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## New partnership between ESCAP and **Data2x**: Promoting the gender dimension in national and regional **CRVS** efforts

Secretary Hillary Clinton and Mayor Michael Bloomberg, representing Data2X, an international initiative to close gender gaps, announced its partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in New York on Monday.



The partnership will ensure that regional efforts to improve civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems during Econ the "Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024)" contribute to gender equality by giving



particular attention to the challenges faced by women and girls to getting a legal identity and being included in official statistics. The ESCAP-Data2x partnership will mainstream the gender dimension in national and

regional CRVS plans as part of the "Get Every One in the Picture" initiative. Together, the partners will advocate for the importance of CRVS and promote gender equality; analyze gender constraints and opportunities such as incorporating marriage and divorce registration into national CRVS improvement plans and the importance, for development, of gendersensitive data arising from CRVS systems; assess women's awareness of and demand for individual legal identity; engage women's organizations to advocate for CRVS; and explore the use of information technologies to improve reliability, coverage and awareness of the benefits of CRVS systems.

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