

Regional Training Workshop for Developing Vital Statistics Reports from Civil Registration

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1. Introduction

ESCWA Statistics Division is planning a “Training for Developing Vital Statistics Reports from Civil Registration Data” during the period 10-11 October 2018. Participants will include statisticians from National Statistical Offices and specialists from related official institutions of ESCWA member states.

The training will be based on the new “Guidelines and Template for Developing a Vital Statistics Report” prepared by Statistics Norway and requested by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) as an input to the ongoing work of all regional commissions on improving civil registration and vital statistics systems. The training modules will be presented in English and simultaneous interpretation in Arabic will be provided.

2. Expected accomplishment and objectives of the workshop

The main objectives that this training workshop is expected to accomplish are:

- Raise awareness of the importance of publishing vital statistics reports from civil registration data in line with international standards
- Provide guidelines and template for use by national authorities responsible to produce such reports

3. Activities during the workshop

Training activities will address all key aspects of vital statistics reports, including a detailed description of the characteristics of civil registration systems, a rigorous assessment of data quality, and a consistent calculation and display of statistical indicators on births, deaths, causes of death, marriages and divorces (see Section 6 below for the Draft Agenda).

4. Outputs of the workshop

- Increased capacity to present the main characteristics of civil registration systems, including history, legal and administrative issues, organisational structure, registration process and data flows
- Increased capacity to assess the quality of registration data, including completeness, accuracy, availability and timeliness, identify existing challenges and propose plans for improvement
- Increased capacity to calculate and display statistical indicators on births, deaths, causes of death, marriages and divorces using civil registration data