



Session 15: Preparations for the Ministerial Conference: What does an outcome document look like

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Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific
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Content of the Ministerial Conference, Ministerial Declaration, and Regional Report

- For sure
 - Report on progress
 - Integration of CRVS into international and national sustainable development agendas
 - Promoting CRVS as a foundation for legal identity for all

- Maybe
 - Legislative review
 - Service delivery and CRVS
 - ICD 11
 - Financing of CRVS





Should figure in:

- a. Regional Report (e.g., chapter or textbox)?
- b. Ministerial Declaration?
- c. Special Session?
- d. Background paper?

Ministerial Conference (6-9 October 2019)

- Senior official segment (6-8 October)
 - Opening
 - Key issues and perspectives for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific
 - Reporting on progress towards the targets (country statements)
 - Integration of CRVS into international and national sustainable development agendas
 - Promoting CRVS as a foundation for legal identity for all
 - Review of Draft Declaration
 - Special topics sessions
- Ministerial segment (9 October)
 - Opening
 - Integration of CRVS into international and national sustainable development agendas
 - Promoting CRVS as a foundation for legal identity for all
 - Reporting on progress towards the vision (country statements)
 - Adoption of the Declaration

What is a Ministerial Declaration?

- Visionary statement of intent and commitment
- The <u>main</u> outcome document of the Ministerial meeting, serving three purposes:
 - 1. An advocacy tool (national, regional and global)
 - 2. Demonstrates the high level commitment
 - 3. Highlights accountability to the Regional Action Framework

It also serves as a reference document for national governments and international organizations

Process

- Negotiation on specific wording in the document to reach consensus
- Intergovernmental process negotiating the document (including senior officials segment for final negotiation) takes place
- Documents presented to Ministers as representatives of their governments - for endorsement
- Can be further endorsed by the Commission at the next Commission session

