Annotated Provisional Agenda

Pacific Regional Workshop on Legal Identity and Identity Security

8-10th July 2019

SPC   Headquarters, Noumea, New Caledonia

Theme: Universal and secure legal identity in the Pacific - the role of Health Information Systems, Civil Registration Systems, National Identity Systems and Information Technology.

1. Registration
Participants will register for the workshop at entrance to the conference hall, and collect their Identity badges for the workshop.

2. Opening of the workshop
The workshop will be opened by Mr. Cameron Diver, Deputy Director General of the Pacific Community (SPC) and an official from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

3. Adoption of the Agenda
A short presentation highlighting the objectives of the meeting will be delivered by the secretariat. The presentation will highlight the objectives of the meeting, the format of engagement and expected outcomes.

> The overall objective of the workshop is to review progress and to build momentum towards the achievement of target 16.9 of the global sustainable development agenda (which commits states to achieving universal legal identity including through birth registration).

Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the draft provisional agenda and programme of work, subject to amendments as deemed necessary.

4. Introduction to key terms and concepts of legal identity and interrelationship of Health Information, Civil Registration and National Identity systems
This session will cover definitions of selected concepts and terms associated with the topics: "civil registration", "identity" and "legal identity", and in particular, those that are anticipated to be used during the workshop. The session will further discuss the role of Health Information, Civil Registration and National Identity systems in facilitating legal identity and the interrelationships between the three systems. The session will deliberate on the importance of legal identity as fundamental driver of national and regional development.

> *Objective: Position legal identity as a core national and regional priority that is necessary for development.*

5. Multisectoral perspectives on the importance of universal and secure legal identity and the role of the civil registration
This session will provide two sectoral perspectives on the importance of a legal identity; the first is on the importance of a legal identity (facilitated through birth registration) in child protection, child health and overall childhood development and well-being. The second presentation will discuss the critical role that civil registration systems play in facilitating safe, orderly and secure migration, particularly through ensuring that governments create and maintain credible travel documents. The session will be followed by country presentations by the governments of Vanuatu and New Caledonia in which they will share information on their progress and plans in the development of civil registration systems and their experiences in alignment to theme of the session.

> *Objective: Demonstrate the importance of legal identity in development and the role of civil registration systems in achieving legal identity.*

6. International principles and guidelines on legal Identity
This session will introduce participants to existing global guidelines, standards and recommendations on legal Identity. These will include the new United Nations Guidelines on Legal Framework for civil registration, vital statistics and Identity Management, and the principles on Identification for sustainable development (by the World Bank). Participants may also refer to the recommendations of the 1st

International identity management conference[1] which will be shared as a background document. The session will be followed by country presentations by the governments of Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Palau, Tonga, Federated States of Micronesia, French Polynesia and Samoa in which they will share information on their progress and plans in the development of civil registration systems.

> *Objective: Create awareness on existing global standards, guidelines and recommendations on legal Identity and the key principles promoted.*

7. The role of Information Technology (IT) in legal Identity

This session will discuss the role of IT in supporting governments in implementation of robust legal Identity management systems, including the efficiencies, benefits and risks posed by use of IT for legal identity functions. The session will provide participants with an opportunity to share experiences about use of existing IT systems for civil registration and health. The second part of the session will provide an overview of recommended principles to be followed in the Identification and implementation of appropriate IT solutions for civil registration, based on the Brisbane Accord Group's (BAG) IT guidelines for civil registration systems. The session will conclude by two country presentations made by participants from Niue and Fiji, in which they will share their progress and experiences in their recent implementation/ procurement of new IT systems for civil registration.

> *Objective: Provide an overview of recommended principles to be followed in the Identification and implementation of appropriate IT solutions for civil; Understand and share knowledge corresponding to country experiences in implementation of IT systems for civil registration.*

8. Role of legislation in civil registration and Legal Identity; existing regional standards and guidelines

This session will introduce participants to the Pacific best practice guidelines on civil registration legislation developed by BAG. This resource is designed to provide support to countries in the review and development of robust civil registration legislation i.e. legislation that aligns to the United Nations recommendations and principles on civil registration and vital statistics and known best practices on legislation drafting in the Pacific. The session will be followed by a country presentation by the government Nauru to share information on the government's progress and plans in the development of civil registration systems including experiences in the revision of the civil registration legislation.

> *Objective: Provide an overview of the Pacific best practice guidelines on civil registration legislation.*

9. Global perspectives on integrating unique identification numbers in civil registration and in achieving universal health coverage

This session will discuss the importance of unique identification numbers in the implementation of civil registration systems and patient management systems for the health sector; the session will in particular share knowledge on global experiences on how countries have implemented unique identification numbers for civil registration and health systems including in the context of limited IT developments. The session will further discuss the role of civil registration systems in realisation of universal health coverage.

> *Objective: Share knowledge on global approaches for implementation of unique Identity numbers within civil registration and health systems. Discuss the role of civil registration systems in realisation of universal health coverage.*

10.   Overview of digital development and the connections with health and identity.

This session will provide an overview of practices of Pacific island countries in implementation of unique identification numbers in different sectors of government and the use of unique identification number in the health sector. The session will draw on the findings of a survey conducted the Pacific Health Information Network (PHIN) and BAG prior to the workshop. The session will discuss the importance of harmonising the use of unique identifiers for the health sector and explore the potential role that civil

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[1] https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/crvs/Global_CRVS_Docs/news/Seoul_Statement_ENG.pdf

registration offices in the Pacific can play in this regard. The session will be followed by country presentations by the governments of Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tokelau, Papua New Guinea, Wallis & Futuna and Tuvalu in which they will share information on their progress and plans in the development of civil registration systems and their experiences in engaging the health sector to support civil registration.

> *Objective: Share knowledge on the status of implementation of unique identification numbers among different ministries/departments of government in the Pacific; discuss, the benefits of harmonising existing identifiers and the role the civil registration systems can play in this regard.*

11.   Presentation, discussion and endorsement of key recommendations from the workshop sessions

The secretariat will present a summary of key conclusions and recommendations emerging from different sessions of the workshop. Participants will discuss, amend and endorse the recommendations. These are expected to be principles, policy and programmatic actions that are recommended for implementation at country and regional in support of legal Identity and identity security.

12.   Any other Business

The meeting may raise other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

13.   Closing of the workshop

The workshop will be closed by Mr. Cameron Diver, Deputy Director General of SPC.