



## **Programme of work**

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Technical meeting of AU Member States Senior Officials responsible for Birth  
Registration

Towards Universal Birth Registration in Africa: challenges and opportunities during  
COVID-19  
*August 11, 2020*

Time	Item	Responsible
	<b>Opening session</b>	
14:00-14:10	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs. Marie-Pierre Poirier, UNICEF Regional Director for West and Central Africa Region</li> <li>- H.E Prof. Victor Harison, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, AUC</li> <li>- Chair of the Conference of Ministers in charge of CRVS (Zambia)</li> </ul>	
14:15-14:45	<b>Setting the scene: The state of birth registration in Africa</b>	
14:15-14:25	Overview of the state of birth registration on the continent	Andrew Brooks, Regional Child Protection Advisor, UNICEF WCARO
14:25- 14:35	Preliminary findings of the Rapid assessment Survey on birth registration in the context of COVID-19 pandemic	Ms. Selamawit Mussie, AUC-DEA
14:35-14:45	Business Continuity Plans for Civil Registration During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic.	William Muhwava Core Group Secretariat
14:45 – 14:55	AU-UNICEF joint presentation of the “No Name advocacy Campaign”	AUC & UNICEF
	<b>- Discussions (20 min)</b>	
15:15-17:00	<b>Sharing of country experiences on birth registration and COVID implications</b>	
15:15-16:00	- Experience sharing in groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>French speaking group 1:</b> Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Comores, Congo, DRC, Equatorial-Guinea, Gabon, Madagascar and Rwanda- <i>Countries to share their experience sharing: DRC and Congo.</i></li> <li>• <b>French speaking group 2:</b> Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Mauritania, Djibouti and Togo. <i>Countries to share their experience sharing: Cote d’Ivoire and Niger.</i></li> <li>• <b>English speaking group 1:</b> Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania: <i>Countries to share their experience: Tanzania, Kenya and Nigeria.</i></li> <li>• <b>English speaking group 2-</b> Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe: <i>Countries to share their experience: South Africa and Namibia.</i></li> <li>• <b>Arab speaking group:</b> Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Libya, Sahrawi Republic, Tunisia. <i>Countries to share their experience: Tunisia and Algeria</i></li> <li>• <b>Lusophone countries:</b> Angola, Cabo-Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Sao-Tome and Principe. <i>Countries to share their experience: Mozambique and Angola</i></li> </ul>	Member States
16:00-16:30	Feedback of group discussions in plenary by rapporteurs	Member States

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16:30-17:00	Questions and Discussions	
17:00-17:10	<b>Way forward</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of recommendation</li> </ul>	AUC
17:10 -17:30	<b>Statement of support from AUC Financial and Technical partners</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AfDB</li> <li>• EU</li> <li>• World Bank</li> <li>• France</li> <li>• Canada</li> </ul>	AUC/UNICEF
17:30-17:40	<b>Closing remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Mohammed Fall, UNICEF Regional Director for East and Southern Africa Region</li> <li>- AUC</li> <li>- Chair of the Conference of Ministers in charge of CRVS (Zambia)</li> </ul>	