



**Preparatory Meeting of Experts for the Fifth Conference of
African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration**
Lusaka, 14–16 October 2019

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Programme of work

Conference theme

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



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**Decade for Repositioning
of Civil Registration and
Vital Statistics in Africa
2017–2026**

Day 1: Monday, 14 October 2019

Time	Item	Responsible
8–8.30 a.m.	Registration	
8.30–9.30 a.m.	Session 1: Opening session	
8.30–9 a.m.	<p>1.1 Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts Mr. Ahmed Bouceif Registrar-General, Mauritania</p> <p>- Mr. Charles Lufumpa Acting Chief Economist and Vice- President African Development Bank</p> <p>- Mr. Oliver Chinganya Director, African Centre for Statistics Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>- H.E. Professor Victor Harrison Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission</p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <p>- Dr. Liya Mutale Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs Government of Zambia</p>	Master of Ceremonies: Host Country
9–9.15 a.m.	1.2 Election of the Bureau	African Union Commission
9.05–9.10 a.m.	1.3 Adoption of the agenda and programme of work	Chair of the Bureau
9.10–9.20 a.m.	1.4 Objectives of the meeting	African Union Commission
9.20–9.30 a.m.	1.5 Report on progress pursuant to the ministerial declarations and on the status of civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) in Africa	Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Session 2: Civil registration as the foundation for legal identity systems	Chair of the Bureau
9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	2.1 UN Legal Identity Agenda	UN Legal Identity Experts Group (UN LIEG)
	2.2 Taking a holistic approach to legal identity: good practices from integrating CRVS and identity management systems around the world	Centre of Excellence for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) Namibia
10.30 –11 a.m.	2.3 Importance of CRVS and identity management for durable solutions for refugees, internally displaced persons and returnees	African Union Commission and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Ethiopia

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	Coffee break	
	2.4 The state of CRVS and national identity management in Africa	Development Initiatives Uganda
	2.5 Integrating CRVS systems and legal identity management in the digital era	ECA Angola
	Discussions	
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break	
	Session 3: Innovative approaches in CRVS systems improvement	Chair of the Bureau
2–2.25 p.m.	3.1 CRVS digitization and innovation: an Eastern Africa and Southern Africa perspective	United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) – Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa (ESARO) Mozambique Namibia
	Discussions	
2.25–2.45 p.m.	3.2 Electronic CRVS systems: what countries need to consider in the modernization process	World Bank Gambia
	Discussions	
	Session 4: Reviewing progress and implementation challenges	Chair of the Bureau
2.45–2.55 p.m.	4.1 Civil registration in emergencies – recommendations and guidelines for implementation	UNICEF Mali
2.55–3.05 p.m.	4.2 The CRVS systems improvement framework	ECA Vital Strategies Centre of Excellence/IDRC United Republic of Tanzania
3.05–3.30 p.m.	4.3 Guidelines for drafting memorandums of understanding for better coordination among national stakeholders of CRVS systems at country level	ECA Cameroon
	Discussions	
3.30–4 p.m.	Coffee break	
4–4.30 p.m.	4.4 Snapshot of CRVS systems prepared for 12 African countries	Centre of Excellence/IDRC ECA Sierra Leone
4.30–5 p.m.	4.5 Integrating mortality surveillance to strengthen CRVS systems	Africa Center for Disease Control (Africa CDC)/ African Union Commission Ghana Mozambique
	Discussions	

Day 2: Tuesday, 15 October 2019

Time	Item	Responsible
8.30 a.m.–6 p.m.	Session 5: Towards accelerated improvement of CRVS systems in African countries	
8.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	<i>Discussions in breakout sessions</i>	
Parallel session 5.1		
8.30–9.30 a.m.	5.1.1 Marriage and divorce registration in Africa: a neglected yet important component of a fully functional CRVS system Discussion	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Cabo Verde Congo Senegal South Africa
9.35–10.30 a.m.	5.1.2 Potentials of data linkages from CRVS statistics and other systems in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals: the case of road safety Discussion	World Health Organization (WHO) Ghana Tunisia
10.30–11 a.m.	Coffee break	
11.05 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	5.1.3 Strengthening linkages between civil registration and the health sector for better health and improved civil registration systems: the cases of Liberia and Uganda Discussion	Global Financing Facility Vital Strategies Liberia Uganda
Parallel session 5.2		
8.30–9.30 a.m.	5.2.1 Vital statistics from civil registration records and their relevance in monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals Discussion	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Eswatini Zambia
9.35–10.30 a.m.	5.2.2 Good practices in linking CRVS and identity management systems: case studies from around the world Discussion	Centre of Excellence/IDRC GPSDD Namibia
10.30–11 a.m.	Coffee break	
11.05 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	5.2.3 Evaluation of the completeness and quality of civil registration systems and the production of vital statistics reports Discussion	ECA Botswana Kenya Namibia Rwanda Zambia
Parallel session 5.3		
8.30–9.30 a.m.	5.3.1 Digitization of CRVS: towards information and communications technology assets for CRVS in Africa Discussion	Plan International
	5.3.2 The iCivil technological solution	iCivil

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9.35–10.30 a.m.	Discussion	Burkina Faso
10.30–11 a.m.	Coffee break	
11.05 a.m.–12 noon	5.3.3 The electronic birth and death registration system in Egypt Discussion	Egypt
Parallel session 5.4		
8.30–9.30 a.m.	5.4.1 Assessing and strengthening medicolegal death investigation systems to improve accuracy and completeness of vital statistics Discussion	CDC Foundation Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute Vital Strategies Global Health Advocacy Incubator Ghana
9.35–10.30 a.m.	5.4.2 Pathways to obtaining good-quality cause-of-death information in Africa Discussion	CDC Foundation WHO Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute Vital Strategies Kenya Zambia
10.30-11 a.m.	Coffee break	
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	5.4.3 Death certification curriculum and infographic tutorials for physicians Discussion	WHO
Parallel session 5.5		
8.30–9.30 a.m.	5.5.1 From legal to service-oriented identity: building identity ecosystems for development Discussion	Identity For All Africa (ID4Africa) Guinea Kenya Lesotho Togo
9.35–10.30 a.m.	5.5.2 CRVS for better migration data Discussion	African Union Commission Ethiopia Kenya Mali International Organization for Migration (IOM) Statistics Sweden Statistics Norway
10.30–11 a.m.	Coffee break	
11.05 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	5.5.3 UN Legal Identity Agenda: fulfils the promise to leave no one behind	UN LIEG

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	Discussion	Cameroon Democratic Republic of the Congo Guinea Nigeria Sierra Leone
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break	
2–2.30 p.m.	5.6, 5.7 and 5.8 Preparation of conclusions and recommendations for reporting to the ministerial segment	
2.30–3 p.m.	Coffee break	
	Consolidated report of the parallel sessions Chair of the Bureau	
3–3.30 p.m.	Report back to the plenary by the groups Discussion	Chairs of the groups
4.30–6.30 p.m.	Consolidation of parallel session reports in preparation for reporting to the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration	Bureau, Regional CRVS Core Group

Day 3: Wednesday, 16 October 2019

Time	Item	Responsible
8.30–10 a.m.	Session 6: Interim Committee of Registrars General	Chair of the Bureau
8.30–10 a.m.	Update on activities Discussions	Chair of the Interim Committee African Union Commission ECA
10–11 a.m.	Session 7: Leveraging partnerships	Chair of the Bureau
10–11 a.m.	Brief statements by partners Discussions	AfDB UNICEF UNFPA UNHCR WHO Centre of Excellence GFF
11–11.30 a.m.	Coffee break	
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Preparation of proposals for the ministerial segment	Bureau African Union Commission ECA
1–3 p.m.	Lunch break	
3–4 p.m.	Session 8: Conclusions and recommendations Chair of the Bureau	
3–4 p.m.	Presentation of the consolidated report of the Meeting of Experts Discussions	Rapporteur of the Bureau
4–4.15 p.m.	Closing remarks	Chair of the Bureau
From 4.15 p.m. onward	Country delegates from the Meeting of Experts brief their Ministers	