

Item 4 (c) “Civil registration and vital statistics”

Intervention by Bangladesh

Thank you Mr. Chair,

I am pleased to inform that in November last year, the First Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific was convened by ESCAP and other development partners. Bangladesh was elected Chair of the Conference represented by Hon. Minister for planning AHM Mustafa Kamal. The Ministerial Declaration to “Get Every One” in the picture is truly historic which represents most comprehensive and progressive internationally agreed document related to CRVS. The Declaration sets out a shared vision that by 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistical systems.

To achieve this vision, governments of this region

- have declared this year to be the first of the Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade, which will end in 2024.
- The Conference endorsed a Regional Action Framework containing these goals, beginning with universal civil registration of birth and deaths, supplemented with its targets and 7 areas of action to guide and accelerate the efforts of governments and development partners.
- Each Asian and Pacific country has committed to setting national targets and reporting on progress over the course of the decade
- This significant level of commitment and accountability of the regional initiatives have had the Statistical Commission/global actors to put more attention to CRVS
- This regional approach has facilitated the development of shared resources and extensive knowledge sharing between countries and has promoted collaboration between development partners across their mandates.

Based on the outcomes of the Ministerial Conference we recommend that

- All the stakeholders at national level work together under one strategic plan
- Development partners support the governments to make long-term investments and improvements to civil registration infrastructure, so that the data potential can be realised.
- Strengthen regional initiatives (Asia and the Pacific, Africa) as central sources of support and peer to peer learning for countries
- CRVS maintains its position as a key target for the 2015 development agenda in terms of implementation, monitoring as well as a means of improving people’s life.

I invite all interested delegates to visit www.getinpicture.org to find out more about the outcome of the Conference and the regional initiatives to improve CRVS in Asia and the Pacific.

Signature

Secretary in Charge SID, Bangladesh

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