



# Asia-Pacific Civil Registrars' Meeting and CRVS Innovations Fair

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## DAY 1 – INNOVATIONS FOR IMPROVED REGISTRATION SERVICES

Time	Topic	Presenter / Moderator
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
<b>Session 1: Setting the Scene</b>		
09:00 – 09:20	<b>Welcome:</b> UNICEF - Valerie Taton, Deputy Representative of UNICEF Thailand; ESCAP - Shamika N. Sirimanne Officer-in-Charge, Statistics Division, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division WHO - Mark Landry Senior Technical Advisor, WHO-WPRO Plan International - Haider Yaqub, Deputy Regional Director, Program UNHCR - Thomas Vargas, Senior Regional Protection Advisor	
09:20 – 09:30	<b>Introductory Message:</b> Civil Registrars: Key Stakeholders for Strengthening CRVS Systems	<b>Deepak Rastogi,</b> Additional Registrar General, India
<b>Session 2: Transforming CRVS Systems with Sustainable ICT Innovations</b>		<b>Dr. M. Islam Bulbul</b> Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Bangladesh
9:30 – 9:50	<b>Overview:</b> ICT-Enhanced Solutions Causing Change and Making Gains in CRVS Strengthening	<b>Mark Landry</b> Senior Technical Advisor, WHO-WPRO
9:50 – 10:10	<b>Coffee break</b>	
10:10 – 11:30	<b>Spotlight on Country Experiences:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Thailand:</b> Linkages Between National Birth and Death Registration and National HIV/AIDS Registration</li> <li>▶ <b>Pakistan:</b> Digital Birth Registration / Open Smart Register Platform (OpenSRP)</li> <li>▶ <b>Vanuatu:</b> Decentralized B/D Data Management Services</li> </ul>	<b>Achara Teeraratkul,</b> Chief, Strategic Information, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand <b>Matt Berg,</b> President and Founder, Ona Systems <b>Mr. Joe Johnson Iati,</b> Director Civil Registry Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Vanuatu
11:30 – 12:00	Questions / Discussion	
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Session 3: ICT Challenges and Opportunities for Civil Registration in Asia and the Pacific</b>		<b>Dickson Kirag</b> Executive Manager/ Civil Registration Specialist, Papua New Guinea
13:00 – 13:20	<b>ICT Planning:</b> Effective Analysis for Scalable and Sustainable Digitized CRVS Solutions	<b>Ed Duffus</b> Digital Birth Registration Project Manager, Plan International
13:20 – 14:00	<b>Scalability:</b> Standards and Practices for ICT-Enhanced Civil Registration & <b>Interoperability:</b> Open Source ICT Integrated Solutions and the Electronic Cause of Death Reporting System (eCODRS)	<b>Mark Landry</b> Senior Technical Advisor, WHO-WPRO

14:00 – 14:20	<b>Universality:</b> Effective Implementation of Individual Unique Identifiers (UIDs)	<b>Lori Thorell</b> Senior ICT Consultant, UNICEF EAPRO
14:20 – 14:40	<b>Peer Assistance:</b> Asia eHealth Information Network	<b>Boonchai Kijsanayotin,</b> Medical Informatics Officer of Thai Health Information Standard Centre, Thailand
14:40 – 15:10	Questions / Discussion	
15:10 – 15:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15:30 – 18:30	<b>CRVS Innovations Fair and Network Reception:</b>	
	DBR/OpenSRP (Pakistan) eCODRS (Nepal) National ID (Thailand) EDRS and Influenza Cause of Death Reporting in Hawaii (USA)	RealMe (New Zealand) BRIS (Bangladesh) PhilCRIS/WOMB (Philippines) Data Management (Vanuatu)

## DAY 2 – REACHING THE HARDEST TO REACH

Time	Topic	Presenter / Moderator
09:00 – 09:20	'Get every one in the picture': The regional initiative on CRVS and the Regional Action Framework	<b>Tanja Sejersen</b> Associate Statistician, ESCAP
<b>Session 1: Good practices and opportunities in registering hard-to-reach and vulnerable groups</b>		<b>Deepak Rastogi</b> Additional Registrar General, India
09:20 – 09:50	The importance of realizing Universal Birth Registration and key measures in achieving that goal	<b>Nicholas Oakeshott</b> Regional Protection Officer, UNHCR
09:50 – 10:00	Count Every Newborn	<b>Kristen Wenz</b> Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF
10:00 – 10:20	Maternal and Perinatal Mortality Estimates: Importance of Reaching Mothers and Newborns	<b>Mr. Wasantha B. Sandiligama</b> Assistant Registrar General, Sri Lanka
10:20 – 10:30	Questions / Discussion	
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee / Tea break	
10:50 – 12:30	<p><b>Chair: Dr. Karen Carter, CRVS Specialist, Secretariat of the Pacific Community</b></p> <p><b>Good practices in civil registration, Country examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Good practices for addressing challenges in legislation/policy;</li> <li>▶ Registration of hard to reach and vulnerable groups</li> <li>▶ Questions and answers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Country presentations from:</b></p> <p><b>-Philippines:</b> Paula Monina Collado, Interim Deputy National Statistician</p> <p><b>-Cook Islands:</b> Claudine Henry-Anguna, Registrar</p> <p><b>-USA:</b> Dr. Alvin Onaka, State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Hawaii</p>

12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
Session 2: Sharing Good Practices, Challenges, Opportunities		Mrs Tiensi Teea Registrar, Births, Deaths and Marriages, Kiribati
13.30 – 15:30	<p><b>Break Out Sessions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Achieving goal 1: Universal civil registration of births and deaths</li> <li>▶ Action for achieving political commitment, policies legislation and implementation of regulations</li> <li>▶ Coordination for CRVS</li> <li>▶ Operational procedures, practices and innovations</li> <li>▶ Public engagement and participation</li> </ul>	Brief Introduction by <b>Tanja Sejersen</b> Associate Statistician, ESCAP
15:30 – 15:50	Coffee break	
15:50 – 16:50	Report back to plenary	
16:50 – 17:00	Closing of Day 2	<b>Alvin Onaka</b> , State Registrar of Vital Statistics & Chief, Office of Health Status Monitoring, Hawaii, USA
19:00	Evening networking reception and dinner	

## DAY 3 – ESTABLISHING AN ASIA PACIFIC CIVIL REGISTRARS NETWORK- CLOSED MEETING

Time	Topic	Presenter / Moderator
<b>Morning Sessions Moderated by Dr. Alvin Onaka, Hawaii, USA</b>		
09:00 – 09:10	Recap of Day 1 and Day 2	<b>Stephen Blight</b> , Child Protection Regional Advisor, UNICEF
09:15 – 9:45	Introduction of the Network of Civil Registrars	<b>Jeffery Montgomery</b> , Civil Registrar General of New Zealand
9:45 – 10:00	What can be learnt from past attempts to establish a network in the Asia Pacific?	<b>Ming Viado</b> , Regional Universal Birth Registration Focal Point, Plan International
10:00 – 10:30	Questions / Discussion	
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>Afternoon Sessions Moderated by Jeffery Montgomery, Civil Registrar General of New Zealand</b>		
11:00 – 13:00	Breakout sessions in four groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="#">The Pacific</a> (Australia, Cook islands, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Vanuatu)</li> <li>▶ <a href="#">North and Central Asia &amp; East and North-East Asia</a> (Mongolia, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan)</li> <li>▶ <a href="#">South and South-West Asia</a> (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka)</li> <li>▶ <a href="#">South-East Asia</a> (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste)</li> </ul>	
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 – 15:00	Group presentations from breakout session and discussion	
15:00 – 15:25	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15:25 – 16:30	Discussion and agreement on Terms of Reference for the network	
16:30 – 17:00	Next steps for the Network of Civil Registrars	
17:00	Closing ceremony	<b>Stephen Blight</b> , Child Protection Regional Advisor, UNICEF