Session 15:
Preparations for the Ministerial Conference: What does an outcome document look like

Fifth meeting of the Regional Steering Group on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific
17-19 September 2019
Content of the Ministerial Conference, Ministerial Declaration, and Regional Report

For sure
- Report on progress
- Integration of CRVS into international and national sustainable development agendas
- Promoting CRVS as a foundation for legal identity for all

Maybe
- Legislative review
- Service delivery and CRVS
- ICD 11
- Financing of CRVS
- ...

Should figure in:
1. Regional Report (e.g., chapter or textbox)?
2. Ministerial Declaration?
3. Special Session?
4. Background paper?
Ministerial Conference
(6-9 October 2019)

- Senior official segment (6-8 October)
  - Opening
  - Key issues and perspectives for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific
  - Reporting on progress towards the targets (country statements)
  - Integration of CRVS into international and national sustainable development agendas
  - Promoting CRVS as a foundation for legal identity for all
  - Review of Draft Declaration
  - Special topics sessions

- Ministerial segment (9 October)
  - Opening
  - Integration of CRVS into international and national sustainable development agendas
  - Promoting CRVS as a foundation for legal identity for all
  - Reporting on progress towards the vision (country statements)
  - Adoption of the Declaration
What is a Ministerial Declaration?

- Visionary statement of intent and commitment

- The **main** outcome document of the Ministerial meeting, serving three purposes:
  1. An advocacy tool (national, regional and global)
  2. Demonstrates the high level commitment
  3. Highlights accountability to the Regional Action Framework

- It also serves as a reference document for national governments and international organizations
Process

Negotiation on specific wording in the document to reach consensus

Intergovernmental process negotiating the document (including senior officials segment for final negotiation) takes place

Documents presented to Ministers - as representatives of their governments - for endorsement

Can be further endorsed by the Commission at the next Commission session
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