

# Concept Note for World Café on Key achievements throughout the Asia and the Pacific CRVS Decade

## Timing:

09.40-10.40, Tuesday 7 May 2024

## Format

The “World Café” format is a meeting process that involves a series of simultaneous conversations around a particular issue or topic. This World Café session will last for roughly 60 mins and consist of a series of table conversations involving 8-10 persons per round table. Each table has a “host” and/or an ESCAP resource person. During the course of the World Cafe, participants may change tables several times and discuss different aspects of the same general topic (key achievements throughout the Asia and the Pacific CRVS Decade) with a variety of other participants, delving more deeply into the topic during each subsequent conversation. This enables ideas to flow around the room and participants to connect with a larger group of individuals and hear new perspectives. Through this process, participants are able to identify common themes or common ground in response to each question.

The process starts with the first of three or more discussion rounds for the small group seated around a table. At the end of each discussion round, participants may wish to move to a different table.

The table hosts and/or ESCAP persons should stay at the table throughout the different rounds of the discussions. The table host or ESCAP person welcomes new guests, briefly summarizes the previous conversations, and motivate further discussion. The ESCAP persons can help with the preparation, notetaking and reporting back.

As well as speaking and listening, individuals are encouraged to write or draw on the post-it/sticky notes and place them on the flipchart so that when people change tables, they can see what previous members have expressed in their own words and images. Colorful pens on the tables and a plentiful supply of blank paper provide the opportunity for participants to write down the keywords, phrases, images, and symbols that reflect ideas emerging in their conversations. Participants are encouraged to tick or underline any ideas or issues to which they can relate.

## Feedback and output

Each round lasts 15-20 minutes and participants may wish to move to a new table to join their discussions. At the end of the World Café, there will be a long list of insights on key achievements throughout the Asia and the Pacific CRVS Decade. Table host or ESCAP person will be asked to summarise the top three to five ideas related to the table topic on the table so others can move around and see the different ideas.

## Timings

Time	Topic Area
09:40 – 10:40	Table hosts to give a flash presentation of one minute each on the issue their table will discuss before participants start discussing.  Table discussions on key achievements throughout the Asia and the Pacific CRVS Decade – four rounds of 15-20 minutes. May be adjusted depending on the number of participants.
10:40 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:25	Reporting back to plenary from the World Café discussions – limited to 3 mins each to cover three-five key points

## Role of Table Hosts

As a table host you will need to:

- Give a one-minute lightning presentation on the discussion topic which your table will be looking at (as this is very short, we will not be using PowerPoint slides);
- Welcome people to the table and then help to facilitate the discussion;
- Encourage participants to talk and also to write down ideas on the post-it/sticky notes to be placed on the flipchart, and build on each other's ideas; they may want to put a tick by ideas they agree with or a cross if they disagree;
- Participants may wish to move to a new table every 15 to 20 minutes;
- As new people come to the table, you may want to summarise the discussions and then encourage them to build on the earlier discussions. Please also encourage them to keep writing down their thoughts;
- Table host or ESCAP person at each table will report back during the feedback session;

## Discussion Topics

- **TABLE 1 – Birth registration:**

**Table Host:** Mr. Belete Birara Walle, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF ROSA

**ESCAP Person:** Mr. Nicolas Patoine-Hamel, Statistic Division, ESCAP

- Question 1: What are the key achievements from your country/organization that you would like to highlight?
- Question 2: What are the main challenges/obstacles preventing your country/organization from achieving birth registration targets?
- Question 3: What are your plans to ensure that hard-to-reach populations and people in vulnerable situations will be registered?

- **TABLE 2 – Death registration and recording of cause of death:**

**Table host:** Dr. Amani Siyam, Regional Adviser, Health Information Systems, WHO, Regional Office for South East Asia/Ms. Doris Ma Fat, Statistician, Department of Data and Analytics, WHO Headquarters

**ESCAP Person:** Ms. Lanjie Wang, Statistics Division, ESCAP

- Question 1: What are the key achievements from your country/organization that you would like to highlight?
- Question 2: What can the region do to accelerate this progress?
- Question 3: What types of capacity building and resources are needed to ensure that every death is registered?

- **TABLE 3 – Vital statistics production:**

**Table host:** Ms. Chloe Mercedes Harvey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP

- Question 1: What are the key achievements from your country/organization that you would like to highlight?

- Question 2: What are the key challenges which hinder the regular production of vital statistics?
- Question 3: Could you share some examples of your country/organization using vital statistics in policy development to improve government service delivery?

- **TABLE 4 – Inclusion of hard to reach and marginalised groups:**

**Table Host:** Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief, Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP, and Mr. Amit Sen, Senior Statelessness Officer, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

- Question 1: Can you describe some successes in your country/organization to ensure the registration of all?
- Question 2: What are the challenges to ensure hard-to-reach populations and people in vulnerable situations are registered?
- Question 3: What are your plans to support the registration of hard-to-reach populations and people in vulnerable situations?

- **TABLE 5 – Digitalization and linkages between civil registration and other government systems:**

**Table host:** Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Statistics Division, ESCAP

- Question 1: What are some of the CRVS digitalization successes in your country since 2014?
- Question 2: Could you share your experience in leveraging digitalization to link civil registration with other government services or systems?
- Question 3: How do you think the discussions on digitalization have changed over the last 10 years?

- **TABLE 6 – Legislative and regulatory changes:**

**Table host:** Dr. Om Prakash Bera, Regional Advisor for Non Communicable Diseases and Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, Asia, Global Health Advocacy Incubator, and Mr. Ruhul Quddus, Bangladesh Country Lead, Global Health Advocacy Incubator

**ESCAP Person:** Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP

- Question 1: Could you share some key legislative and regulatory changes in your country/supported by your organization that supported progress towards your CRVS goals and targets?
- Question 2: What legislative and regulatory changes do you think are necessary to achieve universal civil registration by the end of the CRVS Decade extension?
- Question 3: What are the main obstacles preventing your country/organization from adopting legislative and regulatory changes to improve civil registration and vital statistics production?

The exact number of discussion tables may be adjusted depending on actual turnout.