



**Ninth meeting of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, 10-12 May 2023**

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<b>Day 1, Wednesday, 10 May 2023</b>			
<b>Session number and Time</b>	<b>Chair and Rapporteur</b>	<b>Topic and speakers</b>	<b>Document</b>
<b>Morning</b>			
Session 1: 09.00 – 09.40	Chair: Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group and Administrator-General, Ministry of Justice, Fiji  Rapporteur: Mr. Romain Santon, Regional Deputy Director, CRVS Improvement Programme, Vital Strategies	<u>Welcome, adoption of agenda and introductions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome remarks by Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific (RSG) and Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief of the Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP (15 mins)</li> <li>Tour-de-table: (1) Who is participating in the meeting? And (2) summarize the CRVS Decade in <b>one word</b> by Mr. Sovannaroeth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP (25 mins)</li> </ul>	For information: <a href="#">Information about the Regional Steering Group</a>
Session 2: 09.40-10.55	Chair: Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group and Administrator-	<u>Progress to-date following 2022 RSG meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation on implementing inequality assessments and strengthening demographic analysis capacity – Ms. Chloe Mercedes Harvey, Associate Population Affairs Officer, Statistics Division, ESCAP (10 mins)</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Implementing Inequality Assessments and Strengthening Demographic Analysis Capacity</a>

	<p>General, Ministry of Justice, Fiji</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Romain Santon, Regional Deputy Director, CRVS Improvement Programme, Vital Strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessing inequalities in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Designing inequality assessment and identifying suitable groups to include in the assessment</u> – Mr. Tupai Silapela, Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Samoa Bureau of Statistics (10 mins)</li> <li>○ <u>Implementing inequality assessment</u> – Mr. Mohammad Khaled Hasan, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Division, Bangladesh (10 mins)</li> <li>○ <u>Implementing inequality assessment</u> – Ms. Thirakha Chanthalanouvong, Director General, Social Statistics Department, Lao Statistics Bureau (10 mins)</li> <li>○ <u>Producing and using findings from their inequality assessments</u> – Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group and Administrator-General, Ministry of Justice, Fiji (10 mins)</li> <li>○ Q&amp;A (25 mins)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://getinthepicture.org">Inequality Assessment – getinthepicture.org</a></p>
10.55-11.00		<u>Group Photo</u>	
11.00-11.20		Break – <i>Challenge – Meet two new people and ask them their story</i>	
Session 3: 11.20-13.00	<p>Chair: Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group and Administrator-General,</p>	<p><u>Introduction to World Café:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP (5 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>World Café: Expert Dialogue on Assessing and Addressing Inequalities in CRVS systems (60 mins)</u></b></p>	<p><a href="#">Implementing Inequality Assessments and Strengthening Demographic Analysis Capacity</a></p>

	<p>Ministry of Justice, Fiji</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Romain Santon, Regional Deputy Director, CRVS Improvement Programme, Vital Strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Data availability</u> – Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group and Administrator-General, Ministry of Justice, Fiji</li> <li>• <u>Relevance for policy and practice</u> – Mr. Mohammad Khaled Hasan, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Division, Bangladesh</li> <li>• <u>Improving demographic skills</u> – Ms. Thirakha Chanthalanouvong, Director General, Social Statistics Department, Lao Statistics Bureau</li> <li>• <u>Stakeholder engagement</u> – Mr. Tupai Silapela, Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Samoa Bureau of Statistics</li> <li>• <u>Incentives for birth and death registrations</u> – Mr. Muhammad Cholifihani, Director of Population Planning and Social Protection, Ministry of National Development Planning, Indonesia</li> <li>• <u>Qualitative assessment</u> – Bali Process</li> </ul> <p><u>Feedback from the World Café</u> (35 mins)</p>	<p><a href="http://getinthepicture.org">Inequality Assessment – getinthepicture.org</a></p>
13.00-14.00		Lunch	
<b>Afternoon</b>			
<p>Session 4: 14.00-15.20</p>	<p>Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages &amp; General Manager Operations, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Matthias Reuss, Senior</p>	<p><u>Progress to-date following 2022 RSG meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lightning talks: Experience sharing on digitizing CRVS processes facilitated by Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP (45 mins)</li> <li>• Presentation on advancing digital technology in CRVS processes by UNDP (15 mins)</li> <li>• Plenary discussion (15 mins)</li> <li>• Recap (5 mins)</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Report on the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RSG for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific</a></p>

	Statelessness Officer, UNHCR		
15.20-15.40		Break	
Session 5 15.40-17.00	<p>Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages &amp; General Manager Operations, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Matthias Reuss, Senior Statelessness Officer, UNHCR</p>	<p><u>Progress to-date following 2022 RSG meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations on CRVS resilience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Lessons from COVID-19</u> – Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Malaysia Department of Statistics (15 mins)</li> <li>○ <u>Impact of climate change on CRVS system</u> – Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief of Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP (15 mins)</li> <li>○ <u>How to create a resilient CRVS system</u> – Mr. Russell Burnard, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages &amp; General Manager Operations, New Zealand (15 mins)</li> <li>○ Plenary discussion on preparing for future shocks (30 mins)</li> <li>○ Recap (5 mins)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<b>Day 2, Thursday, 11 May 2023</b>			
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Session 6: 09.00 –9.30	Chair: Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Welcome to Day 2</u>, Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Malaysia, Chair of the morning sessions (5 mins)</li> </ul>	

	<p>Chief Statistician, Malaysia Department of Statistics</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Roland Dilipkumar Hensman, Team Lead, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Recap of Day 1</u>, Mr. Romain Santon, Vital Strategies, and Mr. Matthias Reuss, UNHCR (10 mins)</li> <li>• <u>CRVS Quiz!</u> (15 mins)</li> </ul>	
<p>Session 7: 09.30 – 10.40</p>	<p>Chair: Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Malaysia Department of Statistics</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Roland Dilipkumar Hensman, Team Lead, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO</p>	<p><u>Presentation on the CRVS Decade timeline by ESCAP</u> (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background</li> <li>• Achievements</li> <li>• Areas of improvement</li> <li>• 2024 CRVS Decade Review</li> <li>• Beyond the Decade</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel: Strengths and weaknesses of the CRVS Decade</u> (55 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Rikke Munk Hansen, Chief of Economic and Environment Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Marizza Grande, Assistant National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority</li> <li>○ Mr. Jeff Montgomery, Adviser, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, Statistics for Development Division, The Pacific Community (SPC)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Romain Santon, Regional Deputy Director, CRVS Improvement Programme, Vital Strategies</li> <li>○ Mr. Matthias Reuss, Senior Statelessness Officer, UNHCR</li> <li>○ Ms. Astrid Gonzaga Dionisio, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	
10.40-11.00		Break	
Session 8 11.00-13.00	<p>Chair: Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Malaysia Department of Statistics</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Roland Dilipkumar Hensman, Team Lead, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO</p>	<p><u>SWOT Analysis of the CRVS Decade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break out into 6 groups with ESCAP member facilitating and keeping time (60 mins)</li> <li>• Each group assigns a rapporteur to report back, 5 mins per group (30 mins)</li> <li>• Plenary discussion (30 mins)</li> </ul>	
13.00-14.00		Lunch	
<b>Afternoon</b>			
Session 9: 14.00-14.30	Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, Registrar-General of Births,	<p><u>Presentation on implications of a CRVS Decade extension on regional and global priorities</u> by Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief of Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP (15 mins)</p> <p><u>Q&amp;A</u> (15 mins)</p>	

	<p>Deaths and Marriages &amp; General Manager Operations, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Rohina Joshi, Senior Technical Advisor, Data for Health and Global Health Lead, CDC Foundation</p>		
<p>Session 10: 14.30 -15.40</p>	<p>Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages &amp; General Manager Operations, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Rohina Joshi, Senior Technical Advisor,</p>	<p><u>Presentation on options for CRVS Decade beyond 2024</u> by Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP (10 mins)</p> <p><b><u>World Café: CRVS Decade beyond 2024</u></b> (60 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Achieving national targets</u> – Mr. Ariunbold Shagdar, Director of the Census and Data Analysis Department, National Statistics Office of Mongolia</li> <li>• <u>Can we get to universal registration?</u> – Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Additional Registrar General, Office of Registrar General, Ministry of Home Affairs, India</li> <li>• <u>2030 Agenda alignment or beyond 2030?</u> – Ms. Mariana Jalaghomia, Chief Specialist at the Population Census and Demographic Statistics Department, Georgia</li> <li>• <u>Maintaining or introducing new focus areas</u> – Dr. Duan Mengjuan, Technical</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Report on the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RSG for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific</a></p> <p><a href="#">Report of the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific</a></p>

	Data for Health and Global Health Lead, CDC Foundation	<p>Officer, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Challenges of extending the current Decade or establishing a new Decade</u> – Mrs. Kaaro Neeti, Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Kiribati</li> </ul>	
15.40-16.00		Break	
Session 11: 16.00-17.00	<p>Chair: Mr. Russell Burnard, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages &amp; General Manager Operations, New Zealand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Rohina Joshi, Senior Technical Advisor, Data for Health and Global Health Lead, CDC Foundation</p>	<p><u>Feedback from the World Café</u> (30 mins)</p> <p><u>Mentimeter and discussion! Recommendations for CRVS Decade beyond 2024</u> facilitated by ESCAP team (30 mins)</p>	

<b>Day 3, Friday, 12 May 2023</b>			
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<b>Morning</b>			
<p>Session 12: 09.00 – 09.30</p>	<p>Chair: Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Malaysia Department of Statistics</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Duan Mengjuan, Technical Officer, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Welcome to Day 3</u>, Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Malaysia, Chair of the morning session (5 mins)</li> <li>• <u>Recap of Day 2</u>, Mr. Roland Dilipkumar Hensman, WHO, and Dr. Rohina Joshi, CDC Foundation (10 mins)</li> <li>• <u>Tour-de-table: Participants will be asked to share their own perspective on the ninth RSG for CRVS meeting, World Café, and discussion on CRVS Decade</u> by Ms. Wiraporn Pothisiri, Statistics Division, ESCAP (15 mins)</li> </ul>	
<p>Session 13: 09.30 – 10.00</p>	<p>Chair: Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Malaysia Department of Statistics</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Duan Mengjuan, Technical Officer, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO</p>	<p><u>Plenary and decision on CRVS Decade beyond 2024</u> (30 mins)</p>	

<p>Session 14: 10.00-10.30</p>	<p>Chair: Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Malaysia Department of Statistics</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Duan Mengjuan, Technical Officer, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO</p>	<p><u>Presentation on the 2024 review of the Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024)</u> by ESCAP (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review process and timeline</li> <li>• Standard elements to be included (national targets and the implementation steps)</li> <li>• The potential to include additional themes</li> </ul> <p><u>Q&amp;A</u> (15 mins)</p>	<p><a href="#">CRVS Decade (2014-2025) Midterm Review Process</a></p> <p><a href="#">Workshop on the Midterm Review of the CRVS Decade (2014-2025)</a></p>
<p>10.30-10.45</p>		<p>Break</p>	
<p>Session 15: 10.45-12.30</p>	<p>Chair: Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Malaysia Department of Statistics</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Duan Mengjuan, Technical Officer, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO</p>	<p><u>Mentimeter Quiz! Recalling the Midterm Review</u> (15 mins)</p> <p><u>Experience sharing by countries on completing the midterm questionnaire</u> (60 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mohammad Khaled Hasan, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Division, Bangladesh</li> <li>• Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Malaysia Department of Statistics</li> <li>• Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group and Administrator-General, Ministry of Justice, Fiji</li> <li>• Mrs. Kaaro Neeti, Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Kiribati</li> </ul> <p><u>Experience sharing on the development of the midterm regional synthesis report</u> (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. David Rausis, Statistician, UNODC</li> </ul> <p><u>Q&amp;A</u> (15 mins)</p>	<p><a href="#">Midterm Questionnaire Responses – Asia and Pacific CRVS Decade (2014-2025) Midterm Review</a></p> <p><a href="#">CRVS Decade (2014-2025) Midterm Questionnaire</a></p> <p><a href="#">CRVS Decade (2014-2025) Midterm Report Databases</a></p>
<p>12.30-13.30</p>		<p>Lunch</p>	

Afternoon			
Session 16: 13.30-15.00	<p>Chair: Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group and Administrator-General, Ministry of Justice, Fiji</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Sergiu Gaina, Statelessness Officer, UNHCR</p>	<p><b><u>World Café: Assessing Themes for the 2024 Review of the Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024) (60 mins)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Links to national ID</u> – Mr. Muhammad Cholifihani, Director of Population Planning and Social Protection, Ministry of National Development Planning, Indonesia</li> <li>• <u>Marriage registration</u> – Mr. Christophe Lefranc, Technical Adviser on Population and Development (Data and Census), UNFPA</li> <li>• <u>Resilient systems</u> – Mr. Russell Burnard, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages &amp; General Manager Operations, New Zealand</li> <li>• <u>Increased focus on universality</u> – Ms. Astrid Gonzaga Dionisio, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF</li> <li>• <u>Uses of CRVS for social protection</u> – Mr. Romain Santon, Regional Deputy Director, CRVS Improvement Programme, Vital Strategies</li> <li>• <u>Achieving cause of death targets</u> – Mr. Roland Dilipkumar Hensman, Team Lead, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO</li> <li>• <u>Secured exchange of confidential information</u> – Dr. Rohina Joshi, Senior Technical Advisor, Data for Health and Global Health Lead, CDC Foundation</li> </ul> <p><u>Feedback from the World Café (30 mins)</u></p>	<p><a href="#">Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2014-2025) Midterm Review Report</a></p> <p><a href="#">Report on the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RSG for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific</a></p> <p><a href="#">Report of the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific</a></p>
15.00-15.20		Break	
Session 17: 15.20-16.00	<p>Chair: Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional</p>	<p><b><u>Plenary discussions and decision on themes for the 2024 Review of the Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024) (40 mins)</u></b></p>	<p><a href="#">Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2014-2025)</a></p>

	<p>Steering Group and Administrator-General, Ministry of Justice, Fiji</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Sergiu Gaina, Statelessness Officer, UNHCR</p>		<p><a href="#">Midterm Review Report</a></p>
<p>Session 18: 16.00-17.00</p>	<p>Chair: Ms. Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group and Administrator-General, Ministry of Justice, Fiji</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Sergiu Gaina, Statelessness Officer, UNHCR</p>	<p><u>Wrap up (60 mins):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap of Day 3 – Dr. Duan Mengjuan, Technical Officer, Health Information and Intelligence Unit, WHO, and Mr. Sergiu Gaina, Statelessness Officer, UNHCR (10 mins)</li> <li>• Reflection – Plenary (30 mins)</li> <li>• Closing remarks by Ms. Treta Sharma, Administrator-General, Fiji, and Chair of the Regional Steering Group (10 mins)</li> <li>• Evaluation form (10 mins)</li> </ul>	