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Second Conference of African Ministers Responsible
for Civil Registration

Durban, Republic of South Africa
6-7 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
Thursday 6 September 2012		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	Host Country
Session I: Opening Session		
9:00 – 9:05	Introduction	Host Country
	Flag Ceremony	
9:05 – 9:30	Opening Remarks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcoming Remarks: Minister of Department of Home Affairs of the Republic of South Africa 2. Opening Remarks: Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa 3. Opening Remarks: Chairperson of the African Union Commission 4. Opening Remarks: President of the African Development Bank 	Master of Ceremony (Host Country)
9:30 – 10:10	Keynote Statements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. (name of Minister and the country) Representing United Nations Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health ii. (name of Minister and the country), speaking on the role of CRVS in planning and economic development 	
10:10 – 10:30	Opening Statement: Guest of Honour of the Republic of South Africa	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break Opening of Exhibition	
11:00 – 11:10	Election of the Bureau	
11:10 – 11:20	Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work	
Session II: Role of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in the African Integration Agenda		
11:20 – 13:30	– Children's and Women's Rights	UNICEF

Time	Activity	Responsible
	- 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	
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
	Session III: Proposal on Policy and Operational Frameworks of the Regional CRVS Initiative	
14:30 – 15:00	Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS)	Core Group
15:00 – 16:30	General Discussions	
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break	
	Session IV: Report on CRVS Interventions and Results by Regional Organizations and the United Nations	
17:00 – 17:15	Progress Report by the Regional CRVS Secretariat	Secretariat
17:15 – 17:30	Report by Members of the Regional CRVS Core Group – country level interventions	Consolidated report
17:30 – 18:00	General Discussions	
	Reception by the Host Government	

Friday 7 September 2012		
Session V: Demonstration of Country Cases by Member States in Selected Areas		
9:00 – 10:30	CRVS and the Health Sector	Namibia and Burundi
	CRVS and National ID	Botswana and Senegal
	CRVS and Application of IT	Uganda
	Service delivery and CRVS	South Africa
	General Discussions	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
Session VI: Technical Session		
11:00 – 11:15	Registering Death, Assigning and Certifying Cause of Death and Compling Death Statistics under APAI-CRVS	ECA and AfDB
11:15-11:30	Strategic Action Points for Improving CRVS Institutional and Human Infrastructure	ECA
11:30-12:00	General Discussions	
Session VII: Reviewing Results, Achievements and Country Case Demonstrations and Proposing Programmatic, Policy and Political Actions		
12:00 – 12:15	Reflection by Experts	
12:15 – 12:30	Reflection by Ministers	
12:30 – 13:00	General Discussions and Action Points	
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
Session VIII: Presentation of Draft Conclusions and Recommendations		
14:30 – 15:00	Conclusions and Recommendations from the Expert Meeting	Experts
15:00 – 15:30	General Discussions	
Session IX: Ministerial Statement		
15:30 – 17:00	Ministerial Statement	

17:00 – 17:15	Any other Business	
17:15 – 18:00	Closing of the Conference	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Wrap-up and closing remarks by the Chair of the Conference</i>	