How to apply and criteria for selection

Participant selection is guided by eligibility criteria which include the following:

- Must be actively involved in an element of a CRVS system at the national, state, NGO, or institution level in a Member State of the Economic Commission for Africa[1] and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.[2]
- If applicable, the ability to mobilize the funding required to carry out the research.
- Minimum of undergraduate degree, preference for postgraduate training
- Fluent in written and spoken English, sufficient to participate in the course modules and prepare a research paper. The research paper may also be written in French if preferred.
- Computer literate and access to internet

The participant must provide the following in his or her application:

- Brief outline that a) describes a relevant issue that the candidate has identified, and b) a brief outline of proposed research which can be conducted within the time frame of the training (nine months to one year) to address this issue (up to 300 words)
- A brief statement of purpose for pursuing the applied research training (up to 300 words)
- Written statement from the programme manager or relevant authority confirming the relevance of the proposed research and granting the applicant permission to have time and opportunity to carry out and publish his/her applied research.
- Written commitment to attend all modules of the course, including both on-line and face to face, return to their programme or institution after the course and implement course knowledge at programme level for a minimum of 18 months.
- Written statement from a mentor (if available) or referee describing how the mentor or referee knows the candidate and if he/she will be suitable for the course.

In the event of over-subscription, the applicants will be ranked according to the following criteria:

- Relevance and quality of proposed research
- Feasibility of proposed research in terms of resources, timescale and sources
- Availability of appropriate mentors for the proposed topic
- Geographic diversity, gender balance and other inclusion factors
- Qualifications of candidate and any previous research or practical applications of research methodologies

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[1] Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, DR Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

[2] Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kazakhstan,   Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands (the), Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea,   Philippines (the), Republic of Korea (the), Russian Federation (the), Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka,   Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, American Samoa, Cook Islands (the), French Polynesia, Guam, Hong Kong, China, Macao, China, New Caledonia, Niue,   Northern Mariana Islands (the)