

Report on the results of the 2023 Asia-Pacific CRVS Research Forum

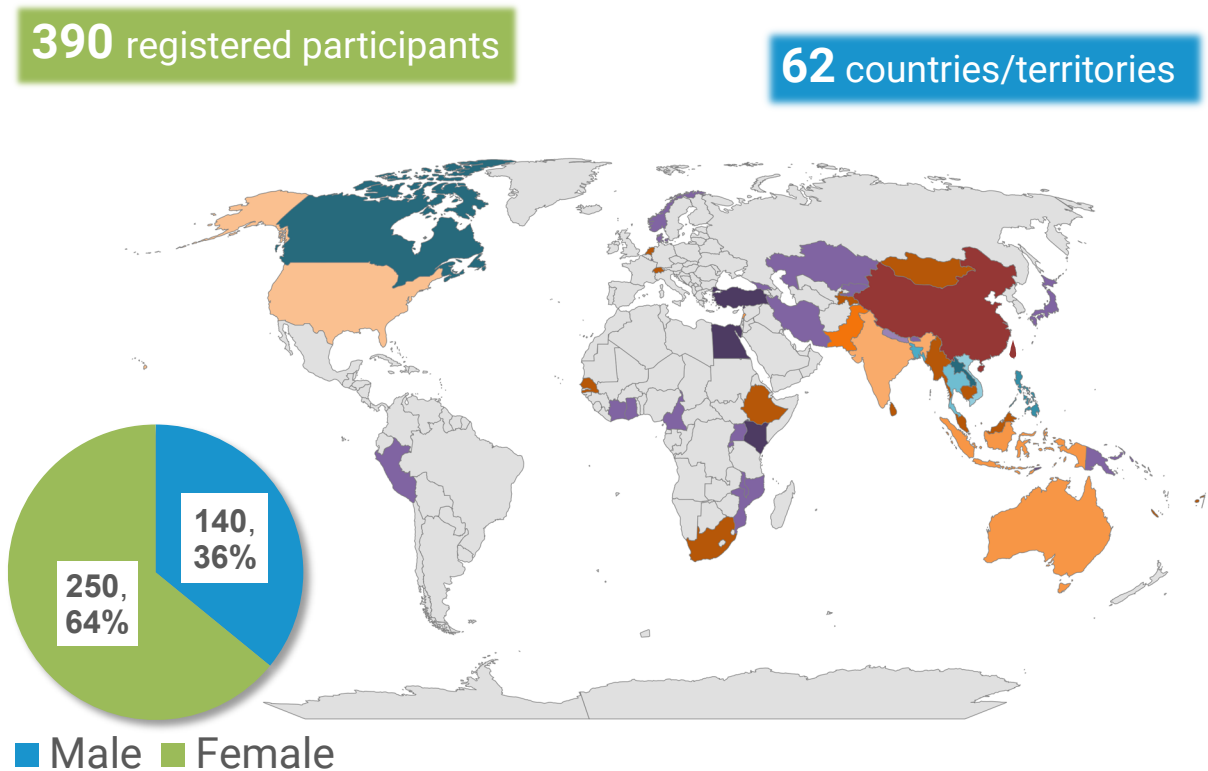
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The 2023 Asia-Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) research forum was held as a virtual event from 3 to 4 April 2023 in seven sessions, which included 24 presentations under 5 research themes, 6 key-note speeches and 4 interactive sessions. It aimed to offer a major research, information sharing, capacity-building, and networking opportunity for participants who attended and presented at the forum.

A total of 390 participants from 62 countries/territories registered to attend the forum. Among the seven sessions organized, each session was attended by an average of 92 participants, including development partners, academicians, official statisticians and various public and private stakeholders.

Figures 1 to 3 provide basic profiles about the participants and the countries who attended the forum.

Figure 1. Registered participants by country of origin and by Gender



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Figure 2. Attending participants in each session

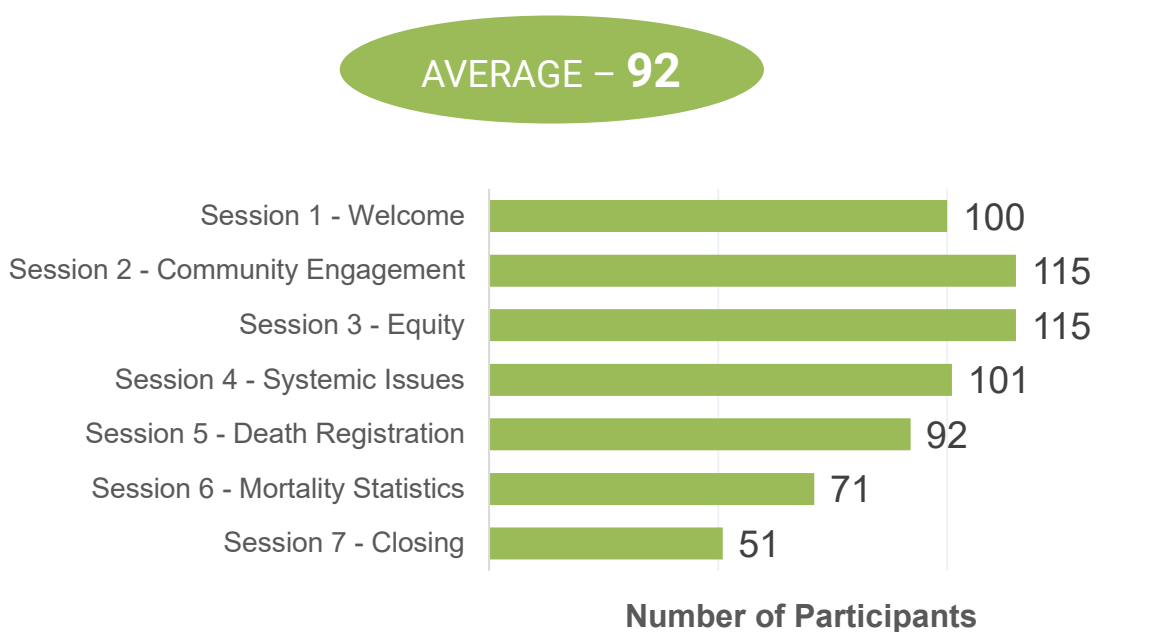
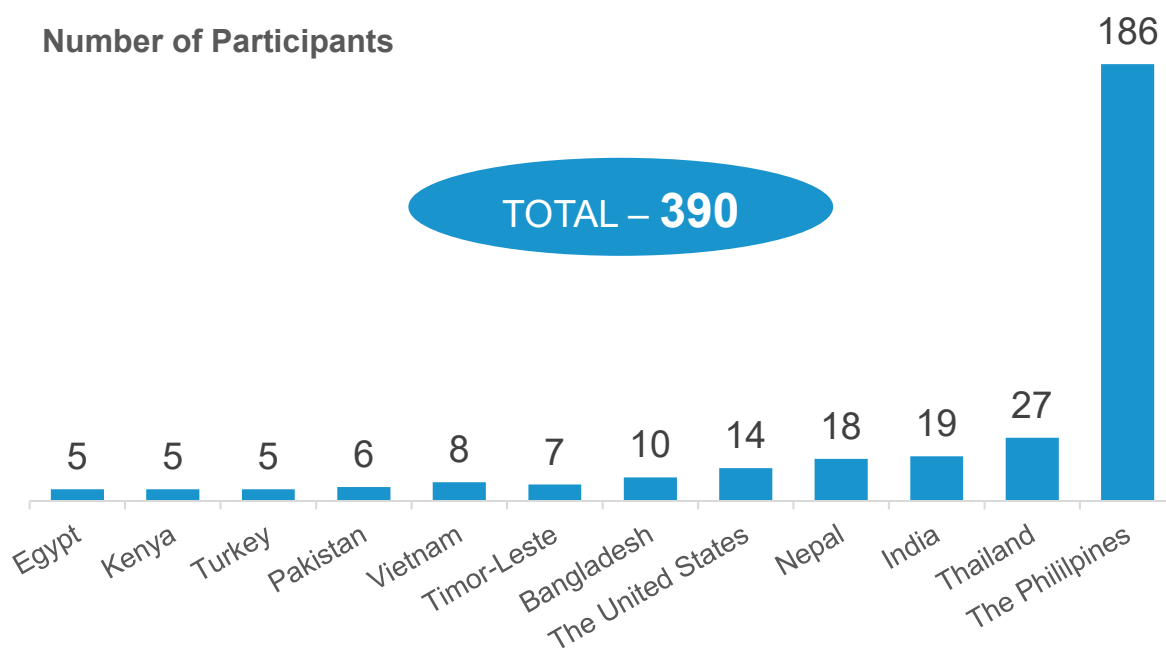


Figure 3. Countries and areas with at least 5 registered participants



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This section provides details on feedback on the forum based on the evaluation responses submitted by the participants. 57 participants responded to the evaluation survey. Figures 4 to 6 show how satisfied the participants were with the overall organization of the forum. Figures 7 to 9 reflect participants' views on the outcome and learning achieved through the forum, along with other comments and suggestions.

Figure 4. Participants' rating of the Relevance of the forum

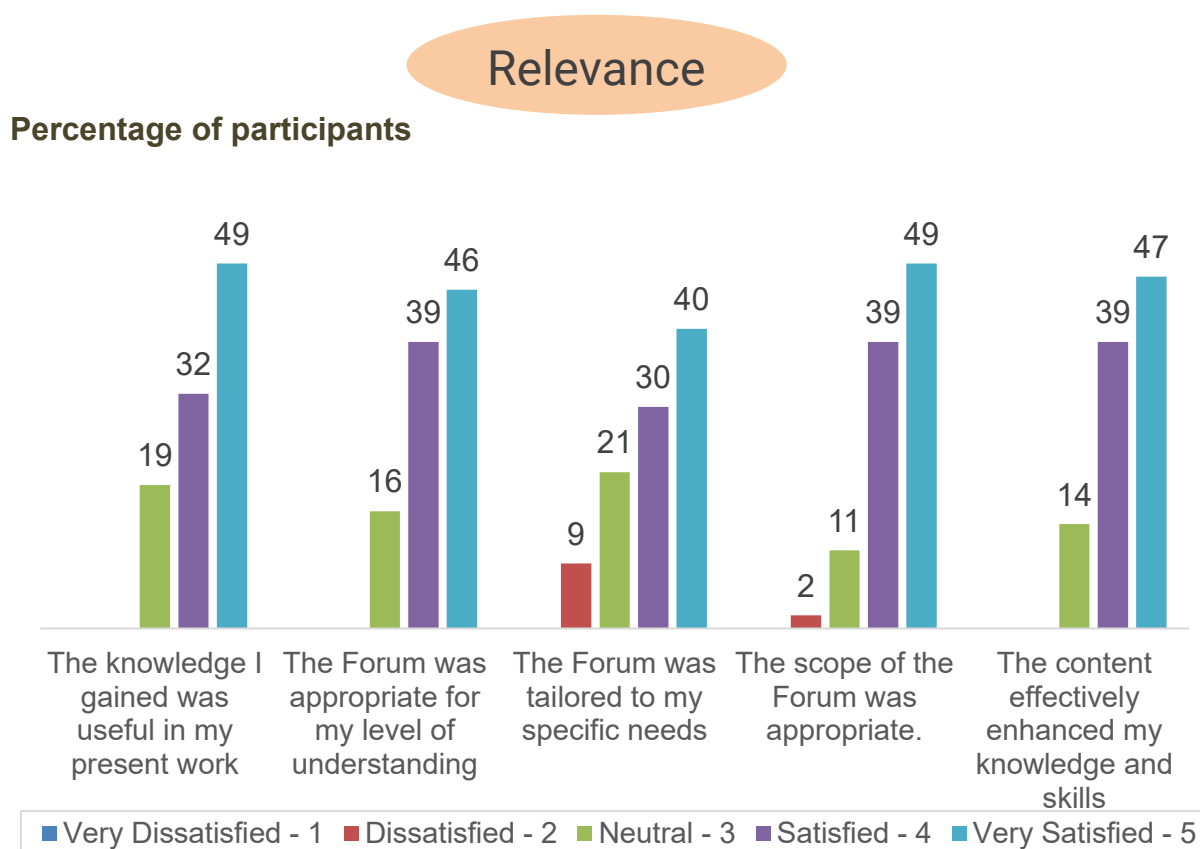


Figure 5. Participants' rating of the Effectiveness of the forum

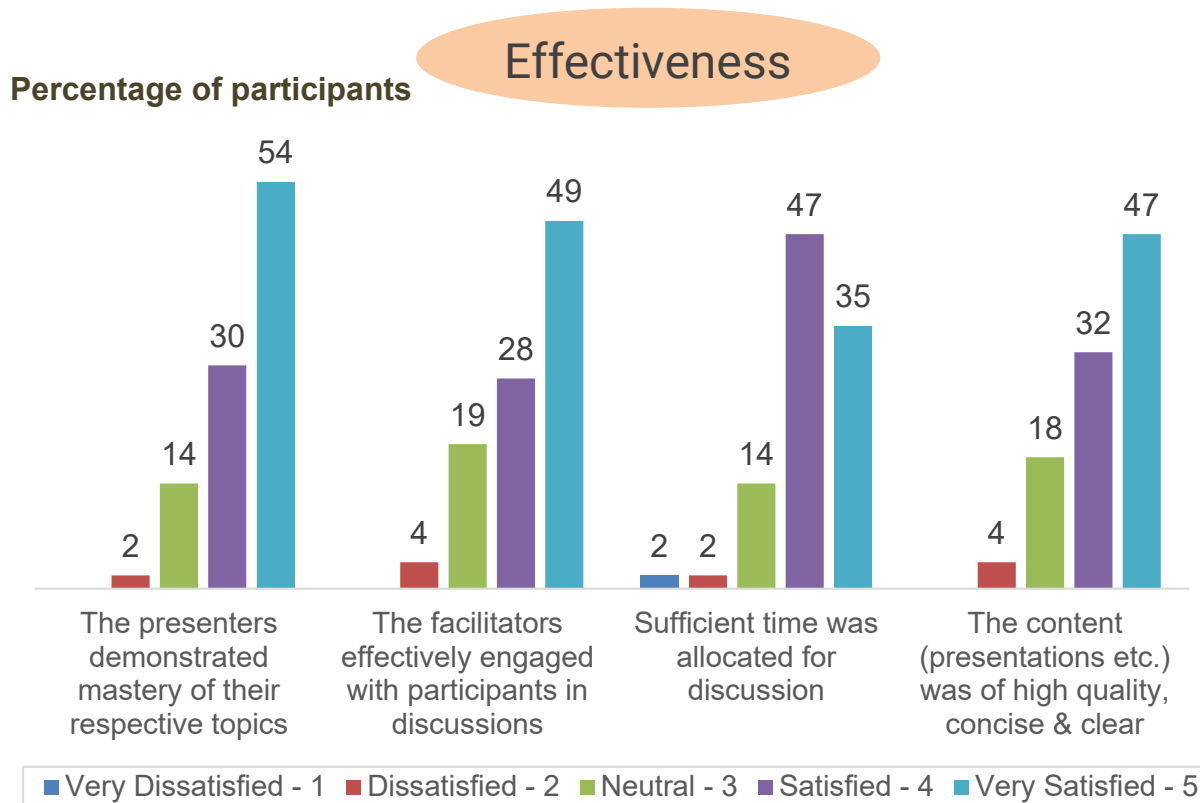


Figure 6. Participants' rating of the Efficiency of the forum

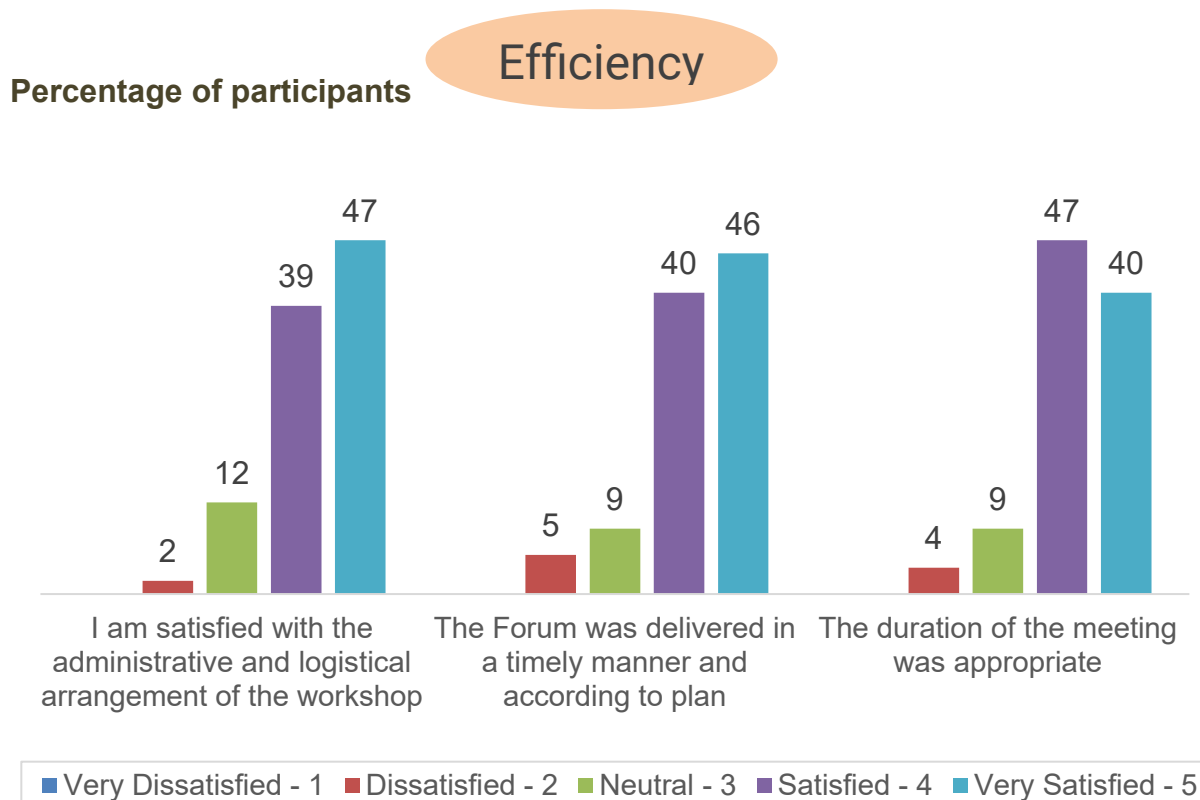
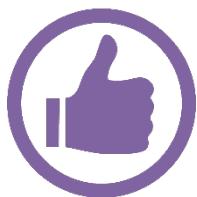


Figure 7. What were the results achieved (or likely to be achieved) through the Forum?



"Improved understanding of CRVS and its importance in policy making and

"A shared understanding of the breath of research related activities on CRVS in the ESCAP region. An improved understanding of the need for business process analysis to ensure that no-one is left behind and that CRVS systems function optimally."

"I got to gain more insights that can be useful in my workplace as a Registration Officer."

"How to integrate gender equity into our CRVS here in the Philippines."

"Improvement of CRVS in my region through the strategies learned from the presentations."

Figure 8. What was the most important thing you learned through this Forum?



"More information and ideas about improving civil registrations and vital statistics."

"The most important thing I have learned through this forum is that having a vital statistics document is mandatory, which can be used by the stakeholders to make plans for the welfare of the country."

"Joining this forum widened my perspective on possible ways of addressing CRVS issues and concerns."

"The presented research is eye opener to do more improvement in the civil registration system across the countries. I learned that the most important thing is to register the vital events, because all the civil registry documents are essential in all aspects in life, especially in education, job and even health."

"The importance of CRVS should be known to everyone, including children, as it provides legal identity and a ticket to more government social services."

Figure 9. Any other comments or suggestions you would like to share with the organizers?



"Good avenue to learn from different CRVS strategies implemented."

"More trainings needed and involve maximally the organizations that work tirelessly for community at grassroots level."

"Looking forward to more research forums on CRVS in the future. There is a need for more forums like this."

"Overall, the forum was fruitful and interesting."

"There is a need to highlight more effectively the pathways from civil registration to the production of vital statistics that are used to guide policy and decision-making. The pathways between the registration of the fact of death and the determination of cause of death needs to be better explained within CRVS systems."