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## CRVS INSIGHT - ASIA PACIFIC

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### Strong commitment to CRVS at the Fifth Committee on Statistics

On the 15th December 2016, the Fifth Committee on Statistics discussed the [report on the Regional Steering Group's work](#). The Committee made strong statements in support of the implementation of the [Regional Action Framework](#) and highlighted the need for countries who are yet to submit [baseline reports](#) to do so. The committee also called for further sharing of experiences, technical assistance and highlighted the need for CRVS improvement plans to be integrated into National Strategies for Statistical Development (NSDS) and National development plans as CRVS is a central key to achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals.

For the Committee meeting documents including programme and presentations, please follow this [link](#).



### World Bank Approves \$150 Million to Modernize Nepal's Social Protection and Civil Registration Systems

The World Bank has approved a credit of US\$ 150 million to help the Government of Nepal expand coverage of civil registration and modernize the delivery of social security allowances. Over a five year period, the Strengthening Systems for Social Protection and Civil Registration Project will support the establishment of a comprehensive national population register and the phased introduction of electronic-payments to deliver social security allowances in 25 of Nepal's 75 districts.

See the press release [here](#)



### Data Analysis and Report Writing Workshop for Civil Registration Based Vital Statistics

In September, 18 participants from Kiribati, Tuvalu, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands participated in a data analysis and report writing workshop in Noumea. The workshop was organized by the Brisbane Accord Group (BAG) and led by the Pacific Community (SPC), with assistance from ESCAP and ABS, also included a representative from the data use stream of the Data4Health project managed by Vital Strategies, who are also working with the Solomon Islands and

PNG on their CRVS data.

See more about the workshop on the [SPC website](#)



## ESCAP and D4H launches Project to Strengthen National Capacity in Producing and Disseminating Vital Statistics from Civil Registration Records

The project supports the implementation of the Regional Action Framework, in particular Goal 3, which stipulates that accurate, complete and timely vital statistics, based on registration data, should be produced and disseminated.

Running between December 2016 and March 2017, the project will provide two sequential training workshops, as well as follow-up technical guidance supporting countries to process and analyze data from civil registration records to draft a national vital statistics report.

## Events & Media

### [New blog on the importance of birth registration](#)

New blog entry by Abid Gulzar, World Vision

### [First UN World Data Forum](#)

15-18 January 2017  
Cape Town

### [Johannesburg Colloquium on the Future of Legal Identity](#)

14-16 February 2017,  
Johannesburg

## 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](mailto:sejersent@un.org)

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