Agenda item 2: Review of the progress and existing challenges in accelerating the implementation of the Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Ms. Kamni Naidu, Administrator General, Ministry of Justice, Fiji
• Summary of Getting Every One in the Picture: A Snapshot of Progress Midway through the Asia and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (ESCAP/MCCRVS/2021/1)

• Support from development partners in the first half of the Asia and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (2015–2024) (ESCAP/MCCRVS/2021/2)

• Development partners involved in civil registration and vital statistics improvement in Asia and the Pacific: profiles and support activities (ESCAP/MCCRVS/2021/INF/1)

• Economic costs and benefits of civil registration and vital statistics systems (ESCAP/MCCRVS/2021/INF/3)
**Agenda item 2: Findings – Progress against the targets**

**Where are we at the midterm of the Decade?**

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**Targets**

- 1A: Birth registration within 1 year
- 1B: Birth registration for children under five
- 2A: Issuance of birth certificate
- 1D: Death registration within 1 year
- 2B: Issuance of death certificate
- 1E: Recording of causes of death by the health sector
- 3D: Reduction of ill-defined causes of death codes
- 3E: Publication of births and deaths statistics
- 3G: Publication of causes of death statistics
- 3H: Publication of a vital statistics report

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Birth registration: Progress is bridging the gap between regions
Agenda item 2: Findings – Unregistered children under five

Unregistered children under five decreased from 135 million in 2012 to 64 million in 2019

Note: The figure is based on an estimated 356.4 million children under five, and 64.4 million of them unregistered (18%). Non-regional countries are not included in this graph.
Agenda item 2: Findings – Death registration

Death registration:
Fewer incentives, lower completeness
Increased attention due to COVID-19
During this session, the Conference may wish to:

• Provide further information on **national progress** towards the shared vision that, by 2024, everyone in Asia and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics systems that facilitate the realization of rights and support good governance, health and development

• **Renew its commitment** to the shared vision of the Decade and provide guidance on how to overcome the remaining challenges

• Comment on **development partners’ support** for members and associate members and provide further guidance on their work
Agenda item 2: Programme

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Speakers

• Mr. Philip Setel, Director, CRVS Improvement, Vital Strategies
• Mr. Mohammed Shahidul Islam (Deputy Secretary of Cabinet Division, Bangladesh)
• Mr. Jeff Montgomery (Registrar-General – Births, Deaths and Marriages, Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand)
• Mr. Gogita Todradze, Executive Director of the National Statistics Office, Georgia
• Dr. Rajesh Dikshit, Director, Centre of Cancer Epidemiology (CCE), Tata Memorial Centre, India
• Mr. Muhammad Cholifihani, Director of Population, Planning and Social Security, Ministry of National Development Planning, Indonesia
• Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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