

# Agenda item 7

Thursday, 18 November 2021 (14:00-15:30 hours, UTC+7)

**Agenda item 7:** The relationship between civil registration, identity management and vital statistics, and their role in ensuring legal identity in Asia and the Pacific

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# Agenda item 7: Documentation

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- Intersection between civil registration and identity management systems in Asia and the Pacific  
(ESCAP/MCCRVS/2021/7)
- Legal identity systems in Asia and the Pacific: civil registration, vital statistics and identity management  
(ESCAP/MCCRVS/2021/INF/4)
- Privacy and confidentiality in the context of civil registration and vital statistics systems  
(ESCAP/MCCRVS/2021/INF/5)

# Agenda item 7: Findings: Legal identity in the Regional Action Framework and the 2030 Agenda

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## Regional Action Framework (2014)

- Goal 2: All individuals are provided with **legal documentation** of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights



## 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)

- SDG Target 16.9: By 2030, provide **legal identity for all**, including birth registration
- Legal identity is a **catalyst for** the achievement of **12 of the 17 Goals**

# Agenda item 7: United Nations' definition of legal identity

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**Legal identity** is defined as the **basic characteristics of an individual's identity**. e.g. name, sex, place and date of birth **conferred through registration** and the issuance of a certificate by an authorized civil registration authority following the occurrence of birth. In the absence of birth registration, legal identity may be conferred by a legally-recognized identification authority. This system should be linked to the civil registration system to ensure a **holistic approach to legal identity from birth to death**. **Legal identity is retired by the issuance of a death certificate** by the civil registration authority upon registration of death.

# Agenda item 7: Advantages of legal identity founded on civil registration includes:

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Ensuring legal identity starts from birth

Facilitating up-to-date population registers

Ensuring the sustainability and accuracy of a national identity system and/or population register;

Strengthening the continuous availability of vital statistics at all administrative levels

Facilitating provision of and access to public and private sector services

Improving robustness and reliability of ID systems

# Agenda item 7: Opportunities for accelerated action

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Implement UN  
Legal Identity  
Agenda

Integrate civil  
registration and ID

Inclusive  
coordination  
mechanisms

Robust regulatory  
frameworks

Invest in safe and  
innovative  
technological  
solutions

Safeguard personal  
data

Engage and  
empower  
communities

Accelerate action

Declare civil  
registration and ID  
management as  
essential services

Leverage 10  
principles on  
identification

# Agenda item 7: Purpose

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The Conference may wish to:

- Take note of the documents and provide the secretariat and development partners with further guidance and advice on how to implement the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda in Asia and the Pacific.
- Share experiences and discuss efforts for continued improvement during the second half of the Decade.



# Agenda item 7: Programme

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## Speakers



- Mr. Muhammad Tariq Malik, Chair, National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Pakistan



- Mr. Andy Calo, Director, Department of Civil Registry and Vital Statistics, Vanuatu



- Mr. Jonathan Marskell, Senior Programme Officer, World Bank

## Country statements