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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
Friday 13 August 2010		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
Session I: Opening Session		
9:00-9:30	Introduction and Children's Song	
9:30 – 10:40	<p>Opening Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: Professor Mthuli Ncube, Vice President and Chief Economist of the African Development Bank 4. Opening Statement: His Excellency Mr. Girma Woldegiorgis President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia 	
10:40-10:45	Election of the Bureau	
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break and Opening of Exhibition	
11:15 – 12:00	Making the Case for Improved Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Dorothy Rozga, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF Liaison Office to the AU/ UNECA and ESARO 2. Mr. Chrysantus Ache, UNHCR Representative to the AU and UNECA 3. Dr. Paul Cheung, Director of the UN Statistics Division (UNSD) 	
12:00 – 12:10	Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work	

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12:10 – 12:45	Session II: Background on Revitalization of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa	ECA
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
	Session III: Reforming and Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa	
14:00 – 14:15	The Need for Improved Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa	AUC
14:15 – 14:30	Legal, Administrative and Statistical Purposes and Functions of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems	UNSD
14:30 – 14:45	Management and Operations of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in the African Context	ECA
14:45 – 15:00	Generation and Use of Health and Demographic Statistics and Information	UNSD
15:00 – 15:45	General Discussions	
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15 – 16:45	Challenges and Opportunities for Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa	AfDB
16:45 – 17:00	Implementing Improvements in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems	HMN
17:00 – 17:15	Resource Requirements and Administration of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa	AfDB
17:15 – 17:30	International Experience on Law Drafting Techniques and its Application to Civil Registration Laws	Boston University
17:30 – 18:00	General Discussions	
18:30 – 20:30	Reception by the Host Government	

Time	Activity	Responsible
Saturday 14 August 2010		
Session IV: Country Case Presentations by Selected Countries		
9:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Best practice country case (Tunisia)</i> • <i>Countries with ongoing efforts (Ethiopia/Tanzania/Uganda/Guinea Conakry)</i> • <i>Countries with challenges (Sierra Leone/Cameroon/Sudan)</i> 	Countries
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 11:30	General Discussions	
Session V: Proposed Medium-term Regional Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Plan		
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation of the Medium-term Regional Plan	ECA
12:00 – 12:30	General Discussions	
Session VI: Presentation of Draft Conclusions and Recommendations		
12:30 – 13:30	Discussion of Conclusions and Recommendations from Expert Meeting	Experts
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
Session VII: Discussion and Resolution of the Ministerial Meeting		
16:00 – 17:30	Resolutions and recommendations of the ministerial meeting	
17:30 – 18:00	Any other Business	
18:00 – 18:30	Closing of the Conference	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Closing remarks by UNECA</i> • <i>Wrap-up and closing remarks by the Chair of the Conference</i> 	