

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

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of Ethiopia

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

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



Time**Activity****Responsible****Tuesday 10 August 2010****8:30 – 9:00****Registration****Session I: Opening Session**

9:00 – 9:25

Opening Statements:

1. Welcoming Remarks: Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
2. Opening Remarks: Dr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission
3. Opening Remarks: Dr. Charles Lufumpa, Director, Statistics Department of the African Development Bank
4. Opening Statement: H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

9:25-9:30

Election of the Bureau

9:30 – 10:00**Coffee Break**

10:00 – 10:30

Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work

10:30 – 11:00

Objectives of the Meeting

ECA

Session II: Why Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa?

11:00 – 11:30

Importance and Services of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems

UNSD

11:30 – 12:00

Technical, Administrative and Operational Aspects of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems

UNSD

12:00 – 12:15

International Standards and Guidelines and their Importance to Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa

UNSD

12:15 – 13:00

General Discussions

Time	Activity	Responsible
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:30	Challenges and Opportunities for the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa	AfDB
14:30 – 15:00	Implementing Improvements in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems	HMN
15:00 – 15:45	General Discussions	
15:45 – 16:00	Gender Perspective of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa	ACGS
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 16:45	Accelerating Birth Registration in Africa	UNICEF
16:45 – 17:00	The Inclusion of Displaced Populations in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics	UNHCR
17:00 – 17:15	International Experience on Law Drafting Techniques and its Application to Civil Registration Laws	Boston University
17:15 – 18:00	General Discussion	

Wednesday 11 August 2010

	Session III - Regional Initiatives and Strategies	
8:45 – 9:00	The Tanzania Regional Workshop Outcomes and Progress on the Implementation of the Recommendations	ECA
9:00 – 9:30	The Proposed Medium-Term Regional Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Plan	ECA
9:30 – 10:00	General Discussion	
10:00 – 10:30	Partnership Building and Resource Requirements and Mobilization	AfDB
10:30 – 10:45	Organization and Expectations from the Ministerial Conference	AUC
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15 – 12:00	General Discussion	

Time	Activity	Responsible
	Session IV – Technical, Operational and Policy Issues	
12:00 – 12:30	Issues to be Addressed in Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa:	ECA
12:30 – 13:00	General Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
	Session V: Breakaway Sessions in TWO PARALLEL Groups on Technical, Operational and Policy Issues	
14:00 – 16:30	Breakaway on Technical, Operational and Policy Issues	
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break	
17:00 – 18:00	Report back to Plenary	

Thursday 12 August 2010

	Session VI – Meeting with Country Experts	
8:45 – 9:30	Presentation of draft Conclusions and Recommendations to Country Experts	Experts
9:30 – 10:30	General Discussion	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:45	General Discussions and Endorsing the Final Draft Conclusions and Recommendations of the Expert Meetings	
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:15	Any other Business	
14:15 – 15:00	Closing of the Meeting	
	Closing remarks by UNSD Closing remarks by AfDB Closing remarks by AUC Closing remarks by UNECA	
15:00 – 17:30	Country Experts Briefing their Respective Ministers	
18:30 – 20:30	Cocktail	