

## **Lessons learned from local initiatives supporting sustainable civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems in Africa**

Side meeting at the 7<sup>th</sup> African Population Conference

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Protea Hotel Parktonian All-Suite - 120 De Korte St, Johannesburg, 2001

8:15-8:45	Registration
9:00-10:00	<p><b>Session 1: Current status of CRVS systems in Sub-Saharan Africa</b> Chair : Danzhen You, UNICEF</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening remarks <i>P. Gerland (UN Population Division)</i></li> <li>2. Progress made in the implementation of the APAI-CRVS Programme <i>Gloria Mathenge (Statistics South Africa/UNECA)</i></li> <li>3. UNICEF's work in the area of CRVS in Africa <i>Mayke Huijbregts (Chief Child Protection UNICEF Mozambique)</i></li> </ol>
10:00-10:45	<p><b>Session 2: Untapped sources of vital statistics data at the local level</b> Chair : Bruno Masquelier, Louvain University</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Vital registration systems in sub-Saharan Africa: history of a misconception and hope for the future <i>Pierre Cantrelle (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement), Michel Garenne (Institut Pasteur International Network)</i></li> <li>5. Fertility and mortality in North-Central Namibia: an assessment of quality of parish registers to be used for civil registration in Namibia <i>Veijo Notkola (University of Eastern Finland), Riikka Shemeikka (University of Helsinki), Nelago Indongo (University of Namibia), Harri Siiskonen (University of Eastern Finland)</i></li> </ol>
10:45-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-13:00	<p><b>Session 2: Assessment studies in various countries</b> Chair : Romesh Silva, UN-ESCWA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lessons learned from Botswana <i>Neo Lelang (Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs, Botswana)</i></li> <li>2. Lessons learned from Swaziland and Zambia <i>Jeremiah Banda (University Of Zambia)</i></li> <li>3. Lessons learned from Ghana <i>Stephen Amoah (Ghana Statistical Service), Francis Nyarkoh-Larbi (Ghana Statistical Service)</i></li> <li>4. Lessons learned from Ethiopia: the case of South Region <i>Amanuel Disassa (Hawassa University)</i></li> <li>5. Lessons learned from Namibia <i>Stefanus van Staden and Anette Bayer Forsingdal (Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration, Namibia)</i></li> <li>6. Lessons learned from South Africa <i>Aaron Ramodumo (Department of Home Affairs, South Africa)</i></li> </ol>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>

14:00-15:00	<p><b>Session 3: Evaluation of CRVS coverage</b>  Chair : Gloria Mathenge, Statistics South Africa/UNECA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completing incomplete VR: Estimating the extent and trend in completeness of registration of births and deaths in South Africa  <i>Rob Dorrington (University of Cape Town)</i></li> <li>2. Completeness and coverage of CRVS in Senegal : analyzing census data to identify barriers to death registration  <i>Cheikh Tidiane Ndiaye (Agence Nationale de Statistique et de la Démographie, Sénégal), Bruno Masquelier (University of Louvain), Ndéye Binta DIEME (ANSD), Ibrahima DIOUF (ANSD), Samba NDIAYE (ANSD), Oumy Diagne (ANSD)</i></li> <li>3. The determinants of under-registration of deaths in Cameroon: the case of regional capitals  <i>Samuel Kelodjoue (Dschang University)</i></li> </ol>
15:00-15:20	Coffee break
15:20-16:20	<p><b>Session 4: Innovations in monitoring and recording vital events</b>  Chair : P. Gerland, UN Population Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerating results for children by digitizing civil registration and vital statistics systems in Mozambique  <i>Mitala Hosea (Technical Advisor CRVS UNICEF Mozambique), Mayke Huijbregts (Chief Child Protection UNICEF Mozambique), Neidi de Carvalho (CRVS Specialist UNICEF Mozambique)</i></li> <li>• Monitoring of Vital Events using Information Technology: A Pilot Project in Kenya  <i>Ben Jarabi (University of Nairobi)</i></li> <li>• Birth registration in Uganda: challenges, opportunities and lessons  <i>Ssekisaka Farouk (School of Statistics and Applied Economics, Makerere University), Iga Shamira (Uganda Local Governments Authority)</i></li> </ul>
16:20-17:20	<p><b>Session 5: Improving mortality and cause-of-death statistics through CRVS</b>  Chair : Neo Leping, Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs, Botswana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updating an evaluation of the quality of national mortality statistics from civil registration in South Africa: 1997-2012  <i>Jane Joubert (South African Medical Research Council), Rob Dorrington (University of Cape Town), Debbie Bradshaw (South African Medical Research Council), Alan Lopez (University of Melbourne), Chalapati Rao (Australian National University), Cho Kabudula (MRC/Wits Rural Public Health and Health Transitions Research Unit (Agincourt), Pam Groenewald (South African Medical Research Council), Ria Laubscher (South African Medical Research Council), Theo Vos (Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation)</i></li> <li>• Involvement of local health departments enhances quality: lessons from local mortality surveillance in the Western Cape, South Africa, <i>Groenewald Pam (SA Medical Research Council), Juliet Evans (Western Cape Government Health) Tracey Naledi (Western Cape Government Health) Debbie Bradshaw (SA Medical Research Council)</i></li> <li>• Cause of death profiles for district health planning - Experiences from South Africa, <i>Debbie Bradshaw (SA Medical Research Council), Candy Day (Health Systems Trust), Ria Laubscher (SAMRC Biostatistics Unit), Noluthando Ndlovu (Health Systems Trust), Groenewald Pam (SA Medical Research Council)</i></li> </ul>
17:20	<b>Closing statements and end of the meeting</b>