MEETING OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN CIVIL REGISTRARS

Seda Vertis Hotel, Quezon City, Manila, 7-9 February 2023

TIME		AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER
TUESDAY 7 February			
09:00	10.00	**REGISTRATION**	
OPENING			
10:00	10:10	Welcome by the host	Dr Dennis Mapa, Philippine Statistical Authority
10:10	10:25	Welcome and Introduction	Opening remarks by ESCAP, UNHCR and other partners
10:25	10:40	Quick tour de table with introductions	Everyone
10:40	10.55	• Review of agenda and ways of working • Introduction to the potential of a civil registrars' network in South East Asia	Tanja Sejersen, ESCAP
10:55	11:15	**GROUP PHOTO AND BREAK**	
LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORKS Chair – Atty Maqtahar L Manulon, Philippines Statistics Authority			
11:15	11.45	Presentation of background paper, Q and A	Ms Nicola Richards, Consultant
11.45	12:05	Results of legislative improvement on the implementation of the Vietnam Action Plan on CRVS	Mr Nham Ngoc Hien, Deputy Director of the Department of Civil Registration, Nationality and Authentication – Ministry of Justice, Viet Nam
12:05	12.25	The development on law of Identification, civil registration & vital statistic, and the need to establish civil registration digital database in Cambodia	Mr Pranita Im, Cambodia
12.25	12:45	The civil registry system in Timor Leste	Mr Sabino da Costa, Head of the Civil Identification Department, Ministry of Justice Focal Point for CRVS
12.45	13.00	Humanizing CRVS via Legislation	Atty Eliezer P. Ambatali, Director III of the PSA Legal Service

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13.00	13.30	**DISCUSSION** in smaller groups, possible questions to focus on: 1. Discuss any issues you perceive with your existing laws and regulations. 2. Discuss your experience or perceived problems in gaining political support for changes to CRVS laws. 3. Discuss opportunities and barriers to linking the health system to the CR system. 4. Discuss opportunities and challenges due to decentralization of the civil registration systems. 5. Discuss challenges and opportunities for stakeholder coordination, including coordination across stakeholder agencies at the national level and coordination between national level and sub-national level. 6. Discuss challenges to ensuring registration of births/deaths for stateless persons, asylum seekers/refugees, foreigners/migrants or any other vulnerable group.	
13:30	14:15	**LUNCH**	
14:15	14:45	Feedback from group work, identification of key challenges, solutions and recommendations related to legal frameworks	Group discussion facilitated by chair
DIGITIZATION OF CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEMS Chair – TBC			
14:45	15:15	Presentation of background paper, Q and A	Ms Nicola Richards, Consultant, ESCAP
15.15	15.35	Improving Philippine Civil Registration and Vital Statistics through Digital Transformation	Ms Marizza Grande, Philippines Statistics Authority
15.35	16.15	**COFFEE BREAK AND SPEED DATING**	Facilitated by Tanja Sejersen, ESCAP
16.15	16.35	The digitization of civil registration and identity management systems in Malaysia	Ms Haslinda Mohd Fauzi, Director of births, deaths and adoptions, National Registration Department, Malaysia
16.35	16.55	Digitization of the civil registration system in Indonesia	Ms Utin Kiswanti, Bappenas
16:55	17.30	**DISCUSSION:** World café setup: 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 10 minutes and can stay at the same table for more than one round if interested. Suggested Tables: -ICT costing and funding (Om) -unique identifiers and links with national ID and other government sectors (Nicola) -Mapping existing business processes as an input into digitization efforts (Tanja) -online registration (Olga) -digitization of existing records (Romain) -links with health sector and notifications etc. (Mengjuan)	
17:30	17.45	**WRAP UP**	

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WEDNESDAY 8 February			
09.00	09.30	Consejo Latinamericano y del Caribe de Registro Civil, Identidad y Estadisticas Vitales (CLARCIEV)	Mr Jorge Wheatley Fernandez, RENAPO, Mexico and CLARCIEV President and Ms Rebeca Omaña, Executive Secretary of CLARCIEV (online)
09:30	10:15	Feedback from World Café tables on digitization and identification of key challenges, solutions and recommendations related to digitization of civil registration systems	Group discussion
ASSESSING AND ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES IN CRVS **Chair -TBC**			
10.15	10.45	Presentation of background paper, Q and A	Ms Olga Joos, consultant, ESCAP
10.45	11.05	Lao PDR's experiences with conducting a quantitative assessment of inequalities in civil registration	Ms Samta Sucktikun, Lao Statistics Bureau
11.05	11.20	**BREAK**	
11:20	11.40	Thailand's registration development and initiatives to address CRVS inequalities	Mr Banchob Chantarat, Deputy Director-General, Department of Provincial Registration, Thailand
11.40	11:55	Using civil registration data to address inequalities	Mr Vitphiphon Tivatansakul, Policy Advisor, The National Economic and Social Development Council, Thailand
11.55	12.00	Wrap up and information about the field trip	Ms Tanja Sejersen, ESCAP and Philippines Statistics Authority
12:00	13:00	**LUNCH**	
13.00	17.00	**Visits: City Civil Registry Office of Muntinlupa**- The Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) responsible for the recording and safekeeping of the corresponding register of birth, marriage, and death, court decrees and other legal instruments affecting the civil status of a person within the city pursuant to the Civil Registry Law (Act No. 3753). The City Civil Registrar refers to the head of the local civil registry office of the city or municipality who is appointed as such by the city or municipal mayor in accordance with the provisions of existing laws and technically under supervision of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General. **Civil Registry System (CRS) Outlet in Muntinlupa** – is one of the PSA CRS outlets in Metro Manila (National Capital Region), responsible for the catering of copy issuance of certifications and authentication of birth, marriage, death certificates and Certificate of No Marriage or CENOMAR to walk-in clients. **PhilSys Registration Center** – a PSA satellite for the Philippine Identification System or PhilSys registration, where data are encoded and biometric information of applicants are captured in the System.	

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\multicolumn		**Thursday 9 February**	
\multicolumn		**VISITING PSA OFFICES IN MANILA**	
08:45	11:00	**Visit to the Office of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General** Meet at Seda Vertis Hotel lobby for transport	
\multicolumn		**ASSESSING AND ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES IN CRVS (continued)**	
11.15	12.00	**DISCUSSION** World café setup: 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 10 minutes and can stay at the same table for more than one round if interested. **Tables:** -Quantitative assessments and identifying groups left behind, statistical capacity (Tanja) -Qualitative assessments and identifying groups left behind (Lertluk) -outreach/working with marginalized communities (Aerial and Meriam) -Addressing specific groups (gender, disabilities, foundlings, etc.) (Adhi) -Collaboration with NGOs and civil society (Om) - Creating incentives for registration and engaging policy makers (Romain)	
12.00	13.00	**Lunch**	
13:00	13:45	Feedback from World Café tables and Identification of key challenges, solutions and recommendations related to assessing and addressing inequalities in registration systems and outcomes	Group discussion
		**A NETWORK FOR CIVIL REGISTRARS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA** **Chair - Romain Santon, Vital Strategies**	
13.45	14.00	Introduction to the purpose of sub regional networks	ESCAP
14.15	14.45	The Pacific Civil Registrars Network (PCRN)	Mr Jeff Montgomery Registrar-General Births, Deaths and Marriages, New Zealand, Rapporteur of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific and Convenor of the PCRN, online
14.45	15.00	**BREAK**	
15.00	16.00	Discussion on the setup of a network	
16.00	16.30	**WRAP UP**	