



AGENDA

3rd CR8 Regional Conference of the Civil Registration Professionals of South Asia

Venue: InterContinental Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh 6-8 June 2023

TIME		AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER
TUESDAY 6 JUNE			
9:00	16:00	Field visit	Office of the Registrar General

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE			
08:30	09:00	REGISTRATION	
OPENING			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair: Mr. Md. Rashidul Hassan, Registrar General (Additional Secretary), Birth and Death Registration, Local Government Division Rapporteur: Urvashi Kaushik, UNICEF India 			
09:00	09:05	Welcome by the host	Mr. Md. Rashidul Hassan, Registrar General (Additional Secretary), Birth and Death Registration, Local Government Division.
09:05	09:15	Welcome by the convenor of CR8	Sheldon Yett, Representative, UNICEF Bangladesh
09:15	09:25	Welcome by host partner ESCAP	Petra Nahmias, Chief of Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division (ESCAP)
09:25	10:35	Welcome by the host, Bangladesh	Chair: Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim, Secretary, Local Government. Special Guest: Respected Cabinet Secretary, MR. Md. Mahbub Hossain, Cabinet Division. Chief Guest: Mr. Md. Tajul Islam, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives.
10:35	10.50	GROUP PHOTO and coffee break	

CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTH ASIA

- Chair: India, Mr. Pravin Srivastava, Chairman, State Statistical Commission of Madhya Pradesh.
- Mr. Md. Rashidul Hassan, Registrar General (Additional Secretary), Birth and Death Registration, Local Government Division
- Rapporteur: Mr. Keshab Chalise, Programme Coordinator, National Child Rights Council, Nepal

10:50	11:05	Country Presentations: overview of the current CRVS situation, challenges, opportunities and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh 	Dr. Mohd. Sher Ali, Additional Secretary, Local Government Division
11:05	11:15	Discussion Q&A	
11:15	11:30	Country Presentations: overview of the current CRVS situation, challenges, opportunities and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bhutan 	Ms. Karma Drugyel Zangmo, Ministry of Home Affairs
11:30	11:40	Discussion Q&A	
11:40	11:55	Country Presentations: overview of the current CRVS situation, challenges, opportunities and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India 	Mr. Kaushick Saha, Director Census Operations, India
11:55	12:05	Discussion Q&A	Hyun Hee Ban, Chief Social Policy, UNICEF India
12:05	13:00	Lunch	
13:00	13:15	Country Presentations: overview of the current CRVS situation, challenges, opportunities and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maldives 	Maldives, Ms. Aishath Rasheeda, Deputy Minister of National Planning
13:15	13:25	Discussion Q&A	
13:25	13:40	Country Presentations: overview of the current CRVS situation, challenges, opportunities and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nepal 	Mr. Jhakka Prasad Acharya, Director General, Department of National ID and Civil Registration, Nepal
13:40	13:50	Discussion Q&A	
13:50	14:05	Country Presentations: overview of the current CRVS situation, challenges, opportunities and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakistan 	Pakistan, Mr. Najam Ahmed Shah, Additional Chief Secretary (virtual)
14:05	14:15	Discussion Q&A	
14:15	14:30	Country Presentations: overview of the current CRVS situation, challenges, opportunities and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Lanka 	Mr. K.S.R.L. Senadeera, Deputy Director (Statistics), Department of Register General
14:30	14:40	Discussion Q&A	

Resilience for future shocks and climate change

- Chair: Mr. Kapil Timalena, Under Secretary, Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal
- Mr. Md. Rashidul Hassan, Registrar General (Additional Secretary), Birth and Death Registration, Local Government Division

- Rapporteur: Pakistan

14:40	15:00	Presentation: Climate change and CRVS, and regional Steering Group for CRVS's decision on resilience	Petra Nahmias, Chief of Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division (ESCAP)
15:00	15:30	CRVS during the pandemic Q&A	India, Mr. Pravin Srivastava
15:30	15:45	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
ASSESSING AND ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES IN CRVS			
15:45	16:00	Presentation on implementing inequality assessments and strengthening demographic analysis capacity	Petra Nahmias, Chief of Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division (ESCAP)
16:00	16:30	Country experience sharing: Designing and implementing inequality assessment in Bangladesh Q&A	Cabinet Division, Government of Bangladesh
16:30	17:00	Country sharing: Feedback from RSG meeting and Inequality Assessment workshop	Bangladesh
17:00	17:15	WRAP UP	Mr. Md. Rashidul Hassan, Registrar General (Additional Secretary), Birth and Death Registration, Local Government Division.

THURSDAY 8 JUNE

- **Chair:** Mr. Sonam Wangdi, Chief Planning Officer, Health Management & Information System Unit, Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of health.
- Mr. Md. Rashidul Hassan, Registrar General (Additional Secretary), Birth and Death Registration, Local Government Division
- **Rapporteur:** Ms. Fathimath Shifaza, Assistant Statistical officer, Maldives

09:00	09:10	Welcome by the convenor of CR8	Amanda Bissex, Regional Adviser, Child Protection, UNICEF ROSA
09:10	10:00	Country discussions in smaller groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which population groups in your countries are less likely to have their vital events registered? What are the barriers to registration of births/deaths for stateless persons, asylum seekers/refugees, foreigners/ migrants or any other vulnerable group? 2. Discuss your experience or challenges in gaining support to implement an inequality assessment. Does the national system currently have capacity to carry out an inequality assessment? 	

		<p>3. What data might be available to conduct inequality assessment? Is such data available to be analyzed or would there be support/budget for primary data collection?</p> <p>4. What support is needed from development partners?</p>	
10:00	10:45	Feedback from group work	
10:45	11:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
LINKS BETWEEN CRVS SYSTEM, IDENTITY MANAGEMENT, AND SERVICE DELIVERY			
11:00	11:15	An overview of the linkages between CRVS and identity management system Q&A	Romain Santon, Vital Strategies
11:15	11:45	Panel – Civil registration as a foundation for effective identity management systems: Experiences, Opportunities and challenges	<p>Moderator: Amanda Bissex</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Sanjukta Sahoo, Odisha, India 2. Mr. Jhakka Prasad Acharya, Nepal 3. Ms. Fathimath Riyaza, Maldives
11:45	12:00	Presentation: Background paper on CRVS system linkages for service delivery Q&A	Nicola Richards, Statistics Division (ESCAP)
12:00	13:00	LUNCH	
<p>Chair: Mr Ramzan Saieed, Director General, Islamabad Capital Territory, Pakistan Mr. Md. Rashidul Hassan, Registrar General (Additional Secretary), Birth and Death Registration, Local Government Division</p>			
13:30	13:50	Digitization and identity management systems	Bhaskar Mishra, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF HQ
13:50	15:00	Country experiences on digitization and CRVS	<p>Ms. Sheetal Verma, Director, Census Operations and Civil Registration, Uttar Pradesh, India</p> <p>&</p> <p>Mr. Ram Prasad Gautam, Nepal</p>
15:00	15:20	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
WAY FORWARD			
15:20	16:20	<p>Way forward for CR8 – Focus areas, working arrangement, and 2024 Review of the CRVS Decade</p> <p>Plenary Discussion</p>	<p>Mr. Md. Rashidul Hassan, Registrar General (Additional Secretary), Birth and Death Registration, Local Government Division</p> <p>Amanda Bissex, Regional Adviser, UNICEF ROSA</p>



			Sovannaroeth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP
16:20	16:40	WRAP UP Closing remarks by the host, Bangladesh	Gwyn Lewis, United Nations Resident Coordinator, United Nations in Bangladesh Dr. Mohd. Sher Ali, Additional Secretary, Local Government Division, Bangladesh