

**2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses:  
Workshop on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics for UNESCWA Region**

**Organisation of work  
(provisional)**

Monday, 3 December 2007	
<b>9:00–9:30</b>	<b>1. Registration of participants</b>
<b>9:30–10:30</b>	<p><b>2. Opening</b> Introductory remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General Aboubakr Elgindy, President of Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), Egypt</li> <li>- United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)</li> <li>- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</li> </ul> <p>Selection of Chair and Rapporteur Logistics and getting acquainted</p>
<b>10:30–11:30</b>	<p><b>3. Vital statistics and their sources.</b> The session introduces and compares the three sources used to obtain vital statistics —civil registration, population censuses and sample surveys— and discusses the purposes for which they are best suited, their major advantages and limitations. The session also summarises data sources that are used in ESCWA countries to obtain vital statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD presentations</li> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
<b>11:30–11:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:45–12:45</b>	<p><b>4. The need for a civil registration system.</b> The session examines why every country needs a civil registration system. It covers the legal and protective advantages of vital records to individual citizens and considers the administrative and statistical advantages of a well operated and maintained civil registration system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD presentations</li> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
<b>12:45 – 13:30</b>	<p><b>5. Vital events to be registered and characteristics of the civil registration method.</b> The session reviews the specific characteristics of the civil registration method and its connection to the vital statistics system. It also</p>

	<p>identifies the vital events that should be registered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD presentations</li> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
<b>13:30–13:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>13:45- 14:45</b>	<p><b>6. Integration and coordination in the civil registration system.</b> Civil registration system includes civil registration and all its institutional and technical associations. The process of the compilation, analysis, evaluation, presentation and dissemination of these data in statistical form completes the definition of the vital statistics system. This session provides an overview of the coordination necessary among the parts of the civil registration system and the vital statistics system. It also examines the integration of the vital statistics system with other agencies related to registration and vital statistics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD presentations</li> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
<b>14:45 – 15:30</b>	<p><b>7. Topics and themes to be investigated in a vital statistics system.</b> The session reviews a list of topics and themes and their definitions to be investigated in the registration process for vital statistics purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD presentations</li> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, 4 December 2007</b>	
<b>8:30- 9:30</b>	<p><b>8. Evaluating the completeness of the civil registration system.</b> The session reviews techniques, both direct and indirect, that can be used to evaluate the completeness of a civil registration system and reported vital statistics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD presentations</li> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
<b>9:30 – 10:45</b>	<p><b>9. Civil registration and vital statistics system in ESCWA countries.</b> The session provides a platform for countries to share experiences. Countries will present their national civil registration system, focusing on the legal framework, administrative structure, technical settings and government and public involvement. Difficulties and challenges facing while using civil registration system for vital statistics are also covered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country presentation – Bahrain (civil registration &amp; vital statistics)</li> <li>• Country presentations - Egypt (vital statistics)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country presentations - Iraq (vital statistics)</li> <li>• Country presentation – Jordan (civil registration &amp; vital statistics)</li> <li>• Country presentations - Kuwait (vital statistics)</li> <li>• Country presentations - Lebanon (civil registration &amp; vital statistics)</li> </ul>
<b>10:45-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00- 12:45</b>	<b>9. Civil registration and vital statistics system in ESCWA countries (cont.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country presentations - Oman (civil registration &amp; vital statistics)</li> <li>• Country presentations - Palestine (civil registration &amp; vital statistics)</li> <li>• Country presentations - Qatar (civil registration &amp; vital statistics)</li> <li>• Country presentations - Saudi Arabia (civil registration)</li> <li>• Country presentations - Syria (vital statistics)</li> <li>• Country presentations - UAE (vital statistics)</li> <li>• Country presentations - Yemen (civil registration &amp; vital statistics)</li> </ul>
<b>12:45 – 13:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>13:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>9. Civil registration and vital statistics system in ESCWA countries (cont.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 5 December 2007	
<b>8:30 – 12:45 (incl. coffee break 10:45- 11:00)</b>	<b>10a Concepts and definitions of vital events in national civil registration systems (for civil registrars).</b> The session provides a framework for registrars to fulfill the assignment of producing a comparative overview of vital statistics variables collected by their respective national systems. It will also include an elaboration of differences in definitions and concepts of vital events and registration that have an impact on regional comparability.
<b>8:30 – 12:45 (incl. coffee break 10:45- 11:00)</b>	<b>10b Censuses and sample surveys as a source of fertility and mortality data (for statisticians).</b> The session reviews the major techniques to obtain fertility and mortality statistics using censuses and/or sample surveys, highlighting the requirements and complexities of each source. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD presentation</li> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
<b>12:45 – 13:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

13:00– 14:15	11. <b>Plenary discussion – report from the group discussion in sessions 10a and 10b</b>
14:15 – 15:00	12. <b>Civil registration and population registers.</b> The session reviews the relationship between civil registration and population registers as per the <i>United Nations Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, Rev. 2</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD presentation</li> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
Thursday, 6 December 2007	
8:30 – 9:45	13. <b>Compilation of vital statistics at international level.</b> The session reviews the data and metadata requirements at international level for vital statistics, as indicated on the <i>Demographic Yearbook</i> vital statistics questionnaire. It also assesses how well participating countries are able to comply with the international standard and propose ways to improve both the level of responses and the quality of data provided to the <i>Demographic Yearbook</i> questionnaire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD presentation</li> <li>• General discussion</li> </ul>
9:45 – 10:45	14. <b>Round-table discussion: future activities to improve the civil registration and vital statistics systems for countries in the UNESCWA region</b>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00-12:00	15. <b>Conclusions and Recommendations</b> Presentation and discussion of the summary of the workshop’s proceedings: conclusions and recommendations on how to improve the quality of vital statistics in ESCWA countries.  <b>Evaluation of the workshop</b>  <b>Closing</b>