

## Australian Country Statement – Agenda Item 6

- The establishment of stronger and more effective national governance of Australia's CRVS system has delivered:
  - A common vision and strategy for system improvement across a federated system.
  - Agreement on the key elements of contemporary national minimum datasets for births, deaths and causes of deaths data and for key stakeholders across the system to move, over time, towards capture and delivery of data that aligns with this minimum standard.
  - Improved understanding of the value of data and statistics produced by the CRVS system by planners and decision makers as well as an improved understanding of the challenges in collecting, compiling and disseminating such data across a federated system.
- Major challenges Australia is experiencing relate to:
  - The difficulties in aligning jurisdictional legislation to deliver on the common vision for the CRVS system improvement
  - The differences between ICT systems used across the federated system including the different stages of development those systems are at
  - The different levels of resourcing across the system to progress improvements including staffing as well as infrastructure.
- One area highlighted by the Regional Action Framework which has not yet been considered in-depth by Australia's National Civil Registration and Statistics Improvement Committee is registration of and publication of national statistics regarding adoptions. This will be considered at a future meeting of the committee.
- Australia will continue to support both regional and sub-regional collaboration to assist developing countries (in particular) to further strengthen their CRVS systems through:
  - continued participation in the regional governance arrangements
  - continued active support of the work of the Brisbane Accord Group in the Pacific as well as supporting endeavours to attract additional donor funding to both support the progression of individual country action plans as well as sub-regional initiatives e.g. the establishment of a mobile mortality coding and training team to help Pacific nations to improve the quality and coverage of their mortality data.
- Australia's baseline report against the Regional Action Framework will refer to the NCR SIC action plan to further strengthen an already world-class system. It will also make mention of the consideration that is being given to improving data sharing between Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Countries and Territories in order to assist in better quantifying the extent to which Births and deaths of Pacific nationals are occurring overseas.