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Conference African Ministers responsible  
for Civil Registration

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

*Theme: Promoting the use of civil registration and vital statistics  
in support of good governance in Africa*





| Time                           | Activity   | Responsible      |
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| <b>Monday, 9 February 2015</b> |  |                  |
| 8:30 – 09:00                   | Registration   |                  |
| 09:00 – 10.15                  | <b>Session I: Opening session</b>  | Host country     |
| 09:00 – 09:45                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcoming Remarks: HHost country</li> <li>2. Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Economic Commission of Africa</li> <li>– African Development Bank</li> <li>– African Union Commission</li> </ul> </li> <li>3.</li> </ol> | Host country     |
| 09:45 – 09:50                  | Election of the Bureau   | AUC              |
| 09:50 – 10:00                  | Adoption of the agenda and programme of work   | Chair            |
| 10:00 – 10:15                  | Objectives of the meeting  | AUC              |
| 10:15 – 10:45                  | Coffee break   |                  |
| 10:45 – 12:00                  | <b>Session II: Towards complete civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems in Africa: understanding where we stand</b>   |                  |
|                                | Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS): Status against commitments   | ECA and AUC      |
|                                | Reflections  |                  |
| 12:00-13:15                    | <b>Session III: CRVS and good governance in Africa</b>   | Panel discussion |
|                                | CRVS in the context of agenda 2063   | AUC              |
|                                | Civil registration and human rights  |                  |
|                                | Vital statistics in the context of the post-2015 development agenda  | Core group       |
|                                | CRVS and improved service delivery:  |                  |

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|                                  | Discussion  |                      |
| 13:15 – 14:15                    | Lunch break   |                      |
| 14:15 – 16:15                    | <b>Session IV: Breakaway sessions in five parallel groups</b>   |                      |
|                                  | Report on progress, achievements and challenges in undertaking comprehensive assessments and developing improvement plans | Core Group           |
| 16:15 – 16:45                    | Coffee break  |                      |
| 16:45 – 17:45                    | <b>Session V: Breakaway sessions in five parallel groups</b>  |                      |
|                                  | Session IV continued  |                      |
| <b>Tuesday, 10 February 2015</b> |   |                      |
| 09:00 – 10:15                    | <b>Session VI: Priority themes in the context of good governance</b>  |                      |
|                                  | <b>A. Role of the health sector in improving CRVS</b>   |                      |
|                                  | Role of the health sector in CRVS   | WHO, ECA             |
|                                  | Strategies for improvement of death registration and cause-of-death information in Africa                                 | WHO, Indepth Network |
|                                  | Engaging the health sector in improving birth and death registration: sharing experiences                                 | Countries TBD        |
|                                  | Collection and compilation of cause-of-death information  | Countries TBD        |
|                                  | Discussion  | TBD                  |
| 10:15 – 10:45                    | Coffee break  |                      |
| 10:45 – 11:45                    | <b>B. Children's rights and CRVS</b>  |                      |
|                                  | Role of CRVS in realizing children's rights   | TBD                  |
|                                  | General comment on article 6 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child                                | AUC                  |
|                                  | Discussion  |                      |

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| 11:45 – 13:00                      | <b>C. Registration-based vital statistics for development planning and monitoring</b> |                                   |
|                                    | Vital statistics for development  | UNFPA, ASSD , secretariat and AUC |
|                                    | Use of civil registration-based vital statistics                                      | Countries TBD                     |
|                                    | Discussion  |                                   |
| 13:00 – 14:00                      | Lunch break   |                                   |
| 14:00 – 15:15                      | <b>D. ICT and CRVS</b>  |                                   |
|                                    | ICT in improving CRVS   | ECA and AfDB                      |
|                                    | Developing a regional manual on ICT and CRVS  | Plan International                |
|                                    | Experiences on the application of ICT to improve CRVS                                 | Countries TBD                     |
|                                    | Discussion  |                                   |
| 15:15-16:30                        | <b>E. CRVS and identity management systems</b>  |                                   |
|                                    | Establishing linkages between CRVS and identity management systems                    | AUC, ECA, AfDB                    |
|                                    | Experiences on linking CRVS and National identity management systems                  | Countries TBD                     |
|                                    | Discussion  |                                   |
| 16:30 – 17:00                      | Coffee break  |                                   |
| 17:00 – 18:00                      | <b>F. CRVS in the context of emergencies</b>  |                                   |
|                                    | Maintaining CRVS systems in the context of conflict and emergencies                   | AUC and countries (TBD)           |
|                                    | Discussion  |                                   |
| <b>Wednesday, 11 February 2015</b> |   |                                   |
|                                    | <b>[Session VI continued]</b>   |                                   |
| 09:00 – 10:00                      | <b>G. Gender and CRVS</b>   |                                   |
|                                    | Role of CRVS in gender mainstreaming  | UN-Women, UNFPA and AUC           |
|                                    | Partnership between Data 2x and APAI-CRVS   | Data 2X                           |

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|                 | Discussion   |                               |
| 10:00 – 10:30   | Coffee break   |                               |
| 10:30 – 11:30   | <b>Session VII: Reviewing the organization and management of APAI-CRVS</b>                             | Core group                    |
|                 | Organization and management of APAI-CRVS   |                               |
|                 | Discussion   |                               |
| 11:30 – 12:45   | <b>Session VIII: Financing CRVS in Africa</b>  |                               |
|                 | Global and regional financing facility for CRVS  | AfDB, World Bank & WHO, PMNCH |
|                 | Country experience on the development of a national CRVS plan  | Country(TBD)                  |
|                 | Discussion   |                               |
| 12:45 – 13:45   | <b>Session IX: Conclusions and recommendations</b>   |                               |
|                 | General discussions on the report of the experts and draft resolutions and statement for the ministers |                               |
| 13:45 – 14:00   | <b>Closing of the meeting</b>  |                               |
|                 | Closing remarks by the Chair   |                               |
| 14:30 – onwards | Country delegates from the expert meeting brief their respective ministers                             |                               |