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The secretariat of the Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems, based in the Economic Commission for Africa, in collaboration with Vital Strategies and Data for Health, is organizing a regional workshop on the development of technical implementation guidelines for civil registration and vital statistics. The workshop will be held in Nairobi from 22 to 26 January 2024.

The workshop will bring together regional civil registration and vital statistics experts, including registrars general and directors general of civil registration in Africa and partners of the regional core group on civil registration and vital statistics.

The purpose of the workshop is to follow up on the discussions that took place and the decisions that were made at the expert segment of the sixth session of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration, held in October 2022, at which participants identified common and cross-cutting challenges obstructing the development of civil registration and vital statistics among African countries and recommended the adaptation of existing global guidelines to the African context.

In the first part of the workshop, participants will review the availability of existing global civil registration and vital statistics guidelines and their suitability for implementation in Africa. They will create a framework for the development of new guidelines, where needed, and develop a road map for the dissemination of both the new and the existing guidelines. Where new guidelines are needed, experts will work towards developing annotated outlines of the guidelines, identifying, in particular, the main questions that the guidelines should address across various topics. The second part of the workshop will be dedicated to reviewing a draft technical implementation guide for digitalization that was developed by the working group on digitalization of the Africa Programme.

Meetings of the working group and the regional core group will be held on the margins of the workshop.

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