Strengthening Civil Registration & Vital Statistics
- implications of the Melbourne, Bloomberg, DFAT and the Lancet engagement for health development

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There is now considerable and rapidly growing interest worldwide in the strengthening of civil registration and vital statistics systems in developing countries, both to facilitate identity management and as critical input into policy debates on health and social development strategies. This is reflected in the priority given to CRVS system development by various regional CRVS fora led by the United Nations and its technical agencies, by coalitions of philanthropic and bilateral aid donors (DFAT), and by influential global health partners such as the Lancet. This talk will provide an overview of the contribution, opportunities and development expectations of these various actors, and the likely implications for major global health initiatives such as the Global Burden of Disease Study.

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