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CONCEPT NOTE AND AGENDA

4th Global CRVS and Gender Symposium

15–17 October 2025
Nairobi, Kenya

Co-hosts: Government of Kenya; the Centre of Excellence for CRVS hosted at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); the International Development Research Centre (IDRC); the Global Financing Facility (GFF); UNICEF; the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA); and Open Data Watch

Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) systems are essential for the effective functioning of a country and for advancing SDG 16 and SDG 17 by ensuring that every individual has a legal identity from birth and access to fundamental rights and services such as healthcare, education, and social security. Gender equality and women's empowerment are also integral to achieving the SDG 3, SDG 5 and SDG 16.

However, globally, CRVS systems are marked by significant gender disparities, particularly affecting women, girls, and marginalized populations. Gender inequalities in CRVS systems often lead to the under-registration of births, marriages, deaths, and other vital life events. This disproportionately hinders women's access to essential services and their ability to exercise civil and political rights. Ensuring legal identity for all, underpinned by the registration of vital events across the life course, provides a crucial layer of protection for women and children against social exclusion, gender-related health disparities and economic inequalities.

Furthermore civil registration systems are a crucial data source of sex-disaggregated vital statistics and gender-responsive vital statistics on reproductive health, maternal health, and nuptiality. In many countries, cultural norms, discriminatory laws, and socioeconomic barriers prevent women and girls from registering vital events or obtaining legal identification. A critical re-examination of CRVS systems from a gender perspective is needed to address these barriers, ensuring inclusivity and equality.

The Government of Kenya, the [Centre of Excellence for CRVS](#) hosted at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); the International Development Research Centre (IDRC); the Global Financing Facility (GFF); UNICEF; the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA); and Open Data Watch will host the 4th Global CRVS and Gender Symposium in October 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya. The Global Symposium will bring together key stakeholders, including senior government representatives, CRVS and gender experts, United Nations organizations, donor agencies, development partners, international organizations, civil society, and academic institutions—to explore the intersections between gender and CRVS systems, identify key challenges, share best practices, and develop strategies to promote gender-responsive CRVS systems globally.

Objectives

- Review major developments on gender and CRVS since the 3rd CRVS and Gender Global Conference (October 2022)
- Promote gender-responsive CRVS systems by strengthening the integration of gender into rapid and comprehensive CRVS/ID systems assessments and scale-up of digital public infrastructure (DPI)
- Review insights from CRVS and gender initiatives around the world
- Foster technical collaboration, knowledge sharing, and partnerships on CRVS and gender
- Build a shared understanding of relationship between CRVS system strengthening, gender equality/women's empowerment initiatives across the life course, and sustainable international development financing

Proposed session themes

- Integrating a gender lens into CRVS rapid and comprehensive assessments for policy review and strategy development
- Strengthening marriage and divorce registration as a cornerstone of a life-course approach to legal identity for all
- Using data and evidence for sectoral development planning and resource allocation.
- Building collaboration and partnerships to mainstream gender in CRVS system strengthening

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2025

7.45 - 8.15	Registration and buffet breakfast
8.15 - 9.15	Session 1: Opening session <u>Master of Ceremonies - Welcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● National Anthems of Kenya and East African Community● Opening Prayer: Mr. Shumary Malleon, Principal Registration Officer, Department of Civil Registration Services, Ministry of Interior and National Administration, Kenya <u>Session Moderator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Anders Thomsen, Representative, UNFPA Kenya Country Office <u>Welcome Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Stephen Jackson, Resident Coordinator, United Nations, Kenya● H.E. Joshua Tabah, Canadian High Commissioner to Kenya <u>Keynote Addresses</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ms. Julia Bunting, Programme Director, UNFPA HQ● Hon. Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and National Administration, Kenya

	<p><u>Opening Panel Discussion</u> Consolidation and strategic partnership: leveraging CRVS system scale-up for gender equality and women’s empowerment</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Julia Bunting, Director, Programme Division, UNFPA <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Anju Malhotra, Gender and Measurement Lead, Global Financing for Women, Children, and Adolescents, World Bank Group Mr. Jean de Dieu Bikorimana, Director, Civil Registration and Data Collection, National Identity Agency (NIDA), Rwanda Ms. Queen Katembu, Care International USA Mr. Patrick Kaburi, Deputy Director, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) Dr. Montasser Kamal, Director, Global Health, International Development Research Centre, Canada <p>Moderated Q&A by Julia Bunting</p> <p><u>Closing Remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Anders Thomsen, Country Representative, UNFPA Kenya
<p>9.15 -10.30</p>	<p>Session 2: Major developments in CRVS and gender</p> <p>This session will review the status of CRVS system strengthening efforts at the global and regional level. It will particularly focus on the evolving movement to ensure that CRVS systems advance gender equity and women’s empowerment across the life course and how civil registration data and ensuing vital statistics are being harnessed to monitor gender disparities in legal identity, health, and societal inclusion.</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Montasser Kamal, Director, Global Health, IDRC, Canada <p><u>Symposium Background Paper:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Romesh Silva, Technical Lead, Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems, UNFPA <p><u>Updates from regional CRVS programs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insights from across the African Continent and the AU STATAFRIC regional initiatives: Mr. Aime Dago, Population and Social Statistics Expert, STATAFRIC, African Union Commission on behalf of the African Union Insights from across the African Continent and the APAI-CRVS regional initiative: Dr. William Muhwava, Chief Demographics and Social Statistics, UNECA on behalf Chair of the Regional Core Group, APAI-CRVS Lessons from Latin America: Mr. Omar Morales Márquez, Director del Servicio de Registro Civil e Identificación de Chile / President, Latin American and Caribbean Council on Civil Registry, Identity and Vital Statistics Network (CLARCIEV) Insights from the Asia Pacific CRVS Decade: Mr. Meli Nadakuca, Principal

	<p>Statistician, Fiji Bureau of Statistics and Representative of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab States: Dr. Abeer Naser Alijalahoma, Director, Statistics Division, League of Arab States <p><u>Version 2.0 of the World Bank Group e-learning Courses on CRVS systems:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anette Forsingdal, Consultant, Global Financing Facility on Women, Children and Adolescents, World Bank Group <p><u>Financing and funding civil registration system scale-up in a changing world:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Shaida Badiie, Managing Director, Open Data Watch <p>Moderated Q&A</p> <p>Session Closing Remarks</p>
<p>10.30 - 11.00</p>	<p>Morning coffee break Group Photo - all participants</p>
<p>11:00-12.30</p>	<p>Session 3: CRVS and legal identity assessment tools: Rapid review and potential for stronger alignment and synthesis</p> <p>Recently there has been a proliferation in CRVS and legal identity assessment tools. This session will rapidly review these tools - unpacking their respective objectives, technical content, gender sensitivity, strengths, limitations, and where and how they have been used. The session will then review, as the field develops and country needs evolve, potential scope for refinement, alignment, synthesis and consolidation of CRVS and legal identity assessment tools. .</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Priscilla Idele, Chief, Data Population and Development Branch, Headquarters, UNFPA <p><u>Lightning Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO SCORE Assessments - insights on data gaps and system needs: Ms. Hong Anh Chu, Technical Officer - Health Information, Digital Health and Innovation, Data, Digital and Delivery Department, World Health Organization • ESCAP CRVS Inequality Assessment Tool: Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations • ECA CRVS/ID Rapid Assessment Tool: Dr. William Muhwava, Chief, Demographic and Social Statistics, Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations • CRVS Systems Improvement Framework: Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations and Ms. Claudia Wells, Managing Director, Vital Strategies

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GFF, World Bank CRVS Gender Assessment Tool: Ms. Anette Forsingdal, Consultant, Global Financing Facility on Women, Children and Adolescents, World Bank Group <p>Moderated Q&A</p> <p>Session Closing Remarks</p>
<p>12.30 - 13.45</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13.45 - 15.15</p>	<p>Session 4: Addressing inequalities and disparities in vital event registration and ID management across the life course</p> <p>This session will build on the review of inequality assessments of civil registration systems in session 3, by exploring how different countries have sought to close the gender, social and geographic disparities in vital event registration completeness. The session will explore how countries have increasingly aligned health systems, social protection systems, immunization programs, banking systems, and access to education initiatives with civil registration systems to incentivize the registration of births and the provision of proof of legal identity across the life-course. The session will consider the social and behavioral dimensions that are critical for “leaving no one behind” and ensuring inclusive and sustainable legal identity systems across the life course.</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Papa Seck, Chief, Data and Research, UN Women <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment of inclusion of undocumented immigrants, refugees, stateless persons, CRVS system strengthening and universal health coverage in Thailand: Mr. Yuttakarn Khattayaphoon, Director of General Registration Division, Kingdom of Thailand Aligning CRVS and ID systems with banking and finance inclusion of women in Zambia: Ms. Mabel Mung’omba, Chairperson, World Vision, Zambia Addressing the drivers of under-registration of marriages in Benin: Ms. Yvette Behanzin, Head of the Litigation Department, National Agency for the Identification of Persons (ANIP), Benin Aligning health information system strengthening and CRVS improvements in Kenya: Mr. Ayub Many, Head, Directorate, Health Policy Financing and Digital Health Innovation, Ministry of Health, Kenya and Chair, Routine Health Information Systems Working Group, Health Data Collaborative <p>Moderated Q&A</p> <p>Session Closing Remarks</p>
<p>15.15 - 15.45</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>

<p>15.45 - 17.15</p>	<p>Session 5: Strengthening Population Registers via alignment of CRVS Systems, ID Management Systems, Population and Housing Censuses and related data systems</p> <p>Universal, continuous and permanent registration of vital events are critical for the update of inclusive population registers, along with other administrative data sources (e.g. migration records, address registers, taxation records, etc.). These population registers have a wide array of uses - including in support of population census taking, facilitating the effective targeting of social benefit programmes, and updating of electoral rolls. This session will explore efforts from a number of countries in updating and maintaining population registers. It will also highlight the importance of high- quality civil registration data and the need for customised assessment of the inclusiveness, quality and usability of such population registers.</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Federico Segui, Deputy Director General, INE Uruguay <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of civil registration, address registers and administrative records for the updating of the population register: Mr. Mehmet Şaban Uçarı, Head - demography and migration statistics, Turkstat, Republic of Türkiye • Towards a register-based census in Mongolia: Ms. Tsogzolmaa Jargalsaikhan, Senior Statistician, Population and Housing Census Division, National Statistics Office, Mongolia • Establishing an integrated population registration system - lessons from Kenya's alignment of the CRVS system, ID management system, and the population register: Ms. Judy Kilobi, Integrated Population Registration System, Ministry of Interior and National Administration, Republic of Kenya <p>Moderated Q&A</p> <p>Session Closing Remarks</p>
<p>17.15 - 17.30</p>	<p>Rapid review of insights from Day 1 of the 4th CRVS and Gender Global Symposium</p> <p>Ms. Mayra Buvinic, Senior Fellow Emeritus, Centre for Global Development</p>
<p>17.30 - 19.30</p>	<p>Welcome Reception</p>

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2025

<p>8.30 - 9.30</p>	<p>Coffee and light breakfast</p> <p>Breakfast Side Event: CRVS Partner's Roundtable (BY INVITATION ONLY)</p>
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	<p>Aligning domestic and international financing to advance universal legal identity across the life course</p> <p>This breakfast round-table will review the current data and evidence on financing of CRVS systems, ID management systems and digital public infrastructure (DPI). It will highlight what we know in terms of legal identity system financing, strengths and limitations of the data, and key conclusions and potential priority focus area to advance sustainable financing and support to legal ID system strengthening.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shaida Badiee, Managing Director, Open Data Watch <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Belio Kipsang', Principal Secretary, State Department of Immigration and Citizen Services, Ministry of Interior and National Administration, Kenya Mr. Amos Cheptoo, Director, Resource Mobilisation Department, The National Treasury, Republic of Kenya Ambassador Philip Thigo, Presidential Technology Envoy, Republic of Kenya Ms. Milka Choge, Country Coordinator, Global Financing Facility (GFF), Kenya Country Office, World Bank Group Dr. Montasser Kamal, Director, Global Health, IDRC, Canada Ms. Jennifer Ellis, Director, Data for Health Program, Bloomberg Philanthropies Dr. Patrick Kaburi, Director, Programme Performance and Impact, Children's Investment Fund Foundation Dr. Abdourahmane Diallo, Representative, World Health Organization, Kenya
<p>9.30 - 11.00</p>	<p>Session 6: Country case studies on marriage registration, divorce registration, gender equity and women's empowerment</p> <p>Much progress is still needed in strengthening marriage and divorce registration systems, as disproportionate focus has been given to birth and death registration systems. Yet, marriage and divorce are key life transitions with significant implications for the rights and welfare of women and girls. This session will review recent efforts to strengthen marriage and divorce registration systems, examine how these efforts relate to policy and programmatic efforts to eradicate child marriage, and explore the broader implications for gender power dynamics within marital unions, as well as the securing of rights and entitlements during divorce, including parental custody rights, property and assets.</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Violet Kinuthia, Program Manager, Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems, UNFPA <p><u>Regional assessments on the status of marriage and divorce registration systems in Africa, Arab States, Latin America and the Caribbean:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. David Nzeyimana, Consultant, Eastern Southern African Regional Office, UNFPA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Claudina Zavattiero, Coordinator - Population and Development, Paraguay Country Office, UNFPA Mr. Willis Odek, Regional Advisor, Arab States Regional Office, UNFPA <p><u>Marriage Registration in West and Central Africa:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irina Dincu, Senior CRVS Consultant, UNFPA WCARO and Boladé Banougnin, Programme Analyst, UNFPA WCARO <p><u>Marriage registration and child marriage:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary findings from 2023 Indonesian Socioeconomic Survey (Susenas): Ms. Widi Sari, Senior Researcher, PUSKAPA, Universitas Indonesia <p><u>Insights from efforts to integrate marriage within the National System of Lesotho:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lits'oane Keketsi, Quality Assurance Manager, Ministry of Home Affairs, Kingdom of Lesotho <p>Moderated Discussion & Q&A</p>		
11:00 - 11.30	Morning coffee break		
11.30 - 13:00	<p>Session 7: Parallel sessions on CRVS systems assessment, coordination and digitalization and gender considerations</p> <p>This session will comprise three parallel sessions. The first will review how countries have developed and assessed national CRVS system-strengthening plans in recent years. It will examine successes, limitations and gaps in implementing these national plans and begin to explore efforts to extend existing national plans to advance progress towards and beyond 2030. The second parallel session will focus on advances and lessons learned from improved inter-ministerial and inter-agency coordination in CRVS. It will also consider the challenges and opportunities for such coordination in holistically integrating gender perspectives into civil registration system strengthening and production, dissemination and use of vital statistics. The third will examine rapid advances in the modernisation and digitalization of CRVS systems, exploring how technology can transform these systems and extend their reach, while also recognising the potential unintended consequences, including barriers and adverse impacts for vulnerable subpopulations.</p>		
<p>Session 7(a): Development, assessment, and redesign of national strategic plans, emerging issues and next steps</p>	<p>Session 7(b): Inter-ministerial and Inter-agency coordination - lessons learned, emerging gaps and potential solutions</p>	<p>Session 7(c): Digitalization - balancing efficiency and modernisation with inclusion and accountability</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Gloria Mathenge, Child Protection</p>	

	<p><u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Claudia Wells, Managing Director, Vital Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ghana: Mr. Emmanuel Nortey Botchway, Registrar General, Birth and Death Registry, Ghana ● Sierra Leone: Ms. Martha Kester-Campbell, Director of External and Legal Affairs, National Civil Registration Authority, Sierra Leone ● Namibia: Mr. Jackson Wandjiva, Executive Director and Chief Registrar, Ministry of Home Affairs, Namibia ● Tanzania: Ms. Patricia Mpuya, Administrator General, Registration, Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency, Tanzania <p>Moderated Discussion & Q&A</p>	<p><u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inter-agency coordination in support of integration of civil registration data as part of Indonesia's combined census and One Data Initiative: Ms. Winida Albertha, Statistician, Demographic and Social Statistics Division, Badan Pusat Statistik, Republic of Indonesia ● Lessons learned from business process improvement mapping and digitalization of CRVS systems: Ms. Subhashree Dash, Technical Advisor, Vital Strategies ● Insights on alignment and coordination from the establishment of National Technical Working Group on CRVS Kenya by Mr. Paul Mwangemi, and use of the Partner Mapping 	<p>Specialist, West and Central Africa, UNICEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Efficacy and Scalability of CRVS digitalization efforts in Gambia: Mr. Lamin Fatty, Registrar General, CRVS, Ministry of Health, The Gambia ● Advancing systems resilience via CRVS system digitalization in Somalia: Mr. Abdikani Mohammed Wekhlie, Director of the Civil Registration Department, Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs, and Reconciliation (MOIFAR), Somalia ● Strategic digitalization issues of inclusion in aligning administrative data to advance the statistical population register in Kosovo: Mr. Avni Kastrati, Executive Director, Statistical Agency of Kosovo (UNSCR 1244/1999) ● Civil Registration, ID Management, and Digital Public Infrastructure - challenges and opportunities of digital safeguards: Ms. Janaina Costa, Fellow, IUSSP Initiative on Population Registers, Ethics and Human
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13:00 - 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 - 14:30	Session 7 (continued): Plenary session - rapporteur debriefs from breakout sessions on systems assessment, coordination and digitalization		
14.30 - 16:00	Session 8: Parallel Sessions on (a) Social and Behavioral Norms and under-registration of vital events, (b) CRVS Systems alignment for monitoring and measurement of femicides, enforced disappearances and missing persons, (c) Vital statistics as a tool for gender equality and women's empowerment		
	Session 8(a): Engaging social and behavioral norms associated with under-registration of vital events	Session 8(b): Strengthening alignment of CRVS Systems for monitoring and measurement of	Session 8(c): Vital statistics production, dissemination and usage as a tool for advancing gender equity and women's empowerment

	<p><u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Shaida Badiie, Managing Director, Open Data Watch</p> <p>Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing legal identity inclusiveness for intersex individuals and across gender identities insights from Nepal, India and Bangladesh: Esan Regmi, Chairperson, Intersex Asia & Executive Director, Campaign for Change • An overview of the use of social and behavioral communications change to address under registration of births: Ms. Gloria Mathenge, CRVS Specialist, West and Central Africa Regional Office, UNICEF • Identifying and engaging social and economic barriers to registration of vital events in Guatemala: Ms. Aurora Lucía Monzón Escobedo, Advisor on Gender Statistics, Gender Unit, National Institute of Statistics (INE), Guatemala 	<p>femicides, enforced disappearances and missing persons</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Mar Jubero, Technical Specialist, Gender-based Violence, UNFPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging insights from preliminary implementation of the UN Statistical Framework on Femicide Measurement: Ms. Caroline Gatwiri Mutwiri, Gender Statistician, Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, UN Women • Monitoring and Measurement of Femicide in Pakistan - insights from medico-legal death investigations and opportunities for CRVS system alignment: Dr. Summaiya Tariq, Chief Police Surgeon, Government of Sindh, Pakistan • Advancing human identification of the missing and disappeared in Mexico: Mr. Maximilian Murck, Programme 	<p><u>Session Chair:</u> Dr. William Muhwava, Chief, Demographic and Social Statistics Section, UNECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of community vital statistics profiles to advance local government planning in Kenya: Dr. Macdonald Obudho, Director General, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics • Production and dissemination of fertility, mortality and nuptiality statistics in Indonesia: Ms. Winida Albertha, BPS Indonesia • Vital statistics for evidence-based Policy in Georgia: Mr. Paata Shavishvili, Deputy Executive Director, Geostat, Georgia <p>Moderated Discussion & Q&A</p>
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16.00 - 16.30	Coffee break		
16.30 - 17.00	Session 8 (continued): Plenary session - rapporteur debriefs from parallel sessions on social norms and vital statistics		
17.00 - 17.30	Rapid review of insights from Day 2 of the 4th CRVS and Gender Global Symposium		
	Dr. Priscilla Idele, Chief, Data Population and Development Branch, Headquarters, UNFPA		
Dinner	Symposium Dinner, Nyama Choma Ranch (African Barbeque Restaurant) featuring the Safari Cats dance troupe		
	Optional sign-up and cost per participant is 4,800 Kenyan Shillings		

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2025

8.30 - 10.00	Session 9: Parallel sessions on CRVS and gender use cases
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	<p>Session 9(a): Country case studies on marriage registration, divorce registration, gender equity and women's empowerment</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Widi Sari, Senior Researcher, PUSKAPA, Universitas Indonesia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage and divorce registration in Djibouti: Ms. Fardouza Ahmed Ali, Directrice de la Prospective et du Développement Territorial Ministère Délégué chargé de la Décentralisation, Republic of Djibouti • Recent use of Demographic and Health Survey data and emerging prospects for CRVS and ID data to inform Cambodia's five year strategy plan for child marriage prevention: Ms. Te Vuoch Lim, Director of the Planning and Statistics Department, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Cambodia • Strengthening marriage registration system: Jesca Mvula, Head of Marriage Registration Unit, National 	<p>Session 9(b): Counting her in: addressing disparities in female death registration for improved equity, rights, public health</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Prof. Sofia Gruskin, Professor, Institute on Inequalities in Global Health, University of Southern California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research findings from Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire, and Tanzania on sex differentials in death registration: Dr. Clare Conry-Murray, Associate Director, Gender Equity Unit, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Dr. Emelyne Calimoutou, Associate Director - Legal Advocacy, Global Health Advocacy Incubator <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh: Mr. Khaled Hasan, Additional Secretary (Coordination Wing), Cabinet Division, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh • Cote d'Ivoire: Mr. Closius Adjemian, 	<p>Session 9(c): Advancing universal registration across the life course via partnerships with community-based institutions</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Mayra Buvnic, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships with community leaders to update family book across the life course: Ms. Halidou Yacouba Zeynabou, Director of Data Exploitation and Civil Status Modernization (DEC/MEC), General Directorate of Civil Status, Migration, and Refugees (DGEC/M/R) at the Ministry of the Interior, Public Security, and Territorial Administration, Niger • Kenya partnering with local administration on death registration: Mr. Daniel Muasya Maweu, Assistant Chief, Ministry of Interior and National Administration, Kenya • Advances in civil registration in
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	<p>Registration Bureau, Malawi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insights from strengthening marriage and divorce registration system in Uganda: Mr. Charles Nsimbi, Manager of Civil Registration, Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) <p>Moderated Discussion & Q&A</p>	<p>Regional Director, Ministry of Women, Family and Children in Cote d'Ivoire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tanzania: Mr. Samwel Luhaga, Statistician, Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency, Tanzania <p>Moderated Discussion & Q&A</p>	<p>Tanzania - towards universal civil registration: Ms. Patricia Mpuya, Administrator General, Registration, Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency, Tanzania</p> <p>Moderated Discussion & Q&A</p>
10:00 - 10.30	Session 9 (continued): Rapid rapporteur reporting from Session 9: Parallel breakout sessions		
10.30 - 11.00	Morning coffee break		
11.00 - 12.30	<p>Session 10: Towards implementation science and operations research for CRVS system strengthening</p> <p>Achieving universal legal identity within and across countries requires a tailored approach that accounts for political, legal, geographical and social contexts. A “one size fits all” approach to universal legal identity is not feasible. To determine how best to strengthen and sustain CRVS systems that are gender-transformative and inclusive, it is essential to understand what works, when, where, and how in terms of system strengthening. This session will explore how the CRVS field might benefit from operations research and implementation science that assess the feasibility, efficacy and scalability of different policy, programmatic and technical interventions to advance universal legal identity. It will also review how operations research and implementation science have been applied by programme managers in the areas such as HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, reproductive and maternal health, and poverty reduction. In addition, the session will examine insights from the Global Financing Facility’s results-based financing of CRVS systems improvements.</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Benedict Light, Senior Advisor, Family Planning Branch, UNFPA <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have operations research and implementation science shaped to health system strengthening and digital health innovations across Africa: Dr. Samuel Oti, 		

	<p>Senior Programme Specialist, IDRC, Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa, Nairobi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to advance operations research and implementation science to guide public health policy and action: Prof. Emelda Okiro, Senior Wellcome Trust Fellow, Head, Population and Health Impact Surveillance Unit, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme • CRVS Systems results-based financing through the Global Financing Facility: Insights from aligning investments, evidence, and results in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Chad: Ms. Anette Forsingdal, Consultant, Global Financing Facility on Women, Children and Adolescents, World Bank Group <p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Samuel Oti, Senior Programme Specialist, IDRC, Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa, Nairobi • Prof. Emelda Okiro, Senior Wellcome Trust Fellow, Head, Population and Health Impact Surveillance Unit, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme • Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations • Dr. Willis Odek, Regional Advisor - Population Data and Policy, Arab States Regional Office, UNFPA <p>Moderated Q&A</p>
<p>12.30 - 13.45</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13.45 - 15.15</p>	<p>Session 11: Panel discussion - advancing gender transformative CRVS systems to accelerate societal inclusion across the life course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where have we come from, and where are we now? • What are our strengths and key lessons learned? • What persistent gaps and limitations remain? • What are our core priorities in terms of investments, technical assistance, capacity strengthening and inter-agency/partner coordination? • What are key things we need to do differently? <p><u>Session Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Romesh Silva, Technical Lead, Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems, UNFPA <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Philip Thigo, Presidential Technology Envoy, Republic of Kenya • Dr. Montasser Kamal, Director, Global Health, International Development Research Centre, Canada • Ms. Jennifer Ellis, Director, Data for Health Initiative, Bloomberg Philanthropies • Dr. Priscilla Idele, Chief, Data Population and Development Branch, Headquarters, UNFPA • Ms. Jane Joram, Registrar General, Office of the Attorney General, Kenya

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Shaida Badiee, Managing Director, Open Data Watch Moderated Q&A and General Discussion
15.15 - 15.45	Coffee
15.45 – 17:00	Session 12: Closing session - wrap-up and next steps