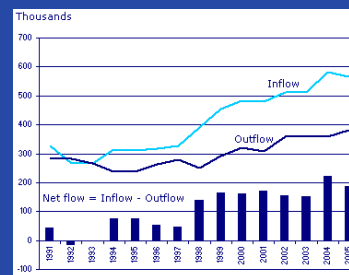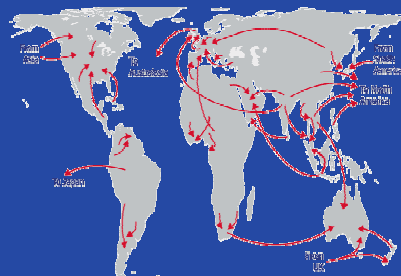# Uses of Census Data
Levels and Trends
of the International Migrant Stock

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United Nations Statistics Division

Regional Workshop on Strengthening the Collection and Use of International Data in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 31 January – 3 February 2017

"Globally, there were 244 million international migrants in 2015"

International Migration Report 2015 (UN Population Division, 2016)

Concept and information needed

Migrant stock

Total number of international migrants in a given country at a particular point in time
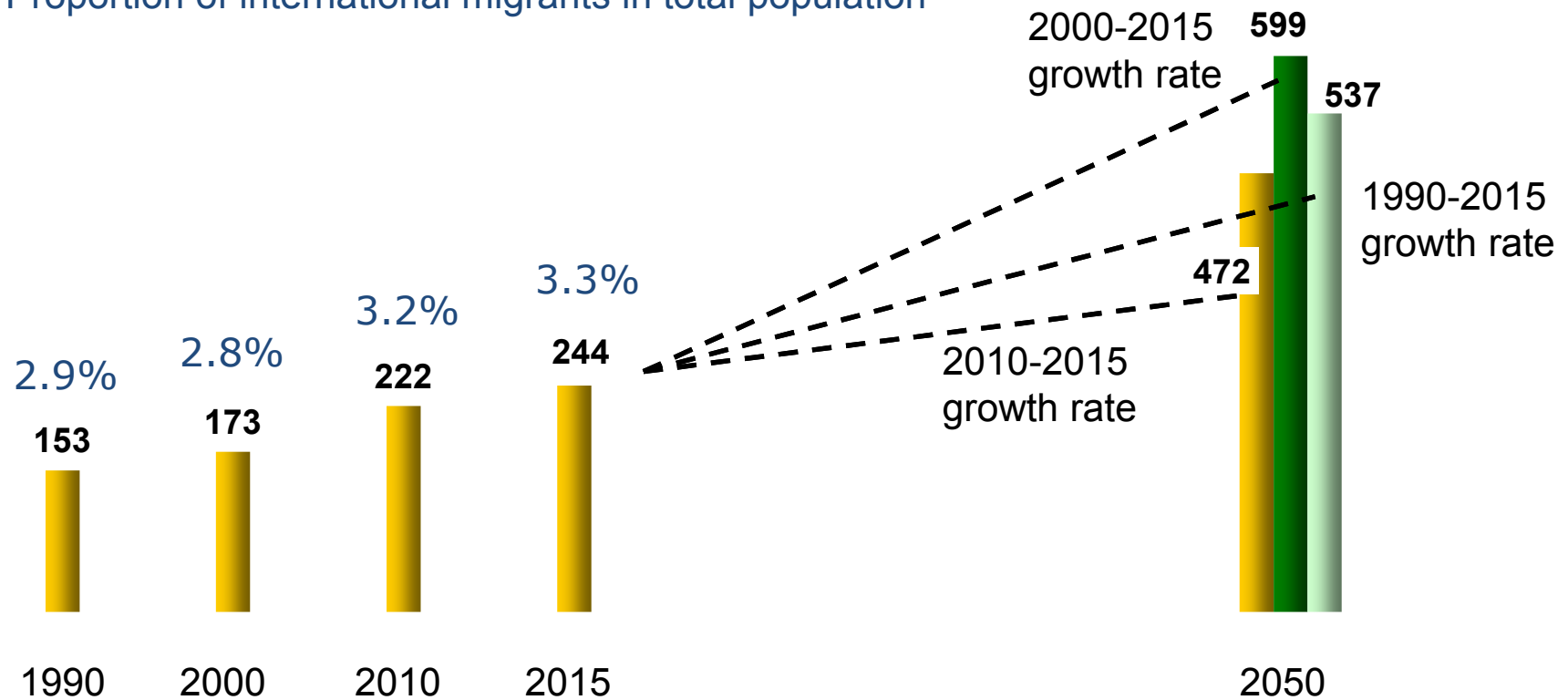
= lifetime migrants

Information needed from censuses
- ✓ Country of birth/Nationality
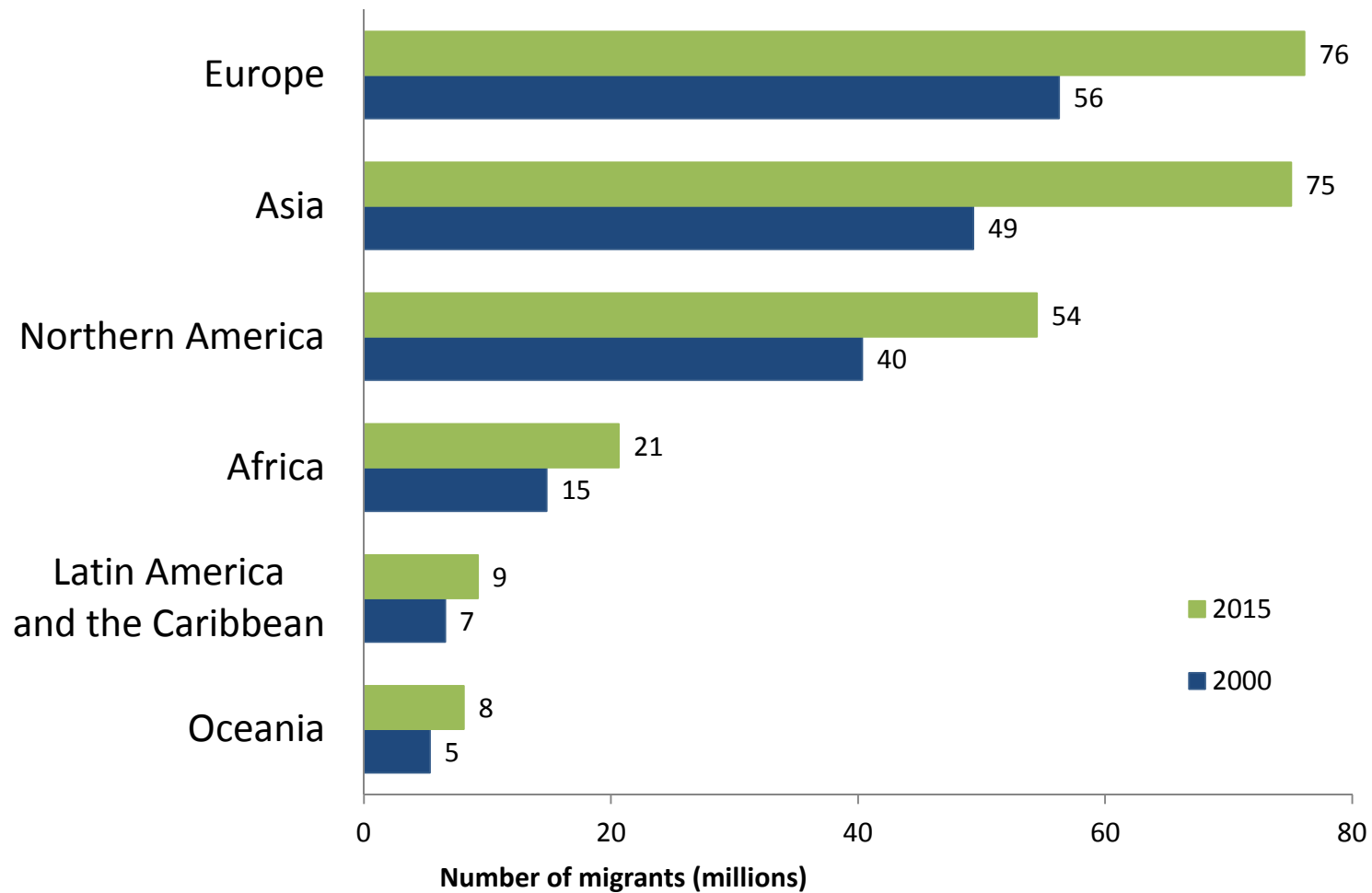 (supplemented by refugee population)
- ✓ Age
- ✓ Sex

Global Migrant Stock on the Rise

International migrant stock, 1990-2050 (*millions*)

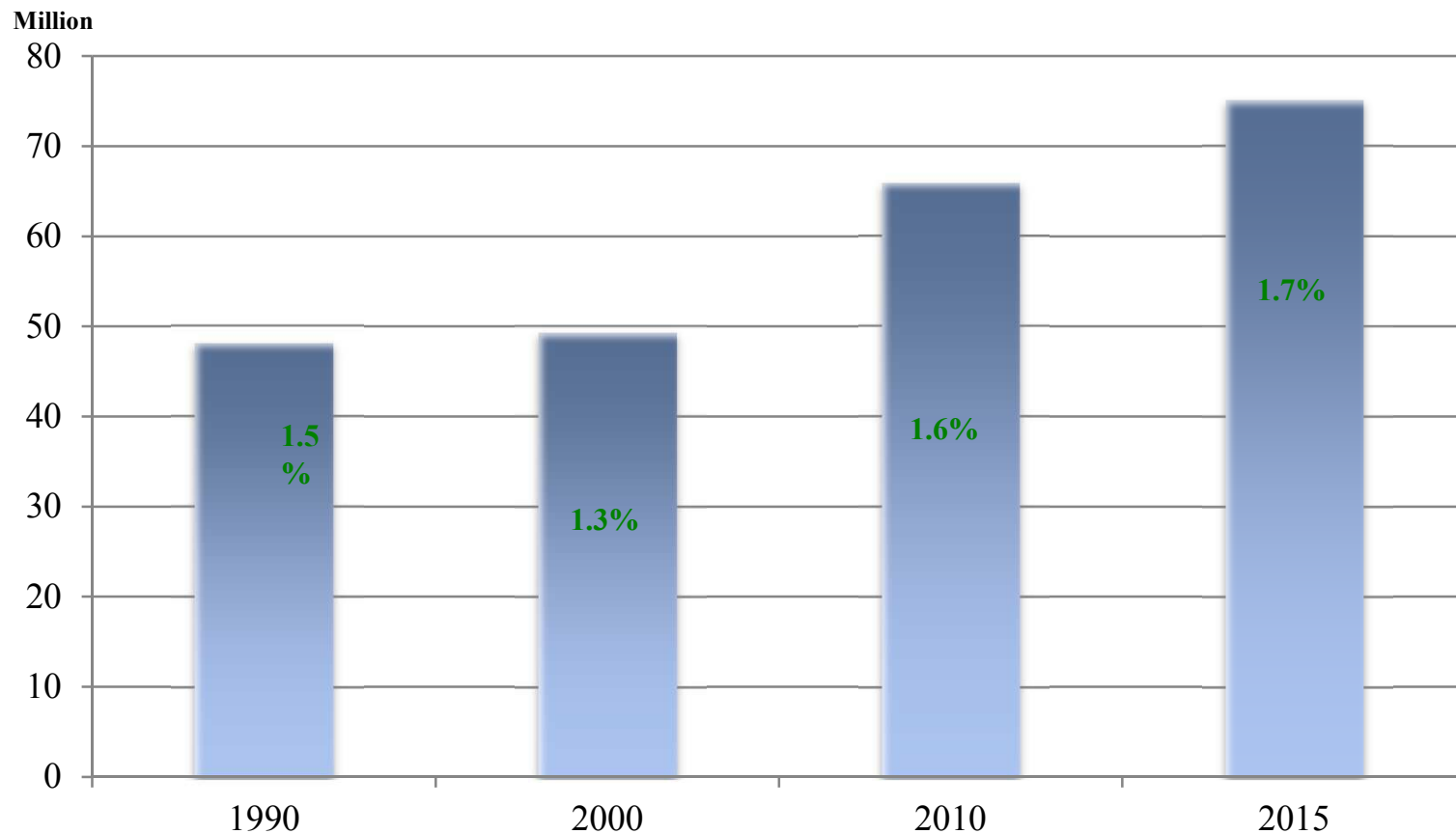Proportion of international migrants in total population

2000-2015 growth rate

1990-2015 growth rate

2010-2015 growth rate

599
537
472

2.9%
2.8%
3.2%
3.3%

153
173
222
244

1990   2000   2010   2015   2050

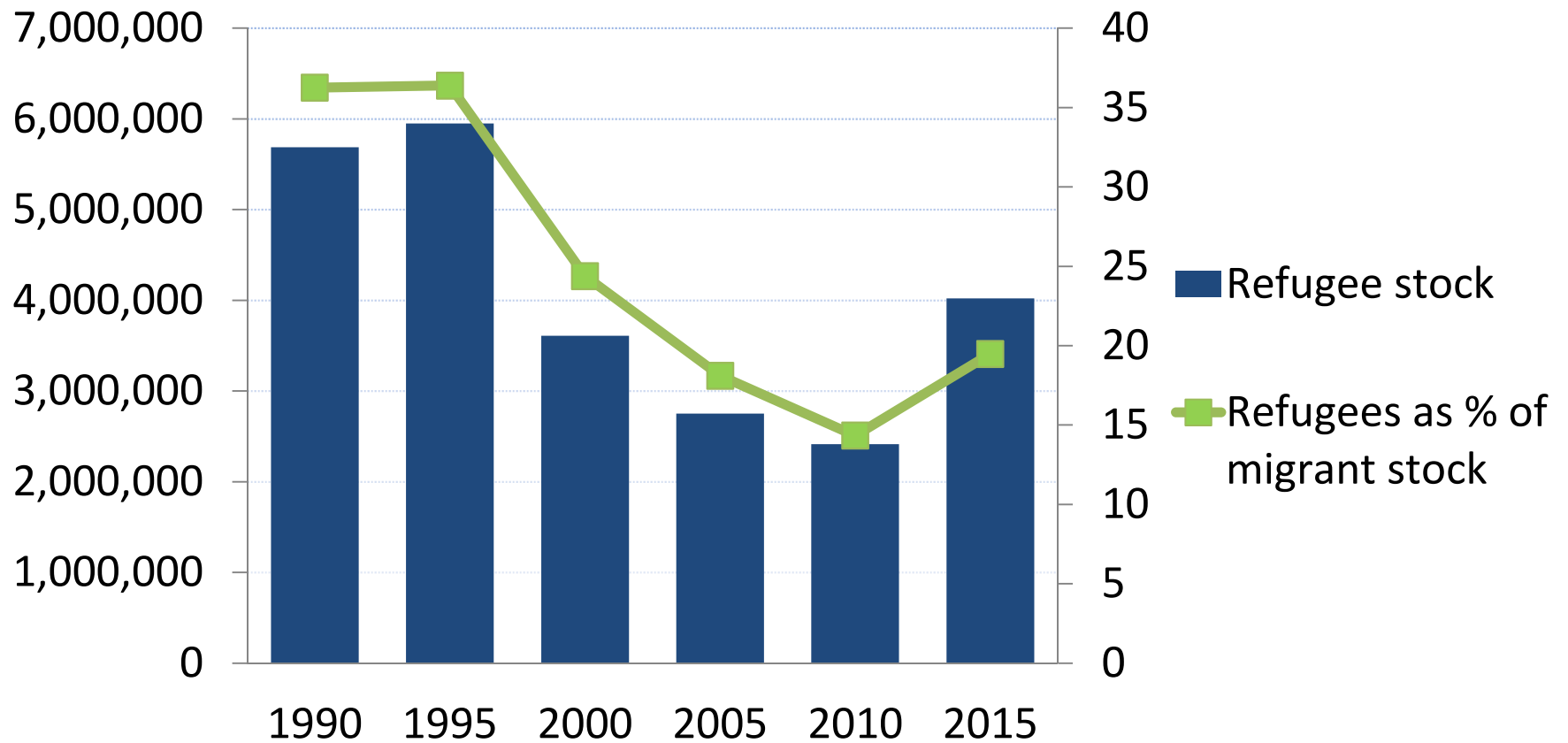Distribution of international migrants by major region, 2000 and 2015

International Migrant Stock in Asia (1990-2015)

Total international migrant stock (*millions*)
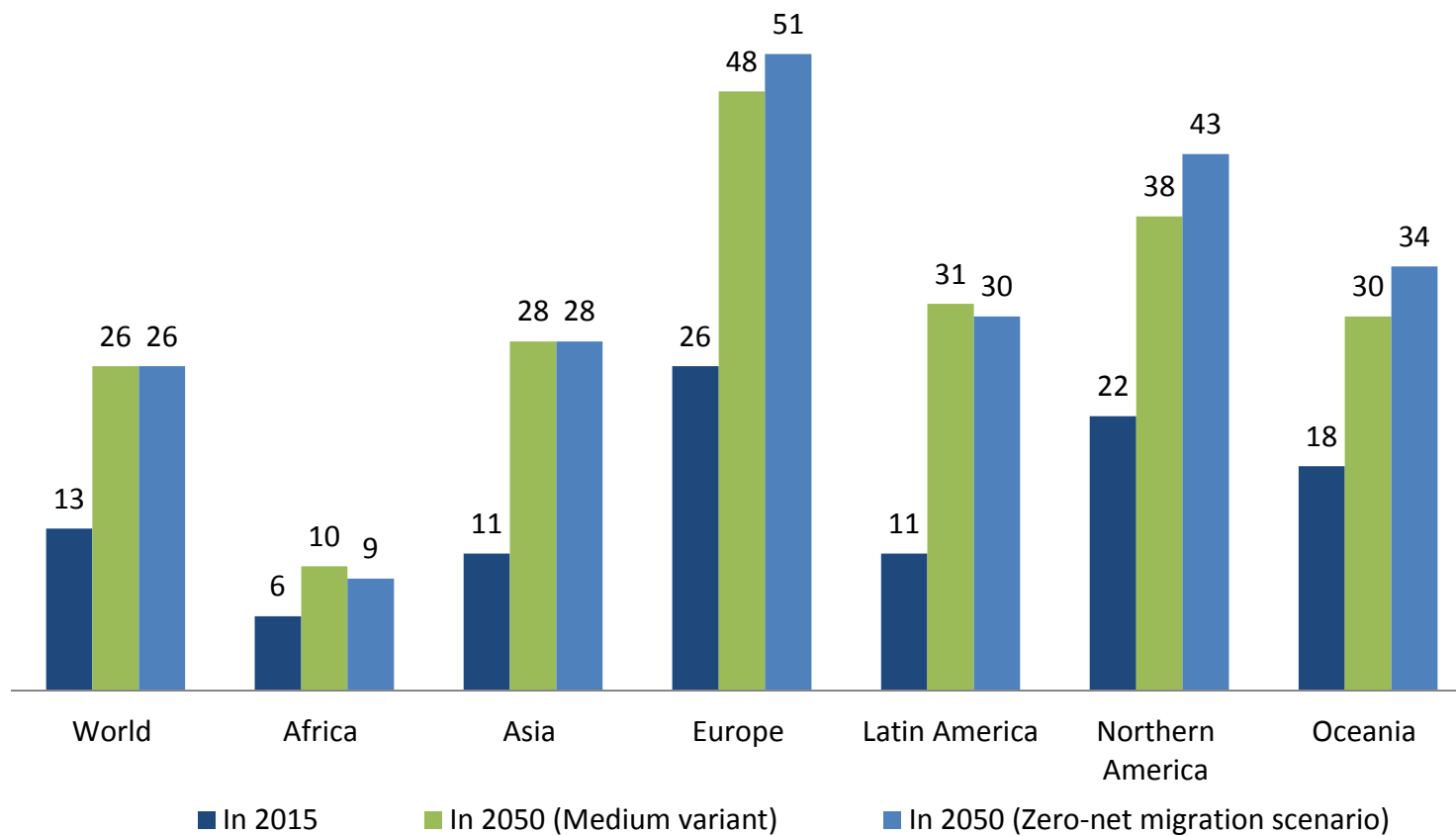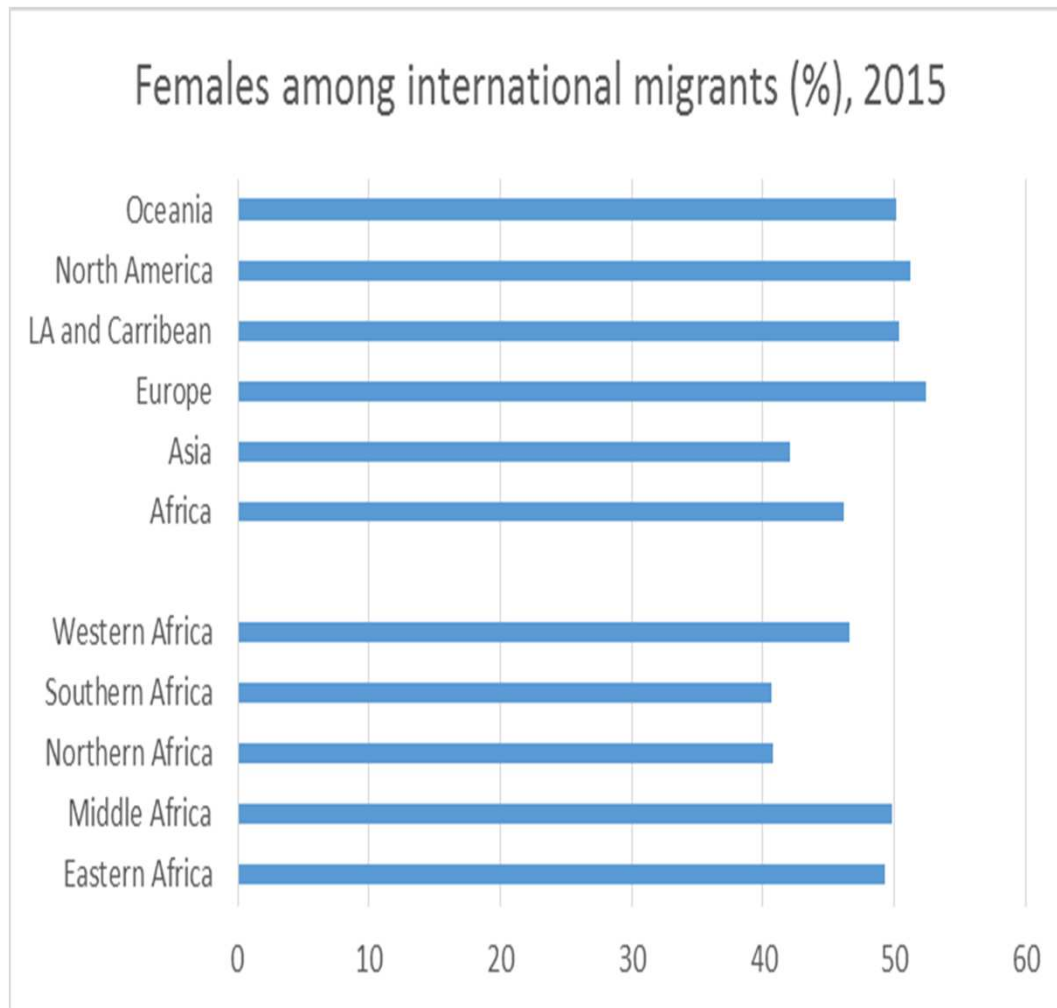**Proportion of international migrants in total population (%)**

Refugee Stock in Africa

Old-age Dependency Ratios, 2015 and 2050
the medium variant and the zero-net migration scenario

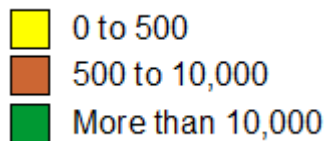Migration cannot reverse the trend of population ageing

■ In 2015   ■ In 2050 (Medium variant)   ■ In 2050 (Zero-net migration scenario)
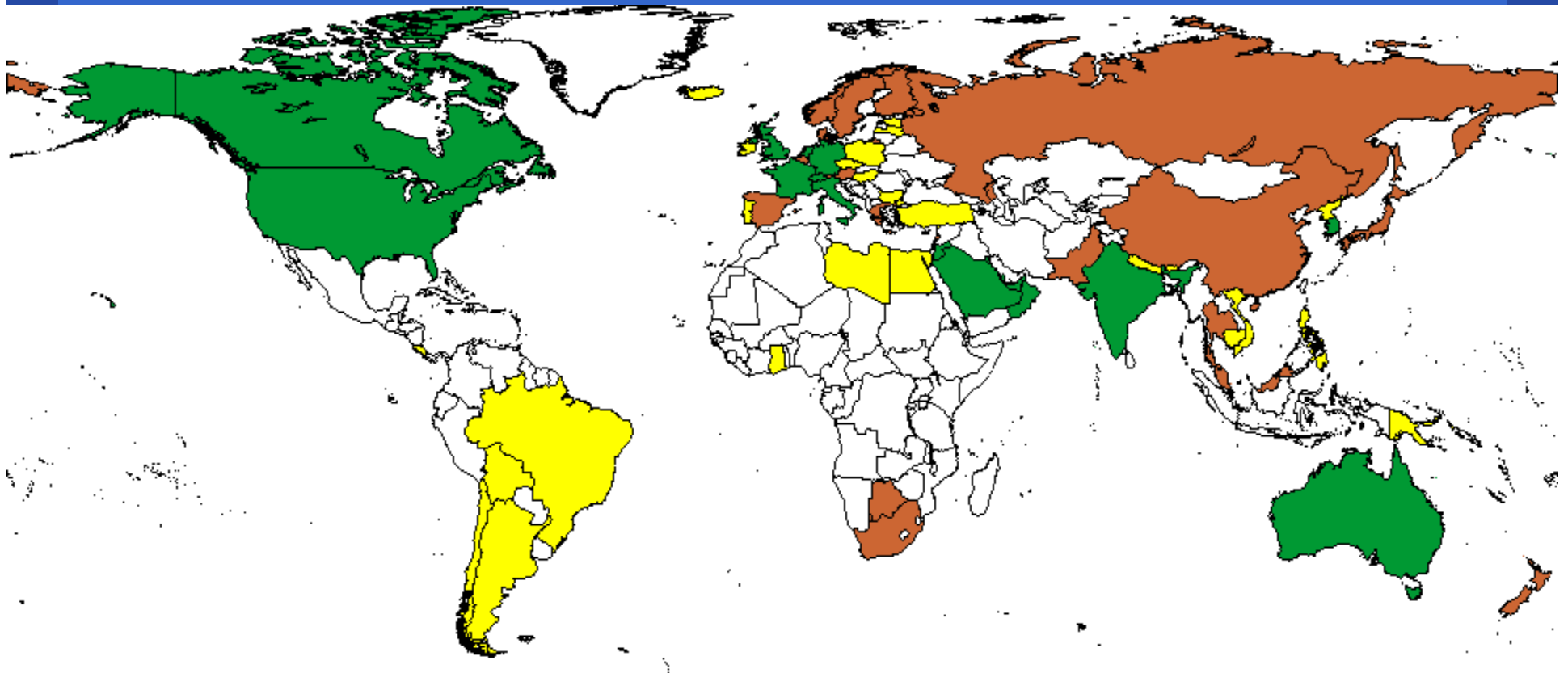
Women and Migration

Females among international migrants (%), 2015

- Globally, women complies slightly less than half (48% of all international migrants

- The percentage was highest in Europe

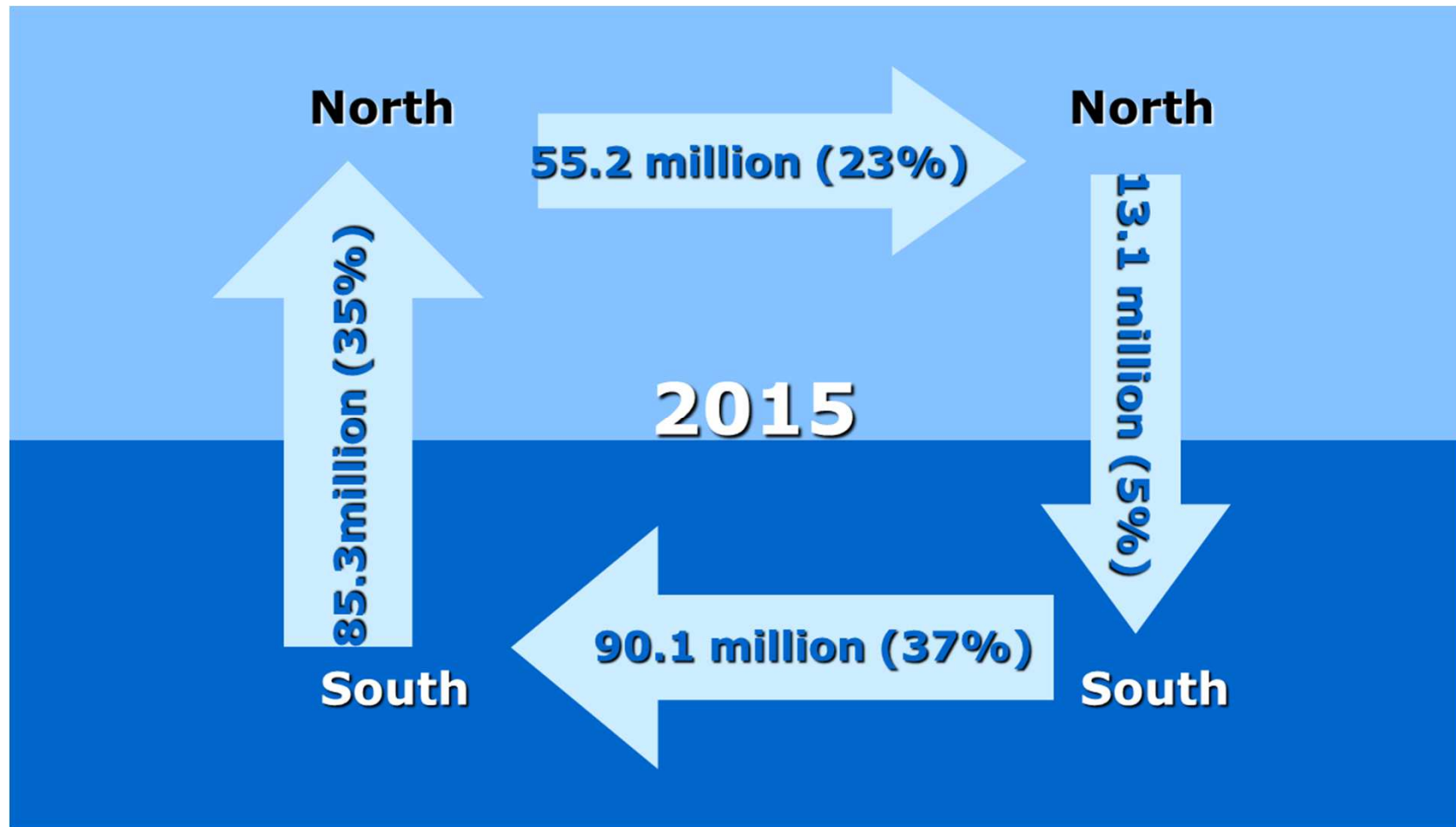- Male migrants outnumber female migrants by far in Asia (57%)

Philippines as a country of origin

0 to 500
500 to 10,000
More than 10,000

Sri Lanka as a country of origin

Legend:
- 0 to 500
- 500 to 10,000
- More than 10,000

Migration from South to North ?

South to South migration has overtaken South to North Migration

North   55.2 million (23%)   North

85.3million (35%)

13.1 million (5%)

2015

South   90.1 million (37%)   South

International migrant stock, 2015 (in millions)

Conclusions

- Population censuses allow to produce highly comparable global indicator on international migration (migrant stock)

- Significantly untapped potential for analysis when properly disaggregated (age, sex, country of birth/citizenship, level of education, occupation etc.)

- Scope for data exchange by country of birth/citizenship (diaspora profiles)

- Ensure data availability from 2020 round of population and housing censuses

Thank you !