Preparatory Meeting of Experts for the Fifth Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration
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Provisional agenda

Conference theme

Innovative civil registration and vital statistics systems: foundation for legal identity management

Session 1: Opening session

1.1   Welcoming remarks

1.2   Election of the Bureau

1.3   Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

1.4   Objectives of the meeting

1.5   Report on progress pursuant to the ministerial declarations and on the status of civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) in Africa

Session 2: Civil registration as the foundation for legal identity systems

2.1   UN Legal Identity Agenda

2.2   Taking a holistic approach to legal identity: good practices from integrating CRVS and identity systems around the world

2.3   Importance of CRVS and identity management for durable solutions for refugees, internally displaced persons and returnees

2.4   The state of CRVS and national identity management in Africa

2.5   Integrating CRVS systems and legal identity management in the digital era

Session 3: Innovative approaches in CRVS systems improvement

3.1   CRVS digitization and innovation: an Eastern Africa and Southern Africa perspective

3.2   Electronic CRVS systems: what countries need to consider in the modernization process

Session 4: Reviewing progress and implementation challenges

4.1   Civil registration in emergencies – recommendations and guidelines for implementation

4.2   The CRVS systems improvement framework

4.3   Guidelines for drafting memorandums of understanding for better coordination among national stakeholders of CRVS systems at country level

4.4   Snapshot of CRVS systems prepared for 12 African countries

4.5   Integrating mortality surveillance to strengthen CRVS systems

Session 5: Towards accelerated improvement of CRVS systems in African countries

Parallel session 5.1

5.1.1   Marriage and divorce registration in Africa: a neglected yet important component of a fully functional CRVS system

5.1.2   Potentials of data linkages from CRVS and other systems in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals: the case of road safety

5.1.3   Strengthening linkages between civil registration and the health sector for better health and improved civil registration systems: the cases of Uganda and Liberia

Parallel session 5.2

5.2.1   Vital statistics from civil registration records and their relevance in monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals

5.2.2   Good practices in linking CRVS and identity management systems: case studies from around the world

5.2.3   Evaluation of the completeness and quality of civil registration systems and the production of vital statistics reports

Parallel session 5.3

5.3.1   Digitization of CRVS: towards information and communications technology assets for CRVS in Africa

5.3.2   The iCIVIL technological solution

5.3.3   The electronic birth and death registration system in Egypt

Parallel session 5.4

5.4.1   Assessing and strengthening medicolegal death investigation systems to improve the accuracy and completeness of vital statistics

5.4.2   Pathways to obtaining good-quality cause-of-death information in Africa

5.4.3   Death certification curriculum and infographic tutorials for physicians

Parallel session 5.5

5.5.1   From legal to service-oriented identity: building identity ecosystems for development

5.5.2   CRVS for better migration data

5.5.3   UN Legal Identity Agenda: fulfils the promise to leave no one behind

Sessions 5.6 to 5.8: Preparation of conclusions and recommendations for reporting to the ministerial segment

Session 6: Interim Committee of Registrars General: updates on activities

Session 7: Leveraging partnerships in CRVS systems improvement initiatives

Session 8: Conclusions and recommendations

Closing of the meeting

Country delegates from the Expert Group Meeting brief their ministers.

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