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.
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*
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
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
Agenda item 4: Purpose

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

- **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
"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."
Agenda item 4: Programme

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

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