



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

### Concept Note

The tenth meeting of the Regional Steering Group (RSG) for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific will be organized in hybrid format from 7 to 9 May 2024, at 09:00-17:00 Bangkok time (GMT+7). The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the Third Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific in 2025, formally launch the 2024 Review of the Asia Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024), and identify support needed to help countries complete the 2024 Review questionnaire.

### Background

The Asia Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024) is in its final year, and countries have come a long way in terms of establishing and improving their CRVS systems since the start of the Decade. While it is important to celebrate achievements throughout the years, it is equally imperative that progress on CRVS system improvement is measured against the goals and targets set out in the Decade and Regional Action Framework for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific (RAF). In [2021](#), Ministers and senior government officials from across the region adopted the [Ministerial Declaration on Building a More Resilient Future with Inclusive CRVS](#) to accelerate progress towards realizing the goals and targets. Members and associate members of ESCAP endorsed the 2021 Ministerial Declaration by adopting [Resolution 78/4](#) further solidifying their commitment to CRVS improvement.

Resolution 78/4 highlighted commitments by members and associate members to address the urgent need for improvement to CRVS systems for sustainable and inclusive development. The Resolution also requested the convening of a third Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific “to mark the conclusion of the Asia and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (2015-2024), as appropriate”<sup>1</sup>.

At the 2023 meeting of the Regional Steering Group (RSG) for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, RSG members discuss progress to-date and the future of the CRVS Decade in accordance with Resolution 78/4 and the 2021 Ministerial Declaration. Amongst the key recommendations following the meeting are the extension of the CRVS Decade to 2030 and introduction of two themes namely “resilience” and “inclusivity” in the 2024 review of the Decade and extension in line with the 2021 Ministerial Declaration on Building a More Resilient Future with Inclusive CRVS. The RSG members will meet for its tenth session to discuss these key priorities and more in detail.

### Objectives

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<sup>1</sup> [ESCAP/RES/78/4](#)

The objectives of the tenth RSG meeting are to (1) discuss preparations and provide guidance for the 2025 Ministerial Conference, (2) launch the 2024 review questionnaire, and (3) identify which support is needed for countries to complete the questionnaire.

### Format of the meeting

The meeting will be organized in hybrid setting with most participants attending in-person and online participants joining via Microsoft Teams platform. The modality of the meeting will be a combination of presentations, interactive discussion and feedback sessions. Selected members of the RSG and experts will be asked in advance to be presenters and discussants during the sessions.

### Participants

Members of the RSG will be invited to the meeting. They can nominate alternate or additional participants if necessary. Other Members and Associate Members of ESCAP, development partners, donors and experts can participate as observers in agreement with ESCAP.

New members of the group can attend a short briefing on the work of the Regional Steering Group in advance of the meeting.

### Language

The working language of the meeting will be English.