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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE PACIFIC CIVIL REGISTRARS NETWORK

Tanoa Hotel, Suva, Fiji 20-22 March 2023

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TIME		AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER
MONDAY 20 March			
08:30	09:00	REGISTRATION	
OPENING			
09:00	09:05	Welcome by the convenor of PCRN	Jeff Montgomery (SPC)
09:05	09:10	Welcome by the host country Fiji, including opening prayer	Neel Singh (Fiji)
09:10	09:15	Welcome by host partner ESCAP	Petra Nahmias (ESCAP)
09:15	09:30	Quick tour de table with introductions	Jeff Montgomery (SPC)
09:30	10:20	SPEED DAT(A)ING	Facilitated by Petra Nahmias (ESCAP)

10:20	10:45	GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK	
CURRENT SITUATION IN THE PACIFIC			
10:45	11:00	Overview of regional initiatives	Jeff Montgomery (SPC)
11:00	12:00	3 Country presentations - Niue, Samoa and Vanuatu	Rapporteur : Tracy Shields (Plan)
12:00	13:00	LUNCH	
13:00	14:00	3 Country presentations - Nauru, Tonga, Tuvalu	Rapporteur: Romain Santo (Vital Strategies)
14:00	14:30	HIMF: Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework. How civil registrars and Ministry of Health could collaborate to successfully report	Ms Tracy Yuen (WHO) and Ms Rumanusina Maua (SPC)
14:30	14:45	Coffee break	
DIGITIZATION OF CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEMS			
14:45	15:15	An overview of digitization options	Chahine Hamila (UNDP) (online)
15.15	15.45	eCRVS digital asset for the Pacific	Tracy Shields (Plan International) and Euan Millar (OpenCRVS)

15.45	16.15	<p>The emergence of digital credentials in the identity space:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The decentralized digital credential models vs. legacy approaches including benefits and limitations. 2. The various decentralized identity standards, and their maturity: Self Sovereign Identity (SSI), mDOC, and Digital Travel Credentials (DTC). 3. Applications of these standards in the ID space. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. mDOC in mDL (mobile drivers license) sweeping North America and Europe 2. SSI pilots and jurisdictional support including legislation to issue digital vital events records in California; and 3. DTC pilots testing digital passports and acceptance at borders. 	Arthur Prats, Canadian Bank Note (online)
16.15	16.30	WRAP UP	Jeff Montgomery (SPC)
16.30	17.30	Side Event with snacks: Demo of OpenCRVS	Euan Millar (OpenCRVS)

TUESDAY 21 March

09:00	09:15	Good morning and introduction to World Café on digitization	Jeff Montgomery (SPC) and Petra Nahmias (ESCAP)
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09.15	10.00	<p>DISCUSSION: World café setup: Each table has a table host who will facilitate the discussions and ensure they are documented. Participants can move between their tables of choice every 10 minutes and can stay at the same table for more than one round if interested.</p> <p>Suggested Tables:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mapping existing business processes as an input into digitization efforts (Petra - ESCAP) 2. Online registration Case Study (Adrian - NZ) 3. Digitization of existing records (Romain - VS) 4. Links with the health sector and notifications (Vicki - AHIW) 5. Making historic records available globally (Jason - Ancestry.com) 	
10.00	10.30	Feedback from World Cafe	Petra Nahmias (ESCAP)
10.30	10.45	Coffee break	
CLIMATE CHANGE AND CRVS			
10.45	11.15	Climate change basics, the monitoring reporting and verification issues plus the new Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement. Data and statistics play a key role in understanding the climate change profile (or footprint) of a country, and are needed for many aspects of climate change implementation.	Espen Ronneberg (SPC). By video
11.15	11.30	Presentation on climate change and CRVS	Petra Nahmias (ESCAP)
11.30	12.00	Climate change impacts on Health and the role of CRVS	Tracy Yuen (WHO)
12.00	12.45	LUNCH	

12.45	15.30	8 Country presentations (those countries likely to be faster - New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshal Is, Palau, Tokelau, and Fiji)	Rapporteur: Salote Kaimacuata (UNICEF)
15.30	16.00	Wrap up and introduction to site visit	Jeff Montgomery and Neel Singh
16.00	17.00	Transport and visit to the registration department	
Wednesday 22 March			
09.00	09.15	Good morning	Jeff Montgomery (SPC)
09.15	09.45	Ensuring no one is left behind - experiences with inequality assessments in Fiji	Neel Singh (Fiji)
09.45	10.30	<p>DISCUSSION: World café setup: Each table has a table host who will facilitate the discussions and ensure they are documented. Participants can move between their tables of choice every 10 minutes and can stay at the same table for more than one round if interested.</p> <p>Suggested Tables:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Getting back to business after a disaster or emergency (Tracy - Plan) 2. Re-issuing of documents and IT during a disaster (Euan - OpenCRVS) 3. Displacement during an emergency or disaster (Petra - ESCAP) 4. Recording vital events that occur during a disaster (esp deaths) - (Romain - VS) 5. Impacts of climate change on health and what it means to civil registration (Vicki - AIHW) 	
10.30	10.45	Coffee Break	
10.45	11.15	Feedback from World Cafe	Petra Nahmias (ESCAP)

11.15	12.15	3 Country presentations - PNG, Solomons, Micronesia	Rapporteur: Viola Kwa (SPC)
12.15	13.00	Lunch	
13.00	13.30	Australian Digital Birth Certificate	David John and Vineet Gounder (New South Wales) By video.
13:30	15.00	The way forward for PCRN	Jeff Montgomery (SPC)
15.00	15.15	Wrap up, Host Farewell, Coffee	Jeff Montgomery and Neel Singh

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