

Hon'ble chair, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to address the second ministerial conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics. On behalf of Nepali delegates as well as my own behalf, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for creating such a platform to build our common future.

Nepal has endorsed the First Ministerial Declaration on CRVS, proclaimed the Asia and the Pacific CRVS Decade, 2015-24 and, marked a timeframe for realizing the shared vision that all people of Nepal will benefit from standardized and responsive CRVS system. We also have adopted the Ministerial Declaration to “Get Everyone in the Picture” in Asia and the Pacific and committed to focusing our efforts towards improving national CRVS systems by endorsing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific.

Hon'ble chair,

Nepal, being one of the member states, has been working to meet the agenda declared at the first Ministerial Conference. As we were committed to ensure the universal access to civil registration 77.2% of the children under five years have got their birth registered online so far. Almost 83% Local Registrar offices are currently registering vital events through web portal. The vital events registered through traditional method are being digitized and scanned. To increase the coverage, registration camps are being organized at Local Registrar Offices. Birth Notification System has been developed to notify local registrar about the birth of a child after successful registration in online portal used at the birthing centers.

Every citizen of Nepal will get National ID with Biometric information by the end of 2022 and the NID system will be integrated to Civil Registration System that will ensure real time data. Additionally, we will begin a process to implement Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD) shortly. We believe that timely registration of vital events to every citizen will help in formulating evidence based policy and its effective implementation.

Finally, I am sure that this conference will assist member states to achieve the aspirations of 2030 Agenda.

Thank you for your kind attention.