

PCRN


Pacific Civil Registrars Network


Kia ora and warm Pacific greetings

Only a month to go until we meet in Suva! If you haven't already registered please contact us IMMEDIATELY by emailing pacificcivilregistrars@gmail.com. See below for details of the agenda. We will be making contact with country representatives and partner agencies later this week with more information about your presentations.

Next week I move on from my role as Registrar-General, New Zealand and into a new role as CRVS Adviser at the Pacific Community - SPC. This means that PCRN will be looking for a new Chair following our meeting in March.

Jeff Montgomery
PCRN Chair, New Zealand Registrar-General



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PCRN Meeting 20-22 March 2023

With support from ESCAP and other Brisbane Accord Group Partners, we are having in-person PCRN Meeting, **20-22 March 2023 in Suva, Fiji**. This is a professional forum for civil registrars to discuss priority areas that are of common concern rothe Pacific. Thematic discussions will focus on digitisation of registration systems and climate change resilient CRVS systems. There will also be status updates from participating civil registrars on improvements to their systems and response to current challenges. In addition, the Registrars General's office of Fiji will host visits to relevant registration facilities and offices. Below is an overview of the agenda:

MONDAY 20 MARCH

CURRENT SITUATION IN THE PACIFIC

- Overview of regional initiatives
- Country presentations using template and Q & A
- Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework: How civil registrars and Ministry of Health could collaborate to successfully report

DIGITIZATION OF CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEMS

- An overview of digitization options
- eCRVS digital asset for the Pacific
- Demo of OpenCRVS

TUESDAY 21 MARCH

WORLD CAFE

- ICT costing and funding
- unique identifiers and links with national ID and other government sectors
- mapping existing business processes as an input into digitization efforts
- online registration
- digitization of existing records
- links with health sector and notifications etc.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND CRVS

- Climate change impacts for CRVS
- Climate change impacts on Health and the role of CRVS
- Country presentations

VISIT TO FIJI BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES OFFICE

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH

EXPERIENCE WITH INEQUALITY ASSESSMENTS IN FIJI

WORLD CAFE

- Operating during disasters/emergencies
- Re-issuing of documents
- Displacement
- Archiving
- Impacts on health and what it means to civil registration

THE WAY FORWARD FOR PCRN



Data Analysis and Report Writing Workshop in Nadi, Fiji

From 30 January to 3 February, 16 participants from Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa and Kiribati attended a 5-day regional [capacity building workshop](#) on data analysis and report writing for civil registration based vital statistics in Nadi, Fiji. Participants included representatives from Civil Registration Offices, Ministries of Health and National Statistical Offices. The workshop, which was co-facilitated by ESCAP, [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) (ABS), the [Pacific Community](#) (SPC) and the [Data 4 Health Global Grants Program](#), focused on using the data generated from national civil registration systems to produce vital statistics on births and deaths. During the workshop, participants strengthened proficiency in key analytical, interpretation and presentation skills, with the main aim being the production of a vital statistics report. ESCAP and development partners will continue to provide remote support to these countries in the ongoing production of their vital statistics report.



Closing Workshop for Assessing Inequalities in Registration in Fiji, Suva

As one of the final steps in the [project for assessing inequalities in civil registration](#) in Fiji, a [closing workshop](#) was convened from 6 to 7 February in Suva, Fiji. The closing workshop, which follows an inception workshop and two national capacity building workshops which were held in 2022, provided an opportunity to present and share findings in inequalities in birth and death registration. A variety of stakeholders attended the workshop, including representatives from [Fiji Bureau of Statistics](#) (FBoS), Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MoHMS), the Registrar General's Office (Ministry of Justice), Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts, Fiji Police Force, Ministry of Women, Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, Fiji National Provident Fund, as well as representatives from ESCAP, UNICEF, SPC and WHO. Stakeholders discussed the findings from the inequality assessment, the potential policy implications and next steps to ensure disparities in registration are addressed.



Just Launched: The Health Sector in Civil Registration: Options and Methods to Increase of Live Births, Stillbirths and Deaths

Partner organizations recently released a [new publication](#) titled "The health sector in civil registration: options and methods to increase registration of live births, stillbirths, and deaths". The report serves as an addendum to the [WHO/UNICEF guidance](#) Health sector contributions towards improving the civil registration of births and deaths in low-income countries, released in 2021. The publication's objective is to help civil registration and vital statistics system stakeholders increase rates of vital event registration. Options and guidance are provided to improve the quality and timeliness of civil registration information by leveraging opportunities available in and with the health sector, including infrastructure and well-established data collection practices.

This document is an output of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative and can be accessed [here](#).




About PCRN

PCRN is an independent network of Civil Registrars in the Pacific, established in 2014 for sharing knowledge, lessons learned and good practice in Civil Registration among practitioners. We foster peer-
peer relationships and support in tackling common challenges affecting the implementation of CRVS systems in the region. We are key participant in the implementation of the Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan (PVSAP) and the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.

Before the pandemic we met annually (sometimes more often). Significant conferences were held around the topics of Disaster Planning and Response, IT Systems and Cloud Technology, Legal Identity and Security and Improving the Quality of Mortality Data.

More information, including a copy of our strategic plan (needing updating) is available at <https://sdd.spc.int/pacific-civil-registrars-network-pcnn>.

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