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Preparatory Meeting of Experts for the Second Conference
of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration

Durban, Republic of South Africa
3-5 September 2012

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

***Theme: Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
Institutional and Human Infrastructure***



African Union Commission



African Development Bank



Republic of South Africa

Time	Activity	Responsible
Monday 3 September 2012		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
	Session I: Opening Session	Host country
9:00 – 9:45	Opening Statements: 1. Welcoming Remarks: United Nations Economic Commission for Africa 2. Opening Remarks: African Union Commission 3. Opening Remarks: African Development Bank 4. Premier of the Province of Kwa Zulu Natal	Host country
9:45 – 9:50	Election of the Bureau	
9:50 – 10:00	Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work	
10:00 – 10:15	Objectives of the Meeting	ECA
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 – 13:00	Session II: Role of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in the African Integration Agenda	
	- CRVS and African Integration	AUC
	- Children's and Women's Rights	UNICEF
	- Monitoring of Development Indicators	UNFPA
	- Public Health Service and Management	WHO-HMN
	General Discussion	
	- Refugees Issues and Related Challenges	UNHCR
	- Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA)	ASSD Chairperson
	General Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
	Session III: Proposal on Policy and Operational Frameworks of the Regional CRVS Initiative	
14:00 – 14:45	Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS)	Core Group

14:45 – 15:00	Reflection	
	Session IV: Report on CRVS Interventions and Results by Regional Organizations and the United Nations	
15:00 – 15:30	Progress Report by the Regional CRVS Secretariat – Results of the regional assessment report – Official report of the Secretariat	Secretariat
15:30 – 15:45	Report by Members of the Regional CRVS Core Group – country level interventions	Core Group
15:45 – 16:00	Reflection	
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
	Session V: Demonstration of Country Cases by Member States in Selected Areas	
16:30 – 18:00	CRVS and the Health Sector	Namibia and Burundi
	CRVS and National ID	Botswana and Senegal
	CRVS and Application of IT	Uganda
	Reflection	
	Monitoring of CRVS Operations	Nigeria
	Service Delivery and CRVS	South Africa
	CRVS in Post Conflict Situations	Côte d’Ivoire
	Reflection	
18:00 – 20:30	Cocktail	Host Country

Tuesday 4 September 2012

	Session VI: Breakaway Sessions in THREE PARALLEL Groups	
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9:00 – 11:00	Parallel Breakaway Sessions - Group I – Reviewing APAI-CRVS - Group II – Reviewing Progress Reports - Group III – Reviewing Country Case Demonstrations	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 13:00	Report Back in Plenary and General Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
	Session VII: Technical Session	
14:00 – 14:25	Registering Death, Assigning and Certifying Cause of Death and Compiling Death Statistics under APAI-CRVS	Secretariat
14:25 – 14:40	General Discussion	
14:40 – 14:55	Strategic Action Points for Improving CRVS Institutional and Human Infrastructure	Secretariat
14:55 – 15:10	Strategic Role of the Statistics Sector in Promoting the Implementation of APAI-CRVS	ASSD Chairperson
15:10 – 15:30	General Discussion	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
	Session VIII – External Experience and Resource Mobilisation	
16:00 – 16:30	Inter-American Development Bank experience on CRVS	Inter-American Development Bank
16:30 – 17:00	Role of Private Sector in Improving CRVS	De La Rue, Private firms from South Africa and Ethiopia
17:00 – 17:30	Financial Partners Perspective	AfDB
17:30 – 18:00	General Discussion	
Wednesday 5 September 2012		
	Session IX – Discussion and Endorsement of Draft Conclusions and Recommendations	

9:00 – 10:00	Preparation of Draft Conclusions and Recommendations of the Expert Meeting
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 13:00	General Discussions and Endorsing the Final Draft Conclusions and Recommendations of the Expert Meeting
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:15	Any other Business
14:15 – 14:30	Closing of the Meeting
	Closing Remarks by the Chair of the Meeting
14:30 –	Country Delegates of the Expert Meeting Briefing their Respective Ministers