

**MINISTERAL CONFERENCE ON CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS
(CRVS) IN THE ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

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*Mr. Chairman, Ministers
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

At the outset, let me congratulate you Mr. Chairman for successfully leading our meeting today. My highest remarks also extends to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and her able team in making sure that the conference runs smoothly. And thus, agreement reached by the end of the conference shall benefit all member states of Asia and the Pacific.

Indonesia would like to reiterate the importance of organizing this Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistic (CRVS) at a timely juncture, in approaching 2015 for reviewing the Millennium Developments Goals (MDGs) and in preparing the Post-2015 for setting new benchmarks and targets for the coming decade. We believe that CRVS can play an important factor in ensuring the achievement of development that is inclusive, people-centered, and based upon legal and valid data.

The outcome of this conference creates a good momentum to improve and continue building awareness of the necessary need for civil registration system and vital statistic. Furthermore, it is an opportunity for all of us concerned to ensure everyone is in the picture and nobody is left behind.

Under Indonesia's new leadership, President Joko Widodo recently initiated the Smart Card and the Indonesia's Health Card, to provide better service to the less income

families in acquiring education needs for their children and receiving basic health facilities. The initiative is part of Indonesia's universal health coverage to reach by 2019, and such programme could be more effective by mainstreaming CRVS into the national development strategy plan for the next five years ahead.

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I would like to underline the characteristics of the Asia and the Pacific region, as a multi-diverse region, where countries differs from one to another, culturally, socially and economically. Thus, every country in the region, has its own priorities and strategies in managing civil registration and vital statistics. And countries could determine what would be best and tailored-made for their specific need and concern. Countries in the region could exchange experience and show best practices among each other.

Indonesia is undergoing a major structural shift in terms of its demographics, with a population over of 251 million growing at 1.49 per cent per annum. Indonesia is projected to become a demographic dividend by 2020 – 2030. Therefore, it is important for Indonesia to continue improving its civil registration and vital statistics and ensuring policies and interventions are more effective and responsive to people's need.

Indonesia has adopted the national legislation on civil registration since 2006 and has been revised in 2013, to ensure an effective implementation on the ground and the necessary adjustment needed across nationwide.

We will continue to strengthen and implement through the provision of the related laws and regulation and through harmonizing national legislation into provincial and local policy strategies. We believe that a strengthened institution would be necessary at all levels, national, provincial and districts/municipality, by providing proactive registrars.

Indonesia is undertaking active piloting projects related to birth registration, death registration and cause of death in a number of provincial and districts throughout the country. Our challenge is to scale up to other provinces and districts throughout the country. This is an effort to strengthen the national reforms of nationwide system for civil registration.

We are committed to continue building the infrastructures needed in health facilities, human and finance resource provision, including appropriate tools of information communication technology (ICT) to strengthen CRVS throughout the country.

In our effort to build an electronic single identity number, the Government of Indonesia has established cooperation with relevant ministries, agencies and other related organizations. The purpose of such cooperation is to exchange and share of data between all the relevant stakeholders.

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In support of the final outcome of this conference on shared vision, goals and action areas, we believe that it is complementary to the existing initiatives in Indonesia. We will build the momentum together with all our partners in taking up follow-up actions and the necessary steps, including a comprehensive consultation across-sectoral ministries and agencies.

The key principles in implementing the regional action framework are also essential to ensure progress can be attained successfully, through the key principles of countries taking the lead; stepwise approach; flexibility and responsiveness; building on local expertise; consistency with national laws; and last but not least, coordination and alignment .

We underline the importance to continue efforts in supporting capacity building, and to developing the necessary technical skills needed. And therefore, we believe that

capacity in human resources and infrastructure will be a determining factor in achieving a successful civil registration and vital statistic for all.

In concluding my remarks, let me emphasize that the outcomes from the Ministerial Declaration and the Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics is a milestone towards the achievement of the universal civil registration for all individual. However, our task does not stop here. We shall reinforce our commitment to implement on the ground accordingly, to our priorities and strategies on CRVS. Let's get everybody in the picture and achieve the betterment of our people.

Thank you.