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CRVS Decade

WHAT IS CRVS?

MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

REGIONAL ACTION FRAMEWORK

REGIONAL STEERING GROUP

2014 MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE -

2020 MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

BEYOND ASIA-PACIFIC

In Bangkok, Thailand, November 2014, Governments attended the First Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific and proclaimed the Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024).

Through the declaration of the CRVS Decade, governments gave 2015-2024 as a time frame for realizing their shared vision that "all people in Asia and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems facilitating the realization of their rights and supporting good governance, health and development". During the 2014 Ministerial Conference, Governments also adopted the Ministerial Declaration to "Get Every One in the Picture" and committed to strengthening national CRVS systems.

EVENTS

30 MAR-01 APR 2020
The sixth meeting of the Regional

NEWS

22 JAN 2020
Meeting of the UN Legal Identity

RESOURCES

Advocacy Materials, Meeting Documents, UN Official

New www.getinthepicture.org website

Your favorite source for regional CRVS-related news and resources has been overhauled with an updated look, as well as some improved functions for searching country and partner developed resources. The timing of the new website is auspicious as we gear up to collectively mark the mid-point of the [CRVS Decade \(2015-2024\)](#) during the [Second Ministerial Conference](#) in October 2020.

Please take some time and check out our new site at www.getinthepicture.org.



Conference on Civil registration and Gender equality (25-26 February)

The [Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems](#), the [United Nations Population Fund](#), and [Open Data Watch](#) are co-organizing a global conference on [Connecting Vital Events Registration and Gender Equality \(ConVERGE\)](#). Bringing together policy and technical experts, government representatives, academics, youth, and donor organizations, this two day event aims to move beyond discussions on the importance of CRVS systems for women and children, and towards securing commitment to find solutions and take action. The objective is to foster the link between two agendas critical for the achievement of the SDGs, namely Vital Events Registration and Gender Equality.

The event will take place on the 25th and 26th of February at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Ottawa, Canada. It will also be **webcasted live in English and French**, allowing online participants to engage directly in the conference in Q&A sessions. You can go to the [events page](#) for more detail and an up-to-date program.



The World Bank calls for consultations on the Principles on Identification

In 2017, development partners, international organizations, government agencies, and NGOs working to design and support ID systems came together to develop shared principles for maximizing the benefits of identification for development while mitigating the risks. These [Principles on Identification for Sustainable Development](#) have now been endorsed by 25 organizations.

When the Principles were published, the group committed to revisit them every few years to reflect emerging lessons. To this end, the endorsing organizations are revisiting the text and content of the Principles through a collaborative process and seeking comments and feedback from the broader international community.

Inputs are welcomed and encouraged on the following: 1) Themes or principles not originally included; 2) Principles needing further clarification or elaboration to address new understandings; or 3) Terminology or wording needing adjustment to increase understanding.

Further information about the consultation are available on <https://id4d.worldbank.org/principles>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On **2 March 2020**, the UN Statistics Division will host the meeting of the Global CRVS Group in New York, which will precede the [51st Statistical Commission](#) from **3 - 6 March 2020**.
- During the 51st Statistical Commission, on **4 March 2020**, the UN Statistics Division is organizing a launch seminar for the [Legal Identity Agenda Task Force](#): Holistic Approach to Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management.
- On **11 March 2020** the Ford Foundation for Social Justice in New York will host a breakfast event on the sidelines of the [64th Commission on the Status of Women](#). The breakfast event is co-sponsored by the Centre of Excellence and Data2x and will focus on [Unlocking Gender Equality: Strengthening CRVS to deliver on the Beijing Platform and the SDGs](#).
- During the [7th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development](#) between **25-27 March 2020**, the bureau of the Regional Steering Group on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific will organize a side-event on *Identity, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics to Leave No One Behind -Accelerating action in Asia and the Pacific*. Discussions will focus on the progress made in the region since the launch of the CRVS Decade, as well as the remaining challenges. The importance of CRVS systems as a foundation of legal identity and an accelerator of SDG achievement will also be discussed.
- Between **30 March - 1 April 2020**, the [Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific](#) will meet in Bangkok to develop the midterm regional synthesis report, as well as continue preparing for the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific in October 2020.
- From **2 - 3 April 2020**, ESCAP and the UN Statistics Division will hold a regional workshop on [Measuring SDGs from Population and Housing Censuses and Civil Registration Data](#), in Bangkok, Thailand.
- From **6 - 8 April 2020**, Vital Strategies and ESCAP will hold a workshop on [Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Business Process Improvement](#), in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion is holding two summer courses between **13 - 17 July 2020**. The first course is the ninth annual edition of the Statelessness Summer Course while the second is a new *Advanced Course on Childhood Statelessness & the Child's Right to a Nationality*. The application process will remain open until **15 March**. More information can be found on the [ISI website](#).

NEW RESOURCES

- The [Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems](#) has released Spanish and French versions of the Compendium of Good Practices in Linking Civil Registration and Vital Statistics and Identity Management Systems.
- Philip Setel, Vice President and Director of the CRVS Initiative at [Vital Strategies](#), has recently written an article for the Stanford Social Innovation Review, in which he summarizes the [six key insights learned from the ongoing efforts](#) to get everyone in the picture.
- The World Bank's [Identity for Development \(ID4D\)](#) Initiative launched its [2019 Annual Report](#) highlighting progress being made on national identity programs, as well as reflecting growing trends for 2020.



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