



## 9th African Symposium on Statistical Development

Gaborone, Botswana  
17-21 February 2014

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK**

*Theme: Promoting Use of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in  
Support of Good Governance in Africa*

Time	Activity	Responsible
<b>Monday 17 February 2014</b>		
8:45 – 9:45	Arrival, Registration and Cofee/Tea	Host Country
<b>Session I: Opening Session</b>		
10:00-11:30	<p><b>Opening Remarks:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcoming Remarks:Government of Botswana</li> <li>2. Opening Remarks: Economic Commission for Africa</li> <li>3. Opening Remarks:African Union Commission</li> <li>4. Opening Remarks: African Development Bank</li> <li>5. Opening Remarks: Director United Nations Statistics Division</li> </ol> <p><b>Keynote Statement:</b></p> <p>ASSD Chairperson</p> <p><b>Official Opening:</b></p> <p>Guest of Honour: Vice President of the Republic of Botswana, His Excellency Dr Ponatshego Kedikilwe</p>	Master of Ceremony (Host Country)
11:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Presentation of Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ASSD Secretariat’s Report: ASSD Secretariat</li> <li>2. CRVS Secretariat’s Report: CRVS Secretariat</li> <li>3. Young African Statisticians Report: IYAS Executive Committee</li> </ol>	ASSD Secretarait
<b>Session II: CRVS in Promoting Good Governance: Leaving No One Behind in Africa</b>		
12:00-13:00	<p><i>Objectives of the session: This session aims at providing a general understanding on the role of civil registration and vital statistics in the realisation of good governance in Africa. The session will introduce fundamental characteristics of good governance and how civil registration systems respond to these. The discussions will be held in the context of the post 2015 agenda, specifically focussing on the requirement that development must be inclusive and therefore not leave any one behind.</i></p>	
	<b>Presentation I</b> : Good governance and the post 2015 development agenda	UNDP

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	<b>Presentation II:</b> CRVS and good governance	CRVS Secretariat, Inter-American Development Bank, AfDB
	General Discussion	
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>Session III (A): Making civil registration records and legal documents meet social service, identification as well as civil and human rights requirements</b>		
14:00-15:15	<i>Objectives of the session – considering the inadequate status of CRVS systems in most African countries, the session aims to provide conceptual and methodological background on generating CR records and evidences that respond to the various demands and requirements of users. The session is expected to demonstrate how the current CR system business processes need to re-engineered to meet the different requirements.</i>	
	<b>Presentation I:</b> Making use of civil registration documents and records - understanding the business processes	CRVS Secretariat
	<b>Presentation II:</b> Making civil registration records and legal documents meet health service requirements	WHO,
	<b>Presentation III:</b> Making civil registration records and legal documents meet civil and human rights requirements	UNICEF, UNHCR, Plan Interational
	<b>Presentation IV:</b> Making civil registration records meet identity management requirements	ICAO
	General Discussions	
<b>15:15 – 15:45</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
<b>Session III (B): Country Case Presentations</b>		
15:45-18:00	<b>Presentation I:</b> Identity documents and services (National identification card, passport issuance etc.)	Botswana, Morocco
	<b>Presentation II:</b> Health, Education and Social grant services	Senegal, South Africa
	<b>Presentation III:</b> Realising Civil and Human Rights	Rwanda, Cameroun
	General Discussions	
<b>Tuesday 18 February 2014</b>		
<b>Session IV : Register-based vital statistics for promoting inclusive and sustainable growth at local administration levels</b>		
9:00 – 10:30	<i>Objectives of the session – the aim of the session is to demonstrate the critical role of civil registration based vital statistics in facilitating plannin, implementing and monitoring development at the national, sub-national and community levels.</i>	
	<b>Presentation I:</b> Ensuring alignment of civil registration systems to meet the demands of the statistics sector	CRVS Secretariat

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	<b>Presentation II:</b> Current and continuous population and social data at lowest levels of geography in support of capacitating local governance structures and services	UNFPA, WHO
	General Discussions	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
11:00-13:30	Break away session (issues on session II, III,& IV)	Core Group
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14:30-16:30	Report Back	Countries
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
<b>Seminar: The facts and fiction of Africa's statistics narrative</b>		
<b>17:00-19:30</b>	<i>In 2013, a book titled: Poor Numbers:” How we are Misled by African Development Statistics and what to do about it”, was written by Professor Morten. Jerven. At its launch, a pan-African representation attended and a conclusion was drawn on the book subsequently by the delegation. The book stirred a lot of interesting discussions in media, political, economic and intellectual corridors. A project on documented statistical renaissance is about to be concluded by African scholars and practitioners. The session aims at presenting and discussing the book in the context of the statistical renaissance project. African practitioners and scholars will engage Professor Morten Jerven on his book.'</i>	ASSD Secretariat
<b>Wednesday 19 February 2014</b>		
<b>Session V : Conducting Country-level CRVS Comprehensive Assessment Studies and Preparation of Strategic Plans</b>		
9:00-10:30	<i>Objectives – the aim of the session is to exchange ideas and practices among member states in conducting comprehensive CRVS assessment followed by a costed plan. Member states are expected to present the challenges they faced and measures they have taken in meeting the commitments of their ministers during the second CRVS ministerial conference.</i>	
	<b>Presentation I:Status and progress:</b> Report on the assistance and preparations at the regional level	Core Group
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
11:00-13:00	<b>Presentation II: Actions and challenges:</b> Reflections by selected countries that have initiated the process	Ethiopia, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana, Kenya, Burkina

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<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:00-16:30	<b>Presentation III: Peer review on processes, challenges and progress:</b> Each country briefly presenting on status, progress and challenges ( <b>Break away session</b> )	All Countries
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	<b>Break away session continued</b>	All Countries
<b>Thursday 20 February 2014</b>		
<b>Session VI: Building knowledge for CRVS</b>		
9:00-10:30	<i>Objectives – the aim of the session is to establish modalities for building knowledge on CRVS in Africa. The session will aim at reviewing the adequacy of demography courses on the continent with respect to CRVS. The session will secondly address mechanisms for information and experience sharing among CRVS experts on the continent, and thirdly issues of continuity in mentorship of the regional pool of CRVS experts as well as Young Africa statisticians in civil registration and vital statistics</i>	
	<b>Presentation I:</b> The role of academic training institutions in building knowledge for CRVS	Makerere University, Centre for Population & Applied Statistics
	<b>Presentation II:</b> Regional CRVS Platform for Knowledge, Coordination, Monitoring and Accountability Mechanisms	CRVS Secretariat
	General Discussions	
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
<b>Session VII: Population and Housing Census (PHC) in Africa</b>		
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<i>The objective of the session is to take stock of the current round of PHCs in Africa in terms of achievements of the countries and challenges faced them and to discuss future strategies for Africa in the 2020 round of PHCs</i>	
	<b>Presentation I:</b> Assessment report on the 2010 round of Population and Housing Censuses	UNECA, AfDB, UNFPA
	General Discussions	
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Presentation II:</b> Presentations on country experiences in the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses	Central African Republic Senegal Cote d'Ivoire

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<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>Session VII: Continued</b>		
14:00-15:00	<b>Presentation III:</b> Presentations on country experiences in the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses	The Gambia Madagascar
	General Discussions	
15:00-16:00	Brainstorming Session on 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses	ASSD Chairperson
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
16:30-17:30	<b>Presentation IV:</b> Modalities of support to countries in implementation of APAI-CRVS	AfDB
	General Discussions	
<b>Friday 21 February 2014</b>		
<b>Session VIII: African Statistical Strategic Path</b>		
09:00-10:00	<i>Objectives – The aim of the session is to discuss statistical requirements and the statistical trajectory to be pursued in support of the African Union’s Agenda 2063, to complement the Strategy for the Harmonisation of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA)</i>	
	<b>Presentation I:</b> African Statistics System in Support of Agenda 2063	AUC
	General Discussions	
10:00-11:00	<b>Presentation II:</b> New resolution on statistics on work, employment and labour under-utilisation	ILO
	General Discussions	
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
11:30-12:30	Draft recommendation of the Symposium	ASSD Secretariat
	General Discussions	
12:30-13:00	Closing	