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Pacific Civil
Registrars Network



Supporting CRVS Decade

- There are regional Pacific networks for statistics and health information BUT registrars have not previously had a dedicated network to focus on our issues.
- Formed at the Civil Registrars meeting in Pattaya 2014.
- Opportunity to share information, lessons learned, and good practice.
- Fosters coordination and integration of Civil Registrars' input and ideas into the implementation of the Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan and the Asia Pacific Regional Action Framework for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.



What we have done

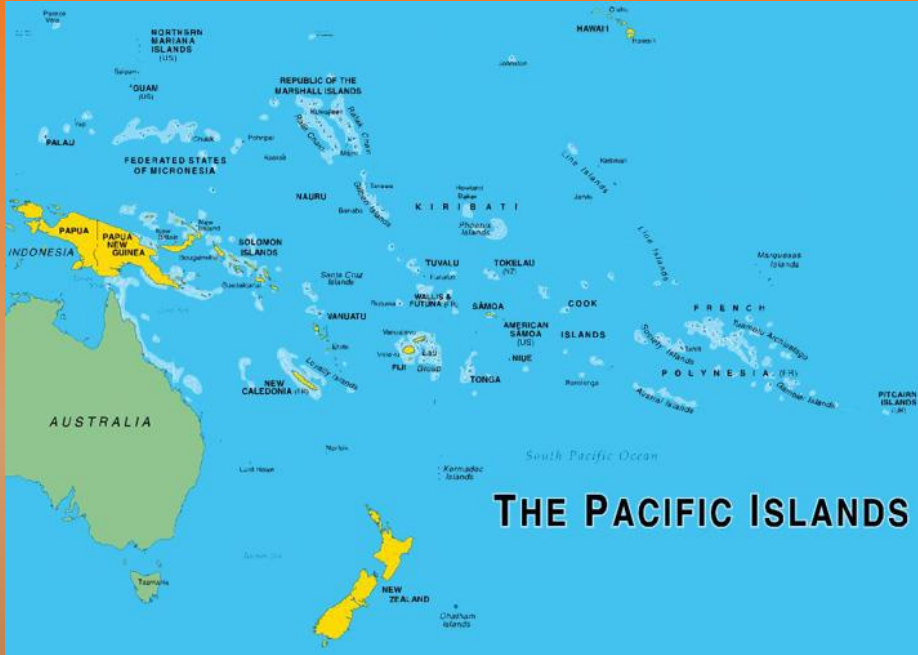
- Coordinating group established including registrars from the Cook Islands, Fiji, New Zealand, Samoa, and Vanuatu.
- Membership for any State or Country level Civil Registrar – 45 Registrars from 36 countries or states
- Associate membership extended to relevant partner agencies – 21 organizations
- Business partners – 12 businesses
- Terms of Reference and small work plan
- Three large meetings + smaller workshops
- E-newsletter to over 200 addresses



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Lots of players ...



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Our resources



- Ourselves as registrars
- New Zealand providing secretariat and funding for data sharing project
- Agencies fund and help if our work programme aligns. So far NZ Foreign Affairs and UNICEF have funded workshops
- Business partners sponsor workshops too



Our First Meeting

- technology and legislation

Nadi – June 2015



- Translating goals into action – locally and regionally
- Using technology to achieve our goals
- Legislation and policy settings to support information sharing
- Capacity building – understanding statistics (SPC)
- Innovation (business partners)
- Followed by smaller events – Data Analysis (Noumea - 2016), smaller country planning (Auckland - 2017)



Our second full meeting – Disaster preparation and response (Suva – October 2017)

- Sharing recent experiences and learnings from disasters
- Developing country level action plans to improve CRVS resilience to disasters
- Considering possible regional approaches to disaster response
- <https://sdd.spc.int/events/2017/10/pacific-civil-registrars-network-pcrn-disaster-preparation-and-response-workshop>



Our third full meeting – Legal Identity and Identity Security (Noumea – July 2019)

- Registrars-General and health information officials building momentum towards the achievement of SDG16.9 which commits states to achieving universal legal identification
- <https://sdd.spc.int/events/2019/07/pacific-regional-workshop-legal-identity-and-identity-security>



Our work plan

- **Vision:** by 2024 to have joined up ways of working which are flexible and responsive with shared legislative/IT/Data CRVS systems for the Pacific.
- **Work Plan Priorities:**
 - Jointly work to improve CRVS targets (UNESCAP) across region (2015 – 2024)
 - Investigate shared IT platform for use across the region as countries replace their system (2016 – 2019)
 - Regional CRVS disaster planning and response (2017)
 - Pacifica ministerial meeting on CRVS (2019)
 - Ongoing advice and information sharing on civil registration functions and systems.
 - Provide expert civil registration input to regional initiatives, including identity
 - Securing ongoing funding for activities
- **Help the 3 Asia sub-regions to establish functioning networks!**



Lessons and Advice

- Be realistic in your expectations – start small, show success
- Be agile – look for opportunities to meet around other events
- Be specific – have a small work plan, link to wider priorities, involve partners (UN and private sector)
- Be cheap – ask for small amounts of money for high value activities
- Be a leader – find one or two people to lead and allow them to get on with it

