



***Fourth Meeting of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific***

13 – 15 November 2018  
Bangkok, Thailand

## Meeting Objectives:

1. Discuss and finalize the Regional Action Framework's midterm reporting questionnaire and guidelines
2. Begin the preparatory work for the 2020 Ministerial Conference for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, including reviewing current CRVS challenges and issues and any potential modifications to the RAF
3. Discuss the working arrangements of the Regional Steering Group, including by reviewing RSG support for furthering commitments to CRVS improvement and addressing the Group's Terms of Reference

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## Tuesday, 13 November

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9.00 – 9.20	<b>Welcome and adoption of agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Ms. Gemma van Halderen, <i>Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP</i></li><li>➤ H.E. Mr. Kolinio Gata Takali, <i>High Commissioner of Fiji to Malaysia and Permanent Representative to ESCAP</i></li></ul>	Chair: ESCAP
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9.20 – 9.30	<b>Keynote speech (TBC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ H.E. Mr. Manuel Cárceres da Costa, <i>Minister of Justice, Timor-Leste</i></li></ul>	Chair: ESCAP
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9.30 – 10.00	<b>Introduction of participants, programme &amp; expectations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Ms. Rikke Hansen, <i>ESCAP</i></li></ul>	Chair: ESCAP
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## 10:00 – 10:30 *Coffee/Tea break & Group Photo*

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<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Midterm Review Background</b>	Chair: Mr. Daniel Ariaso, <i>Philippines</i>
10:30 – 11:40	<p><u>Objectives:</u> Session 1 will provide members with context on the Regional Action Framework (RAF) reporting requirements, including a summary of the baseline review process and lessons learned from ESCAP and countries.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcomes:</u> Clarity on the purpose of the midterm review process and</p>	Rapporteur: Ms. Olga Joos, <i>USA</i>

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understanding of the preceding baseline review.

- *Introduction to the RAF Reporting Mechanism and Review Process*, Mr. David Rausis, ESCAP, 10:30 – 10:50
- *Lessons from baseline reporting*, Mr. Mohammad Bagher Abbasi, Islamic Republic of Iran, 10:50 – 11:10
- *Plenary Q & A*, Mr. Daniel Ariaso, Philippines, 11:10 – 11:35
- *Summary of Session 1*, Ms. Olga Joos, USA, 11:35 – 11:40

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## Session 2

### Midterm Review Reporting

Chair:  
*TBD*

11:40 – 12:00

Objectives: Session 2 will introduce the draft questionnaire and guidelines developed by ESCAP, as well as present and discuss the reporting process and modalities.

Expected Outcomes: Members will review and provide advice enabling ESCAP to finalize the questionnaire and guidelines for the midterm review.

Rapporteur:  
Gloria Mathenge,  
*SPC*

- *Draft guidelines, questionnaire, process and modalities*, Mr. Jose Antonio Pedrosa, ESCAP, 11:40 – 12:00

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12:00 – 13:00

**Lunch**

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Session 2  
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13:00 – 15:00

- *Group discussions*
  - Participants will break into groups to discuss, review and provide feedback on the questionnaire and guidelines.

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15:00 – 15:15

**Coffee/Tea break**

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Session 2  
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- *Presentation by the groups*, facilitated by Chair, 15:15 – 16:20

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15:15 – 16:30 ➤ *Summary of Session 2, Rapporteur, 16:20 – 16:30*

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**Special Session**      **Briefing on regional and international initiatives**

16:30 – 17:00 ➤ *Sub-regional initiatives, Kendra Gregson, UNICEF, 16:30 – 16:45*  
➤ *International initiatives and materials, Mr. Raj Gautam Mitra, 16:45 – 17:00*

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17:00 – 18:00      *Reception hosted by ESCAP*

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## Wednesday, 14 November

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### Session 3 Current CRVS Issues

9:00 – 10:00

Objectives: Session 3 will provide an overview of current CRVS issues, including their relevance for implementing the Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024), their relevance to the RAF goals and targets, implementation steps and action areas. Session 3 will also discuss possible changes to the RAF and CRVS Decade.

Expected Outcomes: Members will discuss the relevance of the current CRVS issues for collaboration at the regional level and make recommendations, as appropriate, for possible modifications to the RAF and CRVS Decade which could be considered by the Ministerial Conference in 2020.

- *Overview of current CRVS issues and links to the 2030 Agenda*, Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Bangladesh, 9:00 – 9:15
- *Legal Identity*, Ms. Kristen Wenz, UNICEF (via Webex), 9:15 – 9:30
- *Identity management*, Mr. Jonathan Daniel Marskell, *Identification for Development (ID4D)* (via Webex), 9:30 – 9:45
- *CRVS and ID systems*, Mr. Manoj Kumar, India, 9:45 – 10:00
- *Plenary Q & A*, Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Bangladesh, 10:00 – 10:15

Chair:

Mr. Anir Chowdhury,  
Bangladesh

Rapporteur:

Edward Duffus, *Plan International*

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10:15 – 10:30

*Coffee/Tea break*

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Session 3  
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- *Online Birth Registration*, Ms. Jin Kim, Republic of Korea, 10:30 – 10:45
  - *Protection and preservation of civil registration data and the role of*
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10:15 –  
12:00

*digitization, Ms. Gloria Mathenge, SPC,*  
10:45 – 11:00

- *Improving access to registration for hard to reach populations, Dr. Boonchai Kijjanayotin, Thailand, 11:00 – 11:15*
  - *Cause of death, Ms. Lene Mikkelsen, University of Melbourne, 11:15 – 11:30*
  - *Plenary Q & A, Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Bangladesh, 11:30 – 12:00*
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12:00 – 13:00

*Lunch*

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*Session 3*  
*cont.*

13:00 –  
15:00

- *Group discussion*
    - Participants will break into groups to discuss, review and identify the most important and urgent issues and outline recommendations for future regional collaboration on CRVS, including possible adjustments to the RAF.
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15:00 – 15:15

*Coffee/Tea break*

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*Session 3*  
*cont.*

15:15 – 17:00

- *Presentation by the groups facilitated by Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Bangladesh and Ms. Rikke Hansen, ESCAP, 15:15 – 16:50*
  - *Summary of Session 2, Rapporteur, 16:50 – 17:00*
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## Thursday, 15 November

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### Session 4 2020 Ministerial Conference

9:00 – 10:00

Objectives: Session 4 will explain and discuss expectations and desired outcomes for the 2020 Ministerial Conference and provide an overview of the preparation process. The session will also discuss issues related to advocacy, visibility and communication of the Ministerial Conference.

Expected Outcomes: Members will provide guidance on the organization of the Ministerial Conference, as well as guidance on strategies to advocate for CRVS and the Ministerial Conference, including beyond the CRVS community.

- *Organizational Process of a Ministerial Conference*, Ms. Rikke Hansen, ESCAP, 9:00 – 10:00; *Presentation and plenary discussion*

Chair:

Mr. Jeff Montgomery,  
New Zealand

Rapporteur:

Mr. Martin Bratschi, *Vital Strategies*

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10:00 – 10:15

*Coffee/Tea break*

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Session 4  
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10:15 – 11:15

- *Advocating beyond the CRVS community*, Mr. Raj Gautam Mitra, 10:15 – 11:05; *Presentation and plenary discussion*
  - *Summary of Session 4*, Mr. Martin Bratschi, *Vital Strategies*, 11:05 – 11:15
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### Session 5

#### Working Arrangements of the Regional Steering Group

11:15 –  
12:00

Objectives: Building upon discussions and recommendations made by the RSG during sessions 1-4, session 5 will discuss the working arrangements of the RSG to support the midterm review process, analytical work on the identified important and urgent CRVS issues and the preparation for the Ministerial

Chair:

Mr. Anir Chowdhury,  
Bangladesh

Rapporteur:

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Conference. The session will also discuss the membership of the RSG and possible changes to its terms of reference.

Dr. Rakesh Rastogi, *World Health Organization*

Expected Outcomes: Members will decide on the role of the RSG in supporting the midterm review process, address analytical work on the identified important CRVS issues, as well as the preparation for the 2020 Ministerial Conference. Members will also make recommendations on the terms of reference of the RSG and future membership to be decided by the Commission in May 2019.

- *Plenary discussion on the Regional Steering Group support for the midterm review* facilitated by Mr. Anir Chowdhury, *Bangladesh*, 11:15 – 12:00

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**12:00 – 14:00 *Plan International Lunch – Open CRVS Demo, Meeting Room H***

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*Session 5 cont.*

- *Plenary discussion continued*

14:00 –  
15:00

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**15:00 – 15:15 *Coffee/Tea break***

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*Session 5 cont.*

- *Plenary discussion on formal matters: Regional Steering Group ToR and membership* facilitated by Ms. Rikke Hansen, *ESCAP*, 15:15 – 15:35
- *Summary of Session 5*, Dr. Rakesh Rastogi, *World Health Organization*, 15:35 – 15:45

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**Closing of the Meeting**

- *Summary of the Fourth Regional Steering Group Meeting*, Mr. Anir Chowdhury, 15:45 – 16:45
- *Closing*, H.E. Mr. Kolinio Gata Takali, *High Commissioner of Fiji to Malaysia and*



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15:45 –  
17:00

*Permanent Representative to ESCAP,*  
16:45 – 17:00

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