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

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“Globally, there were 244 million international migrants in 2015”

International Migration Report 2015 (UN Population Division, 2016)
**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

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- **2000-2015 growth rate**
  - 2015: 537

- **2010-2015 growth rate**
  - 2015: 472

- **1990-2015 growth rate**
Distribution of international migrants by major region, 2000 and 2015

- **Europe**: 56 (2015), 56 (2000)
- **Asia**: 49 (2015), 40 (2000)
- **Northern America**: 54 (2015), 40 (2000)
- **Latin America and the Caribbean**: 9 (2015), 7 (2000)
Refugee Stock in Africa

- **Refugee stock**
- **Refugees as % of migrant stock**
### Old-age Dependency Ratios, 2015 and 2050

The medium variant and the zero-net migration scenario

Migration cannot reverse the trend of population ageing

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Women and Migration

- Globally, women comprises 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
Sri Lanka as a country of origin
Migration from South to North?

South to South migration has overtaken South to North Migration

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 !