

SECOND SOUTH-EAST ASIA CIVIL REGISTRATION PROFESSIONALS NETWORK MEETING

Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 14-16 January 2025

TIME		AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER
TUESDAY 14 January			
08:30	09:00	REGISTRATION	
OPENING			
09:00	09:25	Welcome Remarks by host	H.E Dr. Top Neth, Director General of General Department of Identification, Royal Cambodian Government
09:25	09:40	Opening remarks	Mr Jo Scheuer, UN Resident Coordinator
09:40	10:05	Quick tour de table with introductions	Everyone
10:05	10:20	Review of agenda and ways of working Introduction to the South-East Asia Civil Registration Professionals' Network	Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Statistics Division, ESCAP
10:20	10:40	GROUP PHOTO AND BREAK	
CRVS PROGRESS in SOUTH-EAST ASIA Chair – OUKCHAY Panhara DDG, General Department of Identification Cambodia, Rapporteur: Romain Santon, Vital Strategies			
10:40	11:00	Overview of key findings from 2025 Review of the Asia Pacific CRVS Decade	Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP
11:00	11:20	The Philippine Experience: Advancing Innovations in Systems, Achieving Complete Registration, implementing legislative reforms Q&A	Marizza B. Grande, Assistant. National Statistician, Philippines Statistics Authority
11:20	11:40	Key achievements: Development of the Law on Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identification in Cambodia: Process, challenges, lessons learned and implementation. Q&A	Ms. Chanmalen Luy, Deputy Director, Department of Civil Registration, General Department of Identification, Cambodia
11:40	12:00	The progress of implementing Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in the Lao PDR Q&A	Mr. Souksawath Keouangchanh, Deputy Director of Division, Department of Citizen Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Lao PDR

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12:00	13:00	LUNCH	
13:00	13:40	<p>GROUP DISCUSSION Key questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greatest CRVS achievements during the last 10 years 2. Your experience or perceived problems in gaining political support to make positive changes to CRVS systems. 3. Opportunities and barriers to funding for CRVS improvements 4. How does inter-department government collaboration occur to support birth and death registration? What are the barriers and enablers? 	
13:40	14:00	Feedback from group work, and identification of key challenges and solutions	Group discussion facilitated by chair
14:00	14:30	COFFEE BREAK AND SPEED DATING (ESCAP FACILITATING)	
<p>DIGITALIZATION OF CRVS SYSTEMS Chair – Ms Minerva Eloise P. Esquivias, O-I-C Deputy National Statistician, Philippines Statistics Authority, Rapporteur: Bhaskar Mishra, UNICEF</p>			
14:30	14:50	Introduction to the topic	Mr. Samuel Mills, Senior Health Specialist, World Bank
14:50	15:10	Digitalization supporting linkages between health and civil registration	Mr. Nham Ngoc Hien, Deputy General Director, Department of Civil Registration, Nationality and Authentication, Ministry of Justice of Vietnam
15:10	15:30	Data sharing, achievements and challenges Q&A	Mr. Nur Muhamad bin Muhamad Jamil National Registration Department, Malaysia
15:30	15:50	The role of CR in digital identity ecosystems Q&A	Mr. Panjapol Tungwiriya, Plan and Policy Analyst Civil Registration Division, Bureau of Registration Administration, Thailand
15:50	16:35	<p>World Café: Digitalization of CRVS systems</p> <p>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 15 minutes or stay at the same table for more than one round if interested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TABLE 1 – Costing and funding of digital and integrated identity management, hosted by Mr. Claudio Machado, Digital Development Consultant, World Bank • TABLE 2 – Digitization of existing records, hosted by Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Statistics Division, ESCAP 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TABLE 3 – Data sharing, hosted by Mr. Romain Santon, Regional Deputy Director, Asia Pacific, Vital Strategies • TABLE 4 – Mobile registration, hosted by Ministry of Justice, Thailand • TABLE 5 – Rolling out national ID systems, hosted by Mr. Bhaskar Mishra, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics and Legal Identity Specialist, UNICEF • TABLE 6 – Monitoring system performance, hosted by Ms. Stephanie Tan, Technical Advisor, CRVS, Vital Strategies • TABLE 7 – Business process improvement, hosted by Mr. Raj Mitra, CRVS Expert, Vital Strategies • TABLE 8 – The health sector’s role in notifications/declarations and registration, hosted by Ms. Doris Ma Fat, Statistician, Division for Data Analytics and Delivery for Impact, WHO 	
16:35	17:05	Feedback from World Café by table hosts and identification of key challenges, solutions and recommendations related to digitization of civil registration systems	
17:05	17:15	WRAP UP	Chair of the session

WEDNESDAY 15 January			
08:30	09:00	REGISTRATION	
INCLUSIVITY AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR CIVIL REGISTRARS Chair: Nur Muhamad bin Muhamad Jamil, National Registration Department, Malaysia Rapporteur: Romesh Silva, UNFPA			
09:00	09:15	Setting the scene, findings from the 2025 Review	Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Statistics Division, ESCAP
09:15	09:35	How Singapore reached universal registration Q&A	Mr Iskandar, Senior Manager (General Processing 2), Immigration and Registration, ICA Services Centre, Immigration and Checkpoint Authority, Singapore (remote)
09:35	09:55	Thailand’s progressive developments of registration inclusiveness Q&A	Ms. Nuananong "Kwan" Pankumhang, Country Coordinator, Vital Strategies on behalf of the Civil Registration Division, Bureau of Registration Administration, Thailand
09:55	10:15	BREAK	
10:15	11:00	World Café: Getting every one in the picture through inclusive CRVS systems	

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11:00	11:45	Feedback from World Café by table hosts and identification of key challenges, solutions and recommendations related to inclusivity in registration systems and outcomes	
11:45	11:55	Wrap up	ESCAP/Chair to wrap up
11:55	12:00	Information about the field trip	Mr. Chhun Vanna, Director Department of MIS
12:00	13:00	LUNCH	
13:30	16:30	<p>Visit to local registration office and health center in Phnom Penh hosted by GDI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Center – Live births and deaths recording and notification • Registration Office, Sangkat Por Saen Chey, Health-Civil registration link – Civil registration 	

THURSDAY 16 January

08:30	09:00	Registration	
RESILIENCE AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL REGISTRATION Chair: Jacob da Costa, Timor Leste, Rapporteur: Tanja Sejersen, ESCAP			
09:00	09:15	Setting the scene, findings from the 2025 Review	Mr. Romesh Silva, Technical Specialist, UNFPA
09:15	09:35	The registration of births, deaths and adoption and information on registration of Brunei's identity cards, currently and during covid Q&A	Ms. Liza Suriani Hj Ibrahim Deputy Director of National Registration Department of Immigration and National Registration, Brunei Darussalam
09:35	09:55	The CRVS system in Timor Leste Q&A	Mr. Jakob da Costa, Statistics Officer and CRVS Focal Point for Government and UN Agencies coordination, National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Finance, Timor-Leste
09:55	10:20	BREAK	
10:20	11:15	<p>World Café: Building resilient CRVS systems in an era of climate change and crises</p> <p>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 15 minutes or stay at the same table for more than one round if interested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TABLE 1 – Using Civil Registration data for population estimates, hosted by Mr. Adhipat Warangkhanand, Programme Coordinator, UNFPA Thailand Office • TABLE 2 – Cause of death and timely mortality estimates, hosted by Ms. Doris Ma Fat, Statistician, Division for Data Analytics and Delivery for Impact, WHO • TABLE 3 – Serving displaced populations, hosted by UNHCR • TABLE 4 – Business continuity during disasters, hosted by Mr. Romesh Silva, Technical Specialist, UNFPA • TABLE 5 – Digitalization and resilient systems, hosted by Ms. Anette Forsingdal, CRVS Consultant, World Bank; and Mr. Bhaskar Mishra, UNICEF • TABLE 6 – Supporting disaster response, hosted by Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Statistics Division, ESCAP • TABLE 7 – Securing data during disasters and emergencies, hosted Ms. Violet Kinuthia, Programme Specialist, UNFPA 	
11:15	12:00	Feedback from World Café by table hosts and identification of key challenges, solutions and recommendations related to resilience in registration systems and outcomes	

12:00	13:00	LUNCH	
13:00	14:00	<p>PANEL Building a resilient CRVS system in an era of climate change and crises</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Romesh Silva, Technical Specialist, UNFPA <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marizza B. Grande, Assistant. National Statistician, Philippines Statistics Authority Ms. Salome Iwotian Bogosia, Acting Registrar-General, Papua New Guinea Civil & Identity Registry Ms. Maletela Tuoane, Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Ms. Sana Naffa, Senior Programme Specialist, IDRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A 	
14:00	14:15	BREAK	
<p>FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR CIVIL REGISTRARS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA Chair - Romain Santon, Vital Strategies, Rapporteur: Sovannaroth Tey, ESCAP</p>			
14:15	16:00	<p>Discussion on future activities of the network including preparations for the Third Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspiration from CR8 SEA associated event at the Third Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Statistics Division, ESCAP (with support from Mr. Raj Mitra, CRVS Expert, Vital Strategies) <p>Existing ToRs outlined on pg 75-76 of the report of the first meeting of the network</p>
16:00	16:15	<p>WRAP UP Closing remarks</p>	ESCAP