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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Theme: Towards Improved Civil Status Information for Efficient Public Administration and Generation of Vital Statistics for National Development and MDGs Monitoring in Africa



1. Registration
2. Opening of the Meeting
3. Election of the Bureau
4. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work
5. Objectives of the Meeting
6. Why Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa?
 - a) Importance and services of civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa
 - b) Technical, administrative and operational aspects of civil registration and vital statistics systems
 - c) International standards and guidelines and their importance to improve civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa
 - d) Challenges and opportunities for the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa
 - e) Implementing improvements in civil registration and vital statistics systems
 - f) Gender perspective of civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa
 - g) Accelerating birth registration in Africa
 - h) The inclusion of displaced populations in civil registration and vital statistics
 - i) International experience on law drafting techniques and its application to civil registration laws
7. Regional Initiatives and Strategies
 - a) The Tanzania regional workshop outcomes and progress on the implementation of the recommendations
 - b) The proposed medium-term regional civil registration and vital statistics plan
 - c) Partnership building and resource requirements and mobilization
 - d) Organization and expectations from the ministerial conference
8. Technical, Operational and Policy issues
Issues to be addressed in improving civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa
9. Breakaway Sessions in TWO PARALLEL Groups on Technical, Operational and Policy Issues
 - a) Discussion on technical, operational and policy issues
 - b) Report back to plenary
10. Meeting with Country Experts
 - a) Presentation of draft conclusions and recommendations to country experts
 - b) General discussion and endorsing the final draft conclusions and recommendations of the expert meetings
11. Any other Business
12. Closing of the Meeting
13. Country Experts Briefing their Respective Ministers