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Item 2 of the provisional agenda for the expert segment\*

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and  
programme of work**

**Programme of work for the expert segment**

**Day 1: Monday, 24 October 2022**

9–10.30 a.m.	<b>Opening of the segment (agenda item 1)</b>  <b>Opening statements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Director, African Centre for Statistics, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Oliver Chinganya</li><li>• Acting Executive Secretary, ECA, Antonio Pedro</li><li>• Director, United Nations Statistics Division, Stefan Schweinfest</li><li>• Director, Statistics Division, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), [insert name]</li><li>• Representative of the African Development Bank</li><li>• Representative of the African Union Commission</li><li>• Representative of the Government of Ethiopia</li></ul>
10.30–11 a.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>

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11–11.30 a.m.	<p><b>Opening of the segment</b> (agenda item 1) (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Keynote statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau of the fifth session, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Zambia, Josephs Rikki Akafumba</p>
11.30–11.45 a.m.	<p><b>Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work</b> (agenda item 2)</p> <p>Statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of the Bureau of the fifth session, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Zambia, Josephs Rikki Akafumba</li> </ul>
11.45 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p><b>Session I</b></p> <p>Keynote address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director of Child Protection, Programme Division, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Cornelius Williams</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> Ten years after the establishment of the Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems and eight years to 2030 – Are we on track to realizing our civil registration and vital statistics commitments? (agenda item 3)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> International civil registration and vital statistics expert, Yacob Zewoldi</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief of Demographic Statistics, United Nations Statistics Division, Srdjan Mrkic</li> <li>• Regional Advisor for Child Protection, West and Central Africa Regional Office, UNICEF, Karin Heissler</li> <li>• Technical Officer, Regional Office for Africa, World Health Organization (WHO), Humphrey Karamagi</li> <li>• Registration Manager, Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency, United Republic of Tanzania, Angela Kamanzi Anatory</li> <li>• Director General, National Civil Registration and Identification Office, Côte d’Ivoire, Ago Christian Kodia</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
1–2 p.m.	Lunch break

2–3 p.m.	<p><b>Session II</b></p> <p><b>Statutory issues</b> (agenda item 4)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <p>The following reports will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on progress in the implementation of ministerial resolutions of the fifth session of the Conference (introduced by a representative of the secretariat of the Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems, William Muhwava)</li> <li>• Report on the evaluation of the Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (2010–2020) (introduced by a representative of the secretariat of the Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems, Gloria Mathenge)</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the African Union Commission on the No Name Campaign (introduced by the Head of the Statistics Division, African Union Commission, Leila Ben Ali)</li> <li>• Report of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention on a continental framework for strengthening mortality surveillance (introduced by a representative of the Division of Surveillance and Disease Intelligence, African Union Commission, Emily Atuheire)</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
3–4 p.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
4–5 p.m.	<p><b>Session III</b></p> <p><b>Progress on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics</b></p> <p>Assessing progress in the development of civil registration and vital statistics systems in the region: How can Africa accelerate progress in meeting regional and international commitments? (agenda item 5)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <p>The following issues will be considered:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Birth registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The status of birth registration in Africa: status, success stories, proven best practices, opportunities and strategies for progress (presentation by Child Protection Regional Advisor, UNICEF, Andrew Brooks)</li> <li>• Best practices and strategies for accelerated progress in birth registration (presentations by: the Director, National Population Register, Identification and Production, Namibia, Tulimeke Munyika; the Director of Political Affairs and Civil Status, National Agency for Secure Documents, Chad, Mahamat Oumar Kessou; and the Director, National Directorate for Civil Registration, Angola, Carlos Alberto Cavuquila)</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
5–5.15 p.m.	<p><b>Country spotlight:</b> Highlights of the Gambian electronic civil registration and vital statistics system</p>

**Day 2: Tuesday, 25 October**

9–10.30 a.m.	<p><b>Session III</b> (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>(b) Death registration and recording causes of death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The status of death registration and availability of cause of death information in Africa: success stories, proven best practices, opportunities and strategies for progress (presentation by WHO Technical Officer, Regional Office for Africa, Benson Droti)</li> <li>• Best practices and strategies for accelerated progress in death registration (presentations by the Director of Civil Registration, Civil Registration Services Kenya, Janet Mucheru, and the Director General, General Directorate of Territorial Administration, Ministry of Interior and Patriotic Training, Burundi, Nestor Habonimana)</li> <li>• Best practices and strategies for accelerated progress in medical certification of cause of death (presentation by the Director of Births and Deaths Statistics, Statistics South Africa, Mosidi Nhlapo)</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
10.30–11 a.m.	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session III</b> (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>(c) Marriage and divorce registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance and status of marriage and divorce registration in Africa: success stories, proven best practices, challenges, opportunities and strategies for progress (presentation by Strategic Information Specialist, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Willis Odek)</li> <li>• Best practices and strategies for accelerated progress in marriage and divorce registration (presentations by: the Deputy Director General, Civic Services, Department of Home Affairs, South Africa, Thomas Sigama; the Director General of Territorial Administration, Congo, Jacques Essissongo; and the Principal Civil Status Officer, Civil Status Division, Seychelles).</li> </ul> <p>General discussion</p>
12.30–2 p.m.	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>
2–3.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session IV</b></p> <p>Panel discussion: Assessing progress in the production of civil registration-based vital statistics on the continent (agenda item 9)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The production and use of civil registration-based vital statistics in Africa (presentation by a representative of UNFPA, Edouard Tallnan)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Population Data Policy Technical Advisor, UNFPA, Fredrick Okwayo</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager, Data Processing, Field Operations and Vital Statistics ZimStat, Zimbabwe, Aluwsio Mukavhi</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head, National Registration Bureau, Malawi, Mphatso Augustine Sambo</li> <li>• Coordinateur National des Communes, Comoros, Mohamed Soilihi</li> <li>• Director, Civil Registration, National Population Commission, Nigeria, Matthew Temidayo</li> <li>• Directeur d'Appui au Système d'État-Civil, Madagascar, Haingotiana Rasitefanoelina</li> </ul> <p>General discussion</p>
3.30–4 p.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
4–5 p.m.	<p><b>Session V</b></p> <p>Population registers and the opportunities they offer for improved public administration and statistics (agenda item 10)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The case for population registers, key features for their establishment and maintenance (presentation by a representative of ECA, Gloria Mathenge)</li> <li>• The potential use of population registers to generate sociodemographic indicators (Presentation by Population Data Policy Technical Advisor, UNFPA, Fredrick Okwayo)</li> <li>• South Africa's administrative population register, and the future of a statistical population register in South Africa (presentation by the Director of Births and Deaths Statistics, Statistics South Africa, Mosidi Nhlapo)</li> <li>• Experiences in building Huduma Namba, Kenya's administrative population register (presentation by the Secretariat Project Liaison Officer, Kenya, Phillip Lemarasia)</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>

### Day 3: Wednesday, 26 October

9–10.30 a.m.	<p><b>Session VI</b></p> <p>Panel discussion: Role of the health sector in building civil registration and vital statistics systems and the benefits of those systems for the health agenda (agenda item 7)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Senior Health Specialist, World Bank, Maletela Tuoane</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, United Republic of Tanzania, Aifello Sichelwe</li> <li>• Director, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Ministry of Health, Rwanda, Ntagara Ngabo Donatien</li> <li>• Director General for Health, Ministry of Health, Senegal, Barnabe Gning</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, Policy and Planning, Ministry of Health, Mozambique, Saozinha Paula Agostinho</li> <li>• Technical Assistant to the Director General for Health, Kenya, David Soti</li> <li>• Director General of Civil Identification, Registries and Notary, Guinea Bissau, José Alves Té</li> <li>• Director, Curative Services, Ministry of Health, Uganda, Charles Olaro</li> <li>• Deputy Director, Health Information Systems, Ministry of Health and Social Services, Namibia, Erwin Nakafingo</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
10.30–11 a.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p><b>Session VII</b></p> <p>Parallel sessions (agenda item 8)</p> <hr/> <p>Parallel session 1: Digitalization of civil registration and vital statistics systems</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Director General, Directorate of Registration, Notary Services and Identification, Ministry of Justice, Cabo Verde, Anilda Pereira da Veiga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of the digitization of civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa (presentation by Senior Statistician, African Development Bank, Roza Bora Mamuye)</li> <li>• Best practices in digitalizing civil registration and vital statistics systems (presentation by the Director, Vital Strategies, Claudio Machado and a representative of ECA, Gloria Mathenge)</li> <li>• Safe, innovative, and cost-effective digitization (presentation by Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, Baskhar Mishra)</li> <li>• Rwanda’s journey in developing a home-grown end to end digitized civil registration and vital statistics system (presentation by the Director-General, National Identification Agency, Rwanda, Josephine Mukesha)</li> <li>• Experiences in digitizing civil registration and vital statistics systems (presentation by the Director-General of Civil Status, Ministry of the Interior, Public Security and Worship, Benin, Abdon Marius Mikpon’ai)</li> <li>• Sustainable and cost-effective approaches to digitization: leveraging on the health system (DHIS 2) to develop and integrate CRVSID systems (presentation by the Assistant Minister for Vital and Health Statistics Liberia, Chea Sanford Wesseh)</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion and recommendations</b></p> <hr/> <p>Parallel session 2: Leadership, budget advocacy and sustainability in civil registration and vital statistics systems</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Registrar of Births and Deaths, Ghana, Henrietta Lamptey</p>

- Leadership and advocacy for civil registration and vital statistics systems (presentation by the Deputy Director, Anglophone Africa, Vital Strategies, James Mwanza)
- Leadership and advocacy for civil registration and vital statistics systems (presentation by the Director General of the National Civil Status Office, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, Cameroon, Alexandre Marie Yomo)
- Domestic financing of civil registration and vital statistics systems (presentation by the Director General, Civil Registry, Migration and Refugees, General Directorate of Civil Status and Refugees, Niger Ibrahim Malangoni)
- Experiences in testing a budget advocacy framework/toolkit (presentation by the Executive Director, National Identification and Registration Authority, Uganda, Rosemary Kisembo)

#### **General discussion and recommendations**

Parallel session 3: Legislation as an enabler of efficient civil registration and vital statistics systems

**Moderator:** National Director, National Directorate of Civil Status, Mali, Abdoulaye Alkadi

- Guidelines on a legislative framework for civil registration, vital statistics and identity management, (presentation by the Chief of Demographic Statistics, United Nations Statistics Division, Srdjan Mrkic)
- Progress, experiences and challenges in the development of civil registration and vital statistics legislation (presentations by: the Coordinator of the National Directorate of Civil Status, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, Guinea, Djenabou Touré Camara; the Chief Executive Officer, National Agency for the Registry of Populations and Secure Titles, Mauritania, Ahmed Bouceif; and the Director General, Department of Civil Registry, Nationality, Passport and Immigration, South Sudan, Atem Marol Biar)

#### **General discussion and recommendations**

Parallel session 4: Building integrated civil registration, vital statistics and digital identity systems

**Moderator:** Director General, National Civil Registration Authority, Sierra Leone, Mohamed Mubashir Massaquoi

- Experiences in developing a robust legal framework, for a well-functioning civil registration, vital statistics and digital identity system (presentations by: the Chief Health Officer, General Administration of Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt, Mahmoud, Abd Elshakour; the president of the general body for forecasting and supporting the decentralization process, Tunisia, Mondher Bousnina; the National Director of Registry and Notary Services, Mozambique, Arafat Zamila; the Director, Department of Civil and National Registration, Botswana, Vuyelwa Portia Segokgo;

	<p>and the Director General, Immigration and Citizenship Services, Ethiopia, Biruhtesfa Mulugeta)</p> <p><b>General discussion and recommendations</b></p>
1–2 p.m.	<b>Lunch break</b>
2–3 p.m.	<p><b>Session VII</b> (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Reports from the parallel sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapporteur of parallel session 1</li> <li>• Rapporteur of parallel session 2</li> <li>• Rapporteur of parallel session 3</li> <li>• Rapporteur of parallel session 4</li> </ul>
3–3.30 p.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
3.30–5 p.m.	<p><b>Session VIII</b></p> <p>Panel discussion: Digitalizing civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa to optimize their efficiency and use (agenda item 11)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Digitalization Strategy and Policy Adviser, ECA, Ibrahim Mamma</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director-General, National Identification Agency, Rwanda, Josephine Mukesha</li> <li>• Chief Health Officer, General Administration of Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt, Mahmoud, Abd Elshakour</li> <li>• Senior Health Specialist, World Bank, Samuel Mills</li> <li>• Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, Bhaskar Mishra</li> <li>• Registrar of Civil Status, Civil Status Division, Mauritius, Devendre Gopaul</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>

**Day 4: Thursday, 27 October**

8.30–9.30 a.m.	<p><b>Session IX</b></p> <p>Civil registration in humanitarian contexts: Building on experience gained during the coronavirus disease pandemic (agenda item 6)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key lessons for strengthening systems, drawing on experience gained from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic (presentation by the Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Section, ECA, William Muhwava)</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experiences and lessons from managing civil registration and vital statistics systems in emergency and humanitarian contexts (presentations by: the Director General of Civil Status Modernization, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Security, Burkina Faso, Justin Balima; the Head of Civil Registration, Federal Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation, Somalia, Abdikani Mohamed Wehlie; and the Head of Civil Status Division, Ministry of Territorial Administration, Decentralization and Local Communities, Togo, Notokpe Koffi Seto)</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
9.30–10.30 a.m.	<p><b>Session X</b></p> <p>Panel discussion: Legal identity for migrants, refugees and marginalized population groups (agenda item 12)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> (TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrating legal identity and civil registration and vital statistics systems (presentation by Director, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Special Liaison Office to the African Union and ECA, Mariama Cisse)</li> <li>Legal identity for refugees and marginalized population groups (presentation by, a representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Buti Kale)</li> <li>Progress on the implementation of the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda (presentations by: Senior Adviser, Child Protection, UNICEF, Kirsten Di Martino; and the Deputy Director-General of Information Systems Management, National Statistics and Information Authority, Kenya, Janet Mucheru)</li> <li>Experiences in implementing the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda for Migrants in Cameroon (presentation by the Chief of Mission, IOM Cameroon, Abdel Diop, and a representative of the National Civil Status Registration Office, Cameroon, Ada Fouda Delphine)</li> <li>Experiences in implementing the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda in Zambia (presentation by a representative of the Department of National Registration, Passport and Citizenship, Zambia, Brenda Kabemba)</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
10.30–11 a.m.	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
11 a.m.–12 p.m.	<p><b>Session XI</b></p> <p>Regional strategy and action plan for civil registration and vital statistics and achieving the commitments of the 2030 Agenda (agenda item 13)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems Strategic Plan (presentation by a representative of the Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems secretariat, William Muhwava)</li> </ul>

	<p>Subcommittee on Civil Registration (agenda item 14)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities of the Subcommittee on Civil Registration (presentation by the Head of the Statistics Division, African Union Commission, Leila Ben Ali)</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
12–1 p.m.	<p><b>Session XII</b></p> <p>Discussion and endorsement of the draft conclusions and recommendations (agenda item 15)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Chair of the Bureau</p> <p>Presentation by the Rapporteur of the Bureau of the draft conclusions and recommendations</p>
1–2 p.m.	<b>Lunch break</b>
2–3 p.m.	<b>Session XII</b> ( <i>continued</i> )
3–3.30 p.m.	<p>Other matters (agenda item 16)</p> <p>Closing of the expert segment (agenda item 17)</p>
3.30–4 p.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
4–5.30 p.m.	Special session: Meeting of registrars general

**Day 5: Friday, 28 October**

9 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Bilateral meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bloomberg Data for Health, Focus Country Meeting (by invitation only), 9–10.30 a.m.</li> <li>Business Process Improvement (BPI): lessons learned, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.</li> <li>Capacity Building for Gender Statistics and Monitoring Systems (CB-GenSMS) Project Inception Meeting: Burundi, Mozambique, South Sudan and Zimbabwe, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.</li> <li>Business Process Improvement (BPI) Assessment in the Sudan, 12–1 p.m.</li> </ol>
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