

# Concept Note for World Café on key messages in the 2025 Ministerial Declaration (building on discussions in Session 15)

## Timing:

09.30-10.35, Thursday 9 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 messages in the 2025 Ministerial Declaration) 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 summarize 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. Colourful 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
09:30 – 10:15	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 messages in the 2025 Ministerial Declaration – four rounds of 15-20 minutes. May be adjusted depending on the number of participants.
10:15 – 10:35	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 – Progress to-date:**

**Table Host:** Ms. Marine Yaylakhanyan, Head of Civil Status Acts Registration Agency, Ministry of Justice, Armenia

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

- Question 1: What key achievements would you like to highlight in the Ministerial Declaration?
- Question 2: What key challenges would you like to highlight in the Ministerial Declaration?
- Question 3: What key areas would you like more high-level support with that are worth highlighting in the Ministerial Declaration?

- **TABLE 2 – Extending the Decade to align with the 2030 Agenda:**

**Table host:** Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Additional Registrar General, Office of Registrar General, Ministry of Home Affairs, India

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

- Question 1: What rationales for extending the Decade to 2030 should we include in the Ministerial Declaration (i.e. align with the 2030 Agenda, justification for not reaching the goals by 2024, etc.)?
- Question 2: What other information is needed to help Ministers make a decision on extending the Decade to 2030?
- Question 3: What key changes, including governance arrangement of the CRVS Decade if any, would you like to highlight in the Ministerial Declaration?

- **TABLE 3 – Enhancing the resilience and inclusivity of CRVS systems across the region:**

**Table host:** Mr. Russell Burnard, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand

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

- Question 1: What do “resilience” and “inclusivity” for CRVS mean for your country/organization?

- Question 2: What key messages on ensuring access to and benefits of CRVS systems for hard-to-reach populations and people in vulnerable situations would you like to include in the Ministerial Declaration?
- Question 3: What key messages on resilience and continuity of access to CRVS services and benefits would you like to highlight in the Ministerial Declaration?

- **TABLE 4 – Support from development partners:**

**Table Host:** Ms. Rohina Joshi, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Technical Advisor in the ESCAP Region to the CDC/NCHS and the Data for Health Initiative, University of New South Wales/Ms. Erin K. Nichols, Global Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Team Division of Vital Statistics NCHS, CDC, USA

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

- Question 1: What key achievements resulting from development partners' support would you like to highlight in the Ministerial Declaration?
- Question 2: Which kind of commitments would you like to see development partners to express?
- Question 3: What should development partners be asked to do to support countries between 2025 and 2030?

- **TABLE 5 – Other key messages:**

**Table host:** Mr. Paciano B. Dizon, Regional Director, Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA), Philippines

**ESCAP Person:** Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief, Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP

- Question 1: What other key messages do you think are worth highlighting in the Ministerial Declaration?

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