
CRVS INSIGHT - ASIA PACIFIC



Second Meeting of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS

On the 6th and 7th September 2016, members of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics convened for the second meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. The primary agenda of this event was to review the key findings from the baseline report under the Regional Action Framework and the recommendations by the 72nd Commission session. In addition, the main achievements of the Regional Steering Group were reviewed, in order to outline the short- and long-term priorities for regional support.

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



ID4D Identification for Development

On the 6th October, the World Bank's chief Economist was joined by panelists from governments and private sectors to discuss the ways in which identification systems have been harnessed for development purposes in some countries. Official identification not only provides proof of who people are, but also facilitates access to vital services such as health care and insurance, social benefits and financial services. Identification systems represent a case in point of the use of technology for enhancing development. The event was live streamed on the day and can be watched back [here](#).



Centre of Excellence for CRVS systems being developed by IDRC

The Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is developing a [Centre of Excellence for CRVS systems](#), which will serve as a 'global resource hub' to support the implementation and sustainability of comprehensive CRVS systems. Through collaboration and guidance from existing national, regional and international expert groups, the Centre of Excellence aims to provide an 'electronic knowledge platform', where resources can be shared and countries can seek further technical assistance for strengthening CRVS systems. The IDRC are currently seeking input in the development of their website, with a short user needs assessment survey, which can be accessed [online](#).

Meeting of the Brisbane Accord Group



(BAG)

Regional and country level representatives from partner agencies will meet on the 25-27 October for the [Brisbane Accord Group](#) meeting in Suva, Fiji, where regional progress and engagement in The Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan (PVSAP) will be discussed. This meeting will focus on the activities that are currently being undertaken by partners in the region, in addition to country updates on the successes and challenges of registration coverage. The conclusion of this meeting will outline the next steps for the future of CRVS in the region and identify areas that require additional support.

Events & Media

[Committee on Statistics, Fifth Session](#)

14-16 December 2016
United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok

[First UN World Data Forum](#)

15-18 January 2017
Cape Town

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

14-16 February 2017,
Johannesburg
Deadline for proposals: 30 Oct 2016

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 chungh@un.org

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