

Nauru – Ministerial Statement

Chairman
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Republic of Nauru Government, I wish to address our most honourable country statement in regards to Nauru's undertaking role with the policy priorities for improving CRVS system.

In the presence of all country members and partner agencies during this CRVS ministerial conference, it is vital to inform you all that the achievements to provide current information on CRVS are on track.

To get everyone in the picture theme, Nauru have functioning CRVS committee integrating representatives from the relevant key departments, the Department of Health, the Government Registration Office, the Bureau of Statistics, the Planning Aid Division Office and the Information Technology and Communication (ICT). The integrated key members are considered to produce the flow of CRVS results and reports based from the local and overseas sources.

Comparing other countries, one of our major challenges with Nauru's CRVS currently facing is the redevelopment of building infrastructure and reviving absence of data that may have been destroyed last year in mid August 2013, during the fire incidence at the records office to Nauru's only main hospital. However backup systems have been able to restore data. Other major challenge is improving the certification of causes of deaths in progress within staff and medical doctors from the Government RON Hospital by capacity training for the International Classification of Decease (ICD-10) coding.

The Nauru Government has the advantage to complete registration of deaths through incentive financial benefits to provide financial support for the family of the deceased to be able to conduct a decent funeral service and other immediate settlements to determine the landownership rights.

The Nauru Government recently implemented a similar advantage for the registration of births, to improve late registrations of births. Prior to claim the incentive financial benefits, the mother or guardian of the new born is directed to register with the Government Registration Office.

Nauru continues to acknowledge the Brisbane Accord Group (BAG) for the collaboration effort towards implementation of the CRVS systems in Nauru, for providing the important technical support and other consultancy activities that have taken place and we are looking forward to continue official partnership and implement CRVS activities to sustain the development agenda beyond 2015.

Nauru has long term national targets and priorities officially published namely the National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS) 2009-2025 which also aligned with CRVS development agenda beyond 2015. It is also a guideline aligning the targets and priorities to the CRVS system that is consistent for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the National Minimum Development Indicators (NMDIs) and CRVS framework agenda 2015-2024 for Asia and the Pacific.

In overall, the Government of the Republic of Nauru extend our high level acknowledgements to all country members, development partner agencies, the organisers and the UNESCAP as our host of this CRVS ministerial conference. Once again Nauru strongly agrees with CRVS commitments in supportive, especially the Asia and the Pacific Decade of 2015-2024.

Thank You.