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**Decade for Repositioning  
of Civil Registration and  
Vital Statistics in Africa  
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## Africa CRVS Pulse: Tracking Progress and Development in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

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A Decade into APAI-CRVS: Reflecting on progress and accelerating efforts towards 2030 through transformed systems.

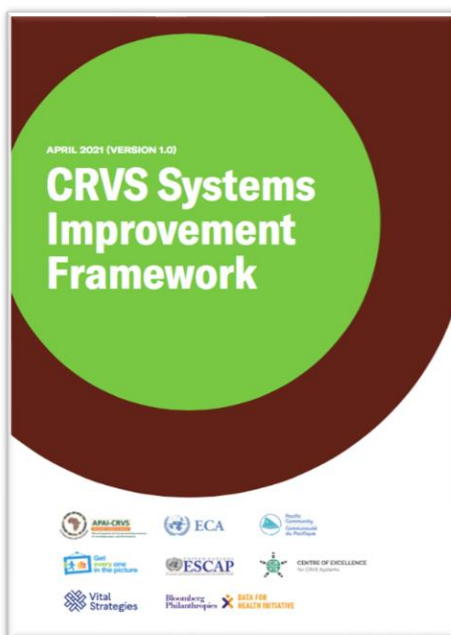
#### Message from the ECA

We are delighted to introduce the second CRVS newsletter “Africa CRVS Pulse” as the secretariat of the Africa Programme for Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS). The APAI-CRVS is a regional programme developed following the political commitment and policy directives of the ministers in charge of civil registration in Africa to reform and improve CRVS systems on the continent.

The aim of this CRVS newsletter is to track progress and development in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics efforts across the African continent. The newsletter will supplement the African Statistical newsletter and African Statistical Journal of the African Development Bank while giving deeper insights into CRVS activities. The newsletter will be consolidated regularly and published online to easy accessibility.

Mr. Oliver Chinganya  
Director- African Centre for Statistics  
Economic Commission for Africa

#### Spotlight on CRVS guide



In each volume of the Africa CRVS-Pulse newsletter, CRVS technical guide will be spotlighted. For this volume, we highlight the CRVS systems improvement framework. It provides guidance to countries to continually improve the performance of the CRVS system by adopting a process-centric approach, it is results driven and rights-based. It enables a multi-sectoral, participatory, country led and owned approach to CRVS system strengthening and customizable to country needs.

Download the CRVS Systems Improvement Framework at:

<https://www.vitalstrategies.org/resources/crvs-systems-improvement-framework/>

Attend the CRVS systems improvement framework e-learning course at:

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2024 CRVS Applied Research Training (CART)



The CRVS applied research training (CART) initiative focuses on enhancing CRVS systems through supporting applied research on strategies, interventions, and tools. This involves designing projects to address practical questions, employing robust methodologies, and identifying key personnel for effective implementation and publication. This project aims to strengthen the capacity of CRVS practitioners in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific to conduct high quality relevant research.

Launch of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (Applied Research Initiative) will help researchers to develop their skills to produce publishable research papers. This course will support you through every step of the way: from your initial idea through to submitting a paper and getting your evidence used to improve CRVS programmes. See details at: <https://getinthepicture.org/2024-crvs-applied-research-training-initiative>

29 January- 02 February 2024: Developing implementation guidelines to improve CRVS systems in Africa.



UNECA as secretariat of regional CRVS programme (APAI-CRVS), core group partners and selected countries reviewed the availability of existing global CRVS guidelines and their suitability for implementation in Africa and identified areas for which new guidelines are needed to better support country needs. The regional programme provides guidance on the institutional and operational linkages, workflows, and results management mechanisms in a more

comprehensive and holistic manner, encompassing the inter-disciplinary and inter-sectoral interfaces of CRVS systems in Africa.

[Workshop on developing implementation guidelines to improve civil registration and vital statistics systems | APAI-CRVS \(uneca.org\)](https://www.uneca.org/workshop-on-developing-implementation-guidelines-to-improve-civil-registration-and-vital-statistics-systems)



**28 August - 8 September 2023: CRVS comprehensive assessments.** ECA with support from AfDB undertook a comprehensive assessment of Burundi's and South Sudan's Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) and Identity Management Systems.

**3 - 5 October 2023: Preparedness to ICD-11 transition.**



ECA, Vital strategies and WHO conducted a training on country preparedness to ICD-11 transition for Mortality Reporting. Ten countries representing both Anglophone and francophone Data for Health focus-countries attended this training. This workshop was designed to support the country's decision process for the ICD-11 transition and how to manage the challenges that come with adapting a new ICD-coding practice. [Training on Country preparedness to ICD-11 transition for Mortality Reporting.](#) | [APAI-CRVS \(uneca.org\)](#)

**27 November to 1 December 2023: Analyzing Mortality Levels and Cause of Death Data.**



ECA, Vital Strategies, WHO and the Swiss TPH conducted this training workshop in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The training aimed at strengthening the capacity of selected African countries in producing, collating, and analysing data from civil registration or health-facility records to provide evidence on the systems performance and making this data available for policy and planning (where it meets a sufficient level of quality and completeness).

## Country News

**Cameroon:** Commemorated ID Day where it reaffirmed its commitment to identity for all (SDG 16.9); to ensure identity is protected and that it empowers. Everyone deserves an identity... Identity deserves a day! Held a Sports Walk from the Town Hall esplanade to BUNEC headquarters. Onwards and Upwards, Cameroon!

**Togo:** A technical consultative meeting was held to improve CRVS from 15-19 January 2024.



ECA conducted stakeholder engagements and bilateral consultations with government entities responsible for the operations of the CRVS and the UN entities in Togo. The recommendations from the consultative meetings were 1) a CRVS legal review be conducted. 2) a national CRVS

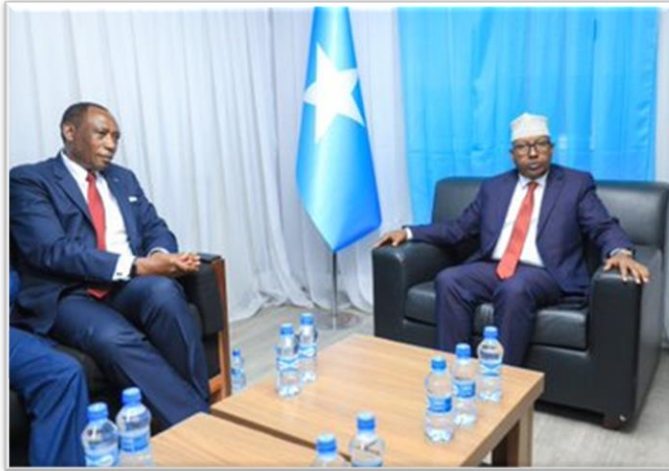
strategic plan be drawn up, 3) support development of online training materials and guides 4) strengthen synergies and complementarities among CRVS stakeholders. To ensure universal civil registration, consideration was made to utilise the tablets used during the 5<sup>th</sup> population census in remote areas to increase their registration coverage.



**Somalia:** Launched its CRVS National Strategic Plan 2024-2029 on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



At the Second Annual Meeting of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Steering Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the Director, African Centre for Statistics had the opportunity to address delegates including 10 ministers & development partners at the launch of CRVS National Strategic Plan 2024-2029 for Somalia in Mogadishu. The launch was preceded with enactment of a CRVS law which is a great achievement for Somalia. He emphasized the need for integration of CRVS and ID management systems. The use of Artificial Intelligence in statistical production is now imperative.



The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi met the Director of African Centre for Statistics at UNECA, Oliver Chinganya and Chief of Demographic and Social Statistics, William Muhwava to discuss strategic issues of CRVS in Somalia.



The Deputy Special Representative George Conway talked about the importance of the National ID and Civil Registration in the planning and service delivery of national efforts.

The deputy Minister of Health and human services, Dr. Mohamed Hassan Mohamed Bulaale, highlighted the significance of an effective Civil Registration System in ensuring accurate birth and death records. He noted that registering births and deaths contributes to improved health service delivery as a priority for the Ministry of Health.



## Past Events

**4 - 5 July 2023 - Improving Linkage Between Digital Identity and CRVS in Africa.** ECA CRVS team joined technical experts in providing inputs into Africa's contribution towards Global digital compact on digital identity during the final continental review meeting.

## 31 July- 4 August 2023 – Anglophone countries gather in Accra, Ghana for a training on data analysis and report writing for Civil Registration based Vital Statistics.

The goal of the training workshop was to strengthen the capacity of countries in analysis of administrative data generated from Civil Registration Systems with the aim of providing evidence on the performance of civil registration systems and making this data available for policy and planning (where it meets a sufficient level of quality and completeness). The workshop was co-organized by partners of the APAI- CRVS core group in two separate workshops for the Anglophone and Francophone African countries.

### Upcoming events

# StatsTalk-Africa

## Building Inclusive National Identity Systems - Inter-linking digital identity and legal identity



**Welcome remarks**  
**Mr. Oliver Chinganya**  
Director, ECA- ACS



**Moderator**  
**Ms. Anjana Dube**  
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**Presenter**  
**Mr. William Muhwava**  
Chief, DSSS, ECA-ACS



**Presenter**  
**Dr. Mactar Seck**  
Chief of Technology and Innovation  
Section, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)  
Coordinator, ECA's Digital Centre of Excellence  
on Digital ID, Trade and Economy (DITE4Africa)

**20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 11:00 to 12:20 EAT.**

The African Centre for Statistics will convene its 12<sup>th</sup> StatsTalk-Africa monthly webinar series to provide a space for dialogue about data, statistics, and innovative tools with data experts and users. Specifically, this webinar aims to demystify concepts, processes, divergences and developments in the digital identity and legal identity systems.

Register in advance for this meeting [Here](#)

**May 2024** Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) 9th African Population Conference in Lilongwe, Malawi. [The 9th African Population Conference | Union for African Population Studies \(UAPS\) \(uaps-uepa.org\)](https://uaps-uepa.org)