

Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (APAI-CRVS)

Governance Framework

High Level Meeting on the Improvement of
Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
in Asia and the Pacific
10-11 December 2012, Bangkok

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
(Secretariat APAI-CRVS)

APAI- CRVS Key milestones

June 2009: Expert Meeting in Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania 2009

- Identified bottlenecks and planted the seed for new approach
- Highlighted the need to seek political commitment
- Tasked ECA, AfDB and AUC to develop a medium terms plan (MTP)

August 2010 : First Conference of Ministers in Addis Ababa

- Committed to improve CRVS in countries and support regional effort
- Made a number of policy declarations
- Endorsed the MTP 2010- 2015
- Requested for a regional assessment on status of CRVS
- Requested AUC to institutionalize the conference as a permanent forum
- Requested that the next five ASSD focus on CRVS

APAI- CRVS Key milestones

January 2011: Expert Meeting in Addis Ababa

- Finalized the MTP
- Ministers declaration converted into action plan

September 2012 : Second Conference of Ministers in Durban

- Endorsed organizational, management and operational structure of APAI-CRVS
- Requested countries to undertake comprehensive assessment of the CRVS and develop costed action plan
- Requested the regional organizations and UN agencies to support countries in assessment and plan

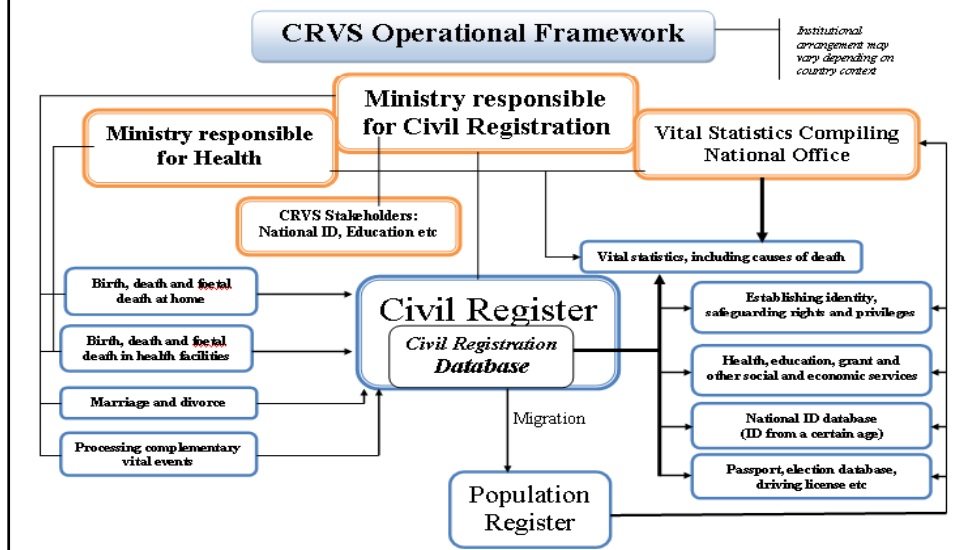
APAI-CRVS : Goal

**To promote and support the
realization of the African
integration agenda**

Medium Term Plan Thematic Areas

- Promoting country ownership and building partnerships
- Capacity Building
- Innovations
- Promoting knowledge and sharing best practices
- Promoting studies and research
- Strengthening national and regional vital statistics production
- Strengthening African Centre for Statistics

Complete CRVS System and Multi-sectoral Linkages



Key Achievements

- 1. Conceptualization of the regional initiative into a programmatic framework (APAI-CRVS) – MTP included**
- 2. Regional assessment undertaken**
- 3. Expanded partnership – Core Group**
- 4. Institutionalized the Ministers Conference as a permanent forum under AUC –two conferences held**
- 5. African Symposium on Statistical Development focuses on CRVS starting from the 7th symposium held in January 2012**
- 6. Countries organizing themselves – pushing the regional secretariat for support**

Monitoring and Accountability Framework

- Two kinds of monitoring:**
 - Monitoring implementation of a) Ministerial Declarations and b) MTP
 - Monitoring of progress of CRVS in countries through a selected set indicators: assessment report to serve as baseline
- Three levels of monitoring:**
 - Regional (by CoM): Political and policy decisions
 - Regional (by Core Group): Implementation of regional programme
 - National: Implementation of national plan and programme

Putting Action on Ground

Three key Ministers declaration:

Countries to urgently develop under comprehensive assessments and develop costed action plan with the support of the Secretariat and partner organizations

Countries to establish high-level coordination mechanisms involving all relevant stakeholders

Invited African Ministers of Health to join us in view of the important role of the health sector in the delivery of civil registration services

Putting Action on Ground (contd)

How will be the countries be assisted in assessment and planning

Country led

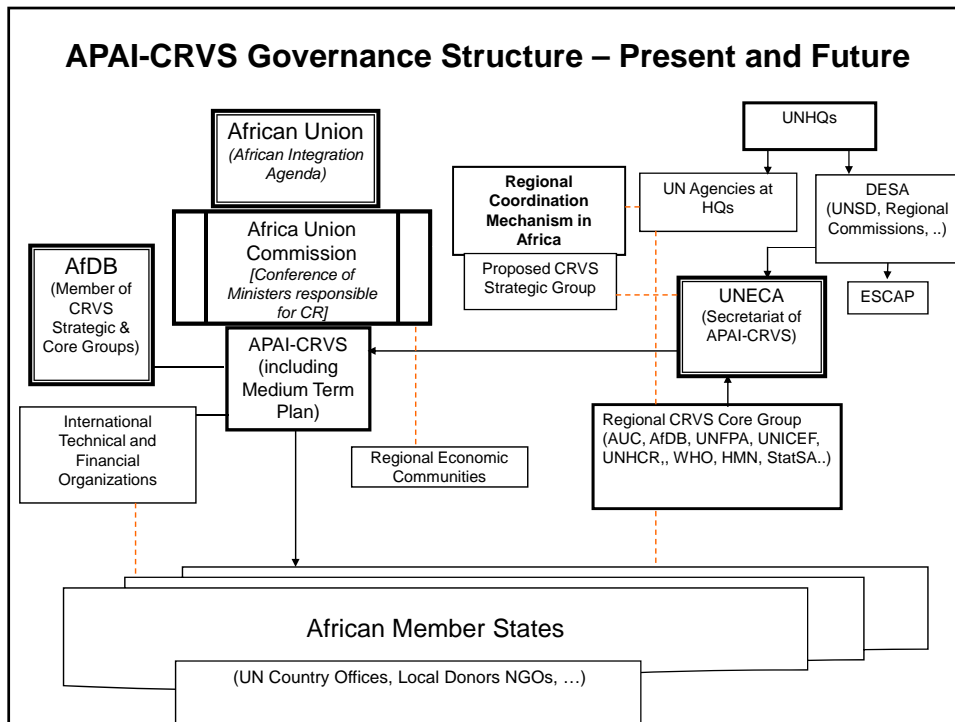
To be supported by experts from a pool that will be created at the regional level

Support to be provided based on counties' request

Experts will be equipped with tools and processes

Experts continue to mentor the countries as and when required

Capacity building will be built in as a part of the process



Challenges that need to be addressed

- **Inadequate Human Resources at the Secretariat**
- **Lack of structured communication – horizontal and vertical**
- **Lack of global coordination among UN organization on CRVS**
- **No mechanism in place for Ministers in governance in between the conferences**
- **No clear role yet for the Regional Economic Communities**

Thanks