The Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific
16-19 November 2021

Briefing on plans, 18 May 2021
Statistics Division, ESCAP
Objectives of the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS

Celebrating achievements during the first half of the CRVS Decade

- Highlight necessity of CRVS to legal identity

Emphasize how CRVS is instrumental for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Focus on the importance of CRVS systems in the response to pandemics and the recovery from COVID-19
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Expected outcomes:
- A Ministerial Declaration on CRVS

Expected participants
- Ministers responsible for: Civil Registration, Planning, Justice, Health, Statistics, Finance and National ID systems

Preparation
- Led by the Regional Steering Group for CRVS to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive process
- Supported by ESCAP and other development partners
Co-organisers for the Conference

With additional support from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Statistics Norway, UNSD, IOM, IDRC, Global Health Advocacy incubator, CRC Asia
Face-to-face, hybrid or online?

The Ministerial Conference in 2020 was postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19.

Postponing again is not an option.

The preference is for a face-to-face Conference, but this is looking increasingly unlikely.

A hybrid event would mean that embassies and organisations with representation in Thailand could attend in person while everyone else would be joining virtually.

What is the preference modality?
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<td><strong>1. Opening of the Senior Officials segment</strong></td>
<td><strong>4. Leaving No One Behind</strong> - Civil registration and vital statistics as an accelerator for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (+ country statements, youth and children and civil society statement)</td>
<td><strong>6. The relationship between civil registration, legal identity and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific</strong> (+ country statements)</td>
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<td>2. Review of the progress made and existing challenges to accelerate the implementation of the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific (+ country statements)</td>
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<td><strong>9. Towards our shared vision of universal and responsive CRVS systems</strong> that facilitate the realization of rights and support good governance, health and development (+ country statements)</td>
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Supporting activities

- Side events organized by countries and development partners October/November 2021
- Youth and children consultation (Feb-May 2021)
- Youth and Civil Society Forum (September 2021)
- Training of journalists (September 2021)
- Preparatory Meetings of sub-regional initiatives (PCRN, CR8)
- Communication strategy w co-organisers
- Press conference (ESCAP and co-organisers)
Key dates

- December 2020: review of concept notes by Regional Steering Group
- May-July: Drafts for consultation with co-organisers and RSG members
- June/July: Provisional agenda and invitations sent to countries
- 5 October: All documents must be shared with members and associate members of ESCAP
- October: participant registration and submission of letters of credentials from countries and partners
Role of the Regional Steering Group in the preparations

- ESCAP will be requesting RSG members to review official documents for the conference via emails.
- Members are encouraged to support the process of consultation on the Ministerial Declaration within their countries.
- Members are encouraged to facilitate high level multisectoral delegations from their countries to the Ministerial Conference.
- Supporting the selection of speakers at the conference.
- A bureau of Chair, Vice Chairs and rapporteur will be selected for the Ministerial Conference.
Consultation on Ministerial Declaration

- 30 March: zero draft ministerial declaration developed by the Secretariat
- End May: first draft ministerial declaration developed by Regional Steering Group
- June: first draft ministerial declaration sent to national CRVS focal points, RSG members and partners (with MFAs in copy) for written consultation
- August: second draft ministerial declaration sent to national CRVS focal points, RSG members and partners (with MFAs in copy) for written consultation, possibly followed by online consultation if needed
- Silence procedure
- 16-18 November: Senior official segment
- 19 November: Ministerial segment
Key elements of the zero draft Ministerial Declaration

- Avoiding repeating agreements from 2014
- Refer to relevant international agreements since 2014, including SDGs, UN LIA etc
- Include language on key topics decided by Regional Steering Group in 2020 (progress, health, vital statistics, gender, economics, data protection, legal identity, SDGs/Leave No One Behind)
- Operative paragraphs outlining actions to be taken by Member States, Development Partners and ESCAP
Thank you!

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