hall, UNICEF HQ, 3 UN Plaza, 11017 New York City.

The event is organized in partnership and with the support of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative. It aims to demonstrate the successful implementation of the UNLIA recommended approach to Civil Registration and Vital Statistics and Identity Management (CRVSID) following a life course approach – starting with birth registration and exiting with death registration – through country examples from Cambodia and Cameroon and provide an opportunity for knowledge sharing and learning.

The programme will feature a 15-minute country presentation from Cambodia and Cameroon, respectively, to showcase the UNLIA journey in the two countries.

To register, kindly use this [link](#) or scan the *QR code above*. For any assistance, feel free to contact [Predrag Savic](#) and [Bhaskar Mishra](#)

TRAINING AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Vital Strategies training program: Call for participants to attend a three-day workshop on *the Effective Use of Data in Public Health Journalism*, to be held from October 12-14, 2022. Find more detail [here](#).
- Internship with the CRVS team at ESCAP for at least two months with an opportunity for extension up to 6 months. Visit [here](#) for more information.

RESOURCE

- The Journal of Population and Sustainability Vol. 6, No. 2, August 2022. [Download](#) full paper

- ESCAP Blog: [Excess mortality estimates: how many people have really died in the COVID-19 pandemic?](#)



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