

Agenda item 4

Wednesday , 17 November 2021 (14:00-16:00, UTC+7)

Agenda item 4: Civil Registration and Vital Statistics as an accelerator for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ensuring no one is left behind

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Both Civil Registration and Vital Statistics and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development underpin good governance, promote inclusion and are mutually reinforcing

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Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions)

- Target 16.9 – provision of legal identity for all

Sustainable Development Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)

- Target 17.18: increasing availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data

*Population estimates underpin most of the indicators
of the Sustainable Development Goals*

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Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good health and well-being)

- Cause of death reporting is particularly weak in the region even when registration rates are high

Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Nuptiality and gender)

- Marriage registration can help prevent child, early and forced marriage
- Ensuring sex-disaggregated death and causes of death statistics allows appropriate policies to be designed

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Leaving No One Behind and the Regional Action Framework

- It is often the poorest and most vulnerable children and adults whose births and deaths are not registered
- Regional Action Framework includes assessing inequalities among subgroups of the population - few countries have implemented this step
- ESCAP is working on guidance to support inequality assessments

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- **Highlight** linkages between sustainable development and well-functioning civil registration and vital statistics systems and the importance of ensuring that no one is left behind
- **Advise** the secretariat and development partners on how to accelerate the implementation of inequality assessments for civil registration and vital statistics systems
- **Share** experiences and discuss areas for continued efforts to address inequalities during the second half of the Asia and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade

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“ Birth, marriage, and death certificates aren't just documents, but rather show how much the government and parents care about the children and their future.

Getting Children and Youth in the Picture 2021

*A Report on the Consultations With Children and Young People on the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
in Asia and the Pacific*

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Speakers

- Reflections on the participation of children and youth in the consultations on issues of birth, marriage, and death registration/certification, **Mr. Alamgir Kabir**, Representative of the Children and Youth group
- Joint Video Statement of Children and Youth (**video**)
- Recommendations to facilitate progress in achieving the goals and targets of the Regional Action Framework on CRVS, **Ms. Amihan V. Abueva**, Regional Executive Director/CRC Asia
- Bridging the gaps between ASEAN Member States to promote universal civil registration, **Dr. Ha Thi Minh Duc**, Deputy Director-General of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Labour, Viet Nam
- Multisectoral collaboration to achieve universal birth registration, **Ms. Dingaliyeva Marzhan Esenzhanovna**, Head of Unit on Methodological Provision and Control for Registration and Apostille of Civil Acts, Ministry of Justice, Kazakhstan
- Mobile birth registration campaign to increase coverage on birth registration in outer islands, **Ms. Tiensi Kaua**, Registrar General, Ministry of Justice, Kiribati

Country statements