

Country Statement - Georgia

Agenda 3b: Monitoring progress in response to the Get Every One in the Picture initiative on civil registration and vital statistics

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The National Statistics Office of Georgia would like to extend sincere gratitude and indeed appreciation to ESCAP Senior Management and the ESCAP secretariat for putting together ideas across the region to finally make the guidelines for civil registration and vital statistics available to the member states.

The issues of Civil registration and vital statistic are a very important component that helps the country to record vital information such as births, deaths, and other vital events in order for individuals to claim their identity, civil status, and ensuing rights. CRVS will ensure that we ‘GET EVERY ONE IN THE PICTURE’ as the main point of the ministerial declaration.

I should also like to highlight that, since 2014, governments have been adapting the Regional Action Framework on CRVS into their comprehensive and multi-sectoral national CRVS strategies. As a consequence, more member States have more accurate, complete, and timely vital statistics to deliver public services.

On our part, Georgia remains committed to this process, and we assure you of our continued support in realizing this common goal.

The production and publication of vital statistics are largely dependent on the completeness of civil registration; Georgia has a highly developed online registration system for births and deaths. Not only quantity but also quality matters.

If we are going to focus on progress in taking the implementation steps contained in the Regional Action Framework, we are pleased to note that the three goals of the Ministerial Declaration are mainly achieved in our country and we are working hard to improve the quality issues, especially for the causes of death statistic.¹

In conclusion, allow me to reiterate that our vision is one of a common future that will ensure the improvement in the quality of life, social justice, peace, and security resulting in the well-being of the people of our region. As we move forward in the implementation of the Regional Action Framework for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, I believe that together, we can turn many challenges into opportunities to build a “universal and comprehensive CRVS system”.

Thank you for your attention!

¹ Goal 1: Universal civil registration of vital events; Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of vital events; Goal 3: Accurate, complete, and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated.