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Tenth meeting of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, 7-9 May 2024

Agenda

Day 1, Tuesday, 7 May 2024			
Session number and Time	Chair and Rapporteur	Topic and speakers	Document
Morning			
Session 1: 09.00-09.40	Chair: Mr. Neel Singh, on behalf of the Chair of the Regional Steering Group Rapporteur: Mr. Jeff Montgomery, SPC	<u>Welcome, adoption of agenda and introductions</u> (40 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks by Mr. Neel Singh, on behalf of the Chair of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific (RSG) and Ms. Rachael Beavan, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP (10 mins) Tour-de-table: (1) Who is participating in the meeting? And (2) describe the future of CRVS in one word (30 mins) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information about the Regional Steering Group - Terms of Reference for the RSG for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific
Session 2: 09.40-10.40	Chair: Mr. Neel Singh, on behalf of the Chair of the Regional Steering Group Rapporteur: Mr. Jeff Montgomery, SPC	<u>Introduction to World Café</u> (5 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP <u>World Café: Key achievements throughout the Asia and the Pacific CRVS Decade</u> (55 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth registration: Mr. Belete Birara Walle, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF ROSA Death registration and recording of Cause of death: Dr. Amani Siyam/Ms. Doris Ma Fat, WHO Vital statistics production: Ms. Chloe Mercedes Harvey, ESCAP Inclusion of hard to reach and marginalised groups: Ms. Petra Nahmias, ESCAP and Mr. 	

		<p>Amit Sen, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitalization and linkages between civil registration and other government systems: Ms. Tanja Sejersen, ESCAP • Legislative and regulatory changes: Dr. Om Prakash Bera and Mr. Ruhul Quddus, Global Health Advocacy Incubator <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Regional Steering Group members share key achievements throughout the Decade which could be captured in the regional synthesis report for the 2024 review of the CRVS Decade.</p>	
10.40-11.00		<u>Group photo</u> and break (20 mins)	
Session 3: 11.00-11.25	<p>Chair: Mr. Neel Singh, on behalf of the Chair of the Regional Steering Group</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Jeff Montgomery, SPC</p>	<u>Reporting back to plenary from the World Café discussions</u> (25 mins)	
Session 4: 11.25-12.25	<p>Chair: Mr. Neel Singh, on behalf of the Chair of the Regional Steering Group</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Jeff</p>	<p><u>2024 review of the CRVS Decade</u> (1 hr)</p> <p>Presentations (40 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the 2024 review questionnaire process and timeline: Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP (12 mins) • Experience sharing by RSG members who have participated in the pilot (28 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Mohammad Ashraful Alam, Bangladesh 	

	Montgomery, SPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Malaysia ○ Ms. Marizza Grande, Philippines ○ Mr. Neel Singh, Fiji <p>Q&A (20 mins)</p> <p>Expected outcome: <i>Regional Steering Group members are aware of the processes and timeline for completing the 2024 review questionnaire. The rest of the Regional Steering Group members learn from the experiences of members who participated in the pilot.</i></p>	
12.25-14.00		Lunch (12.25-13.00) and Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI) side event (13.00-14.00)	
Afternoon			
Session 5: 14.00-15.00	<p>Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Romain Santon, Vital Strategies</p>	<p><u>Deep-dive: Questions on cause of death in the 2024 review questionnaire</u> (60 mins)</p> <p>Presentations (40 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience on answering cause of death questions from the baseline and midterm reviews: Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP (15 mins) • Cause of death indicators and data sources: Ms. Doris Ma Fat, WHO (25 mins) <p>Q&A (20 mins)</p> <p>Expected outcome: <i>Regional Steering Group members are able to differentiate the questions on cause of death and provide accurate data. Answers from the questionnaire will better reveal current progress on the quality, quantity, and timeliness of cause of death recording in Asia and the Pacific.</i></p>	
15.00-15.15		Break (15 mins)	

<p>Session 6: 15.15-16.15</p>	<p>Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Romain Santon, Vital Strategies</p>	<p><u>Effective approaches for completing the 2024 review questionnaire</u> (60 mins)</p> <p>Group discussion (30 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break out into 7-8 groups. • Each group assigns a rapporteur to report back during the next session. • ESCAP personnel will provide clarification and keep time. <p>Reporting back to plenary and Q&A (30 mins)</p> <p><u>Questions for group work:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which stakeholders should be involved in the process of completing the questionnaire in your country? • Who can effectively lead the work? • What data sources are needed? How to access them? • Which questions would be particularly difficult? • What technical support, if any, is needed? <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Regional Steering Group members identify mechanisms to increase the quantity and quality of responses to the 2024 review questionnaire. High quality responses from countries feed into the drafting of regional synthesis report on progress throughout the Asia and the Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024). The report will be presented at the 2025 Ministerial Conference.</p>	
<p>Session 7: 16.15-16.55</p>	<p>Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Romain Santon, Vital Strategies</p>	<p><u>Open brainstorming session (dreaming session):</u> <u>Agreements would we like to have for the extension of the CRVS Decade</u> (40 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p> <p>Mentimeter: Nicolas Patoine-Hamel, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p>	

		<p>Questions for plenary discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How should your CRVS system look like in 2030 compared to now? • What would you like your head of government to commit to achieving by 2030? <p>Expected outcome: Regional Steering Group members are in agreement of what the overall aim of an extension should be.</p>	
Session 8: 16.55-17.00		<u>Closing</u> (5 mins)	

Day 2, Wednesday, 8 May 2024			
Session number and Time	Chair and Rapporteur	Topic and speakers	Document
Morning			
Session 9: 09.00-09.30	Chair: Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Malaysia Rapporteur: Mr. Amit Sen, UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Welcome to Day 2</u>, Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Malaysia, Chair of the morning sessions (5 mins) • <u>Recap of Day 1</u>, Rapporteurs from Day 1 (15 mins) • <u>Remaining questions from Day 1 are to be raised for plenary discussion</u> (10 mins) 	
Session 10: 09.30-10.20	Chair: Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Malaysia	<p><u>Introduction to the 2025 Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: Overview, processes, and timeline</u> (50 mins)</p> <p><u>Video showing key events from the Ministerial Conference in 2021</u> (5 mins)</p> <p>Presentation (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview, processes, participation, and timeline: Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programme for 2021 Ministerial Conference - Report of the 2021 Ministerial Conference - Official documents

	Rapporteur: Mr. Amit Sen, UNHCR	Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP. Q&A and plenary discussion (30 mins) <i>Expected outcome:</i> <i>Regional Steering Group members are aware of the processes and timeline for the 2025 Ministerial Conference.</i>	for the 2021 Ministerial Conference
10.20-10.35		Break (15 mins)	
Session 11: 10.35-10.50	Chair: Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Malaysia Rapporteur: Mr. Amit Sen, UNHCR	<u>2025 Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: What do we want?</u> (15 mins) Presentation by Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP (5 mins): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you want to highlight at the 2025 Ministerial Conference? • How would we know whether the Ministerial Conference is a success? • What should be our key objectives of the Ministerial Conference? Plenary discussion (10 mins) <i>Expected outcome:</i> <i>Regional Steering Group members take note of important factors to consider when deciding on desired outcomes from the 2025 Ministerial Conference.</i>	
Session 12: 10.50-12.00	Chair: Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Malaysia Rapporteur: Mr. Amit Sen, UNHCR	<u>Desired outcomes from the 2025 Ministerial Conference</u> (1 hr 10 mins) Group discussion (45 mins): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break out into 7 groups and discuss the key points from session 11. • Each group assigns a rapporteur to report back during the next session. • ESCAP personnel will provide clarification and keep time. Reporting back to plenary (25 mins):	

		Expected outcome: RSG members decide on the outcome documents and key achievements worth highlighting at the 2025 Ministerial Conference.	
12.00- 13.30		Lunch (12.00-12.30) and WHO side event: <i>Placing cause of death data at the forefront of decision-making processes in health policy and planning</i> (12.30 - 13.30)	
Afternoon			
Session 13: 13.30-14.45	Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, New Zealand Rapporteur: Dr. Om Prakash Bera, GHAI, and Mr. Ruhul Quddus, GHAI	<p><u>2025 Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: Ministerial participation</u> (1 hr 15 mins)</p> <p>Presentation (15 mins) by Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial participation: Who and how do we get them there. • Overview of Ministerial segment, roundtables, and implications for CRVS improvement in Asia and the Pacific. <p>Brainstorming session (35 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break out into 7-8 groups and discuss potential topics/speakers for the Ministerial roundtables and other sessions during the Ministerial segment. • Each group assigns a rapporteur to report back during the next session. • ESCAP personnel will provide clarification and keep time. <p>Reporting back to plenary (25 mins)</p> <p>Expected outcomes: <i>The Regional Steering Group make decisions on key topics for the Ministerial roundtables and other sessions during the Ministerial segment.</i></p>	
14.45-15.00		Break (15 mins)	

<p>Session 14: 15.00-16.00</p>	<p>Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Om Prakash Bera, GHAI</p>	<p><u>2025 Ministerial Conference: Improving linkages between CRVS, health sector, and legal identity</u> (1 hr)</p> <p>Presentations (45 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO • University of New South Wales/CDC Foundation • Vital Strategies <p>Q&A and plenary discussion (15 mins)</p> <p>Expected outcome: <i>Regional Steering Group members take notes of practical approaches to engage relevant stakeholders from the health and identification agencies in CRVS system improvement. Member countries can also share their needs for partners to consider when designing their support programs.</i></p>	
<p>Session 15: 16.00-16.45</p>	<p>Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Om Prakash Bera, GHAI</p>	<p><u>2025 Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: Documentation and Ministerial Declaration</u> (45 mins)</p> <p>Presentation (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does an outcome document look like: Structure, key messages, and implications on CRVS improvement efforts during the extension, reporting requirements for countries, and governance structure: Ms. Chloe Harvey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP. • Suggested official documents: Progress report, partners' support throughout the CRVS Decade, resilience and inclusivity. <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p> <p>Plenary discussion (20 mins).</p>	<p>- Resilience and inclusivity papers</p>

		Expected outcome: <i>Regional Steering Group members decide on the most important issues to be covered in the papers.</i>	
Session 16: 16.45-16.50	Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, New Zealand Rapporteur: Dr. Om Prakash Bera, GHAI	<u>Closing</u> (5 mins)	
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Day 3, Thursday, 9 May 2024			
Session number and Time	Chair and Rapporteur	Topic and speakers	Document
Morning			
Session 17: 09.00-09.30	Chair: Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Malaysia Rapporteur: Ms. Ruchita Rajbhandary, WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Welcome to Day 3</u>, Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Senior Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division, Department of Statistics Malaysia (10 mins) • <u>Recap of Day 2</u>, Rapporteurs from Day 2 (20 mins) 	
Session 18: 09.30-10.45	Chair: Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Malaysia	<u>World Café: Key messages in the 2025 Ministerial Declaration (Building on discussions in Session 15)</u> (45 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress to-date: Ms. Marine Yaylakhanyan, Armenia • Extending the Decade to align with the 2030 Agenda: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, India 	

	<p>Rapporteur: Ms. Ruchita Rajbhandary, WHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the resilience and inclusivity of CRVS systems across the region: Mr. Russell Burnard, New Zealand Support from development partners: Ms. Rohina Joshi, UNSW/Ms. Erin Nichols, CDC Other key messages: Mr. Paciano Dizon, Philippines <p>Reporting back to plenary from the World Café discussions (20 mins).</p> <p>Plenary discussion and preliminary decision on the title and key messages of the Ministerial Declaration (10 mins). Mentimeter: Nicolas Patoine-Hamel, Statistics Division, ESCAP.</p> <p>Expected outcome: <i>Regional Steering Group members decide on the preliminary title for and main messages to be included in the Ministerial Declaration. Members are also aware of the follow-up work required to realize the vision of the Ministerial Declaration.</i></p>	
10.45-11.00		Break (15 mins)	
Session 19: 11.00-12.00	<p>Chair: Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Malaysia</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Ruchita Rajbhandary, WHO</p>	<p><u>Elevator Pitch: Securing Minister’s participation in the Ministerial Conference</u> (1 hr)</p> <p>Introduction to the role play (5 mins): Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP.</p> <p>Roleplay in small groups of 3 people (35 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take turns roleplaying as the Minister and RSG member attempting to secure the Minister’s participation among the group of 3 people. <p>Reporting back to plenary (20 min)</p> <p>Expected outcome: <i>Regional Steering Group members take note of key messages to</i></p>	

		<i>communicate with their Minister to confirm the latter's participation.</i>	
12.00-13.30		Lunch	
Afternoon			
Session 20: 13.30-14.50	Chair: Mr. Neel Singh, on behalf of the Chair of the Regional Steering Group Rapporteur: Dr. Rohina Joshi, University of New South Wales	<u>2025 Ministerial Conference, supporting activities, side events and civil society engagement</u> (1 hr 20 mins) Presentation (45 mins): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video from children and youth consultation • Mr. Om Prakash Bera, Global Health Advocacy Incubator • Ms. Faith Richelle Sy, World Vision International • Ms. Chloe Mercedes Harvey, ESCAP Q&A (10 mins) Plenary discussion (25 mins) Expected outcome: <i>Regional Steering Group members identify practical approaches to engage CSOs and youths on CRVS system improvement.</i>	- Side events at the 2021 Ministerial Conference
Session 21: 14.50-15.50	Chair: Mr. Neel Singh, on behalf of the Chair of the Regional Steering Group Rapporteur: Dr. Rohina Joshi, University of New South Wales	<u>Panel Discussion: Governance arrangement for the extension of the Decade</u> (1 hr) Presenter and moderator (5 mins): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current governance structure in support of the CRVS Decade and the role of the Regional Steering Group on CRVS: Mr. Sovannaroeth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP Inputs from long standing members on achievements (40 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Clemente S. Manaog, Philippines 	- Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific - Terms of Reference for the RSG

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Neel Singh, Chair of the Regional Steering Group • Mr. Jeff Montgomery, SPC • Mr. Romain Santon, Vital Strategies <p>Plenary discussion (15 mins)</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> <i>Regional Steering Group members take note of the process and timeline for obtaining approval from the ESCAP Commission on the new composition of RSG members.</i></p>	
Session 22: 15.50-16.50	<p>Chair: Mr. Neel Singh, on behalf of the Chair of the Regional Steering Group</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Rohina Joshi, University of New South Wales</p>	<p><u>Wrap up</u> (1 hr):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of Day 3 – Rapporteurs for Day 3 (15 mins). • Summary of decisions made by RSG members on the 2025 Ministerial Conference: Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP (10 mins). • Reflection – Plenary: Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP (15 mins). • Closing remarks by Mr. Neel Singh, Chair of the Regional Steering Group (10 mins) • Evaluation form (10 mins). 	
Session 23: 16.50-17.00		Coffee/Tea (10 mins)	