

IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems ([link](#))

Report for the 2021 IUSSP general Assembly of Members

- The Panel has supported a strong cohort of 8 technical researchers who developed in-depth analyses on CRVS systems in Malaysia, India, Peru, Uganda, Italy, Iran and Bangladesh. Fellows have been supported in carrying out a field research project and been actively advised by IUSSP Panel members.
- The Panel will be launching a special thematic issue of *Genus* at the International Population Conference – featuring a diverse array of scholarship on the use of demographic techniques to assess, model and utilize civil registration data. The papers span the full life-course from birth to death, including marriage and divorce. Selected papers from [Senegal](#), [Bangladesh](#), Malaysia ([1](#) and [2](#)), and [South Africa](#) have already been published online and are made available as an open-access. The remaining papers will be published in October, 2021
- The Panel will also host a special session at the International Population Conference on ethical issues and human rights challenges associated with civil registration and administrative population data systems. This session will highlight some contemporary challenges emerging during the COVID-19 pandemic and will take the form of a roundtable discussion between population scientists and community advocates. The session's focus will be on (1) describing some of the human rights and ethical challenges as population data systems become increasingly digitized and integrated, and (2) identifying how demographers might positively contribute to this area.
- In 2019-2021, the panel also [organized two sessions on CRVS and census data at the Demostaf Conference](#) (October, 2019), sponsored a session [on CRVS and legal identity in Africa](#) at the African Population Conference (November, 2019), co-organized [the IUSSP Expert Group Meeting on "Population Data for the 21st century"](#) (Dec, 2019), a [virtual workshop session on ethics, rights and legal identity](#) (June 2020), and organized a [virtual seminar on death registration and COVID-19 excess deaths in Latin America](#) (July, 2020).
- Up until June, 2021, the panel benefited from specific funding from the International Development Research Centre (Canada). The panel is currently seeking a follow-up grant from IDRC-Canada. The focus for future work of the panel will be to (1) further support IUSSP CRVS fellows (including possibly a new call for applicants), (2) advancing the panel's work on ethics, human rights and civil registration systems, and (3) finalizing an edited volume on demographic methods and civil registration data as part of the Springer/IUSSP series.