New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: Implications for migration data collection

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New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (NY, 19 September 2016)

• Commitments:
  – Applicable to both refugees and migrants
  – For migrants
  – For refugees

• Annex I: Global compact on migration (2018)
• Annex II: Global compact for refugees (2018)
  – Guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda
NY Declaration for Refugees and Migrants
(A/71/10, para 40)

– We recognize the importance of improved data collection, particularly by national authorities, and will enhance international cooperation to this end, including through capacity-building, financial support and technical assistance.

– Such data should be disaggregated by sex and age and include information on regular and irregular flows, the economic impacts of migration and refugee movements, human trafficking, the needs of refugees, migrants and host communities and other issues.

– We will do so consistent with our national legislation on data protection, if applicable, and our international obligations related to privacy, as applicable.
Number of international migrants

International migrant stock, 1990-2050 (millions)
Proportion of international migrants in total population

1990 2000 2010 2015 2050

2.9% 2.8% 3.2% 3.3% 2000-2010 growth rate
153 173 222 244 2010-2015 growth rate

1990-2000 growth rate

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Components of population change - Africa and Europe compared

**Europe**
Migration is slowing population decline (but not halting)

**Africa**
Migration is reducing population growth (but little impact)

**Total net population change**

**Net international migration**

**Natural change**
Tertiary educated Africans residing in OECD countries – an indicator to measure “brain drain” (3.c)
Availability of empirical data on the number of international migrants, 1995 – 2015

(Number of countries)
Fig. 1 Displacement in the 21st century
| 2000-2014 (end-year) (in millions)

Refugees and asylum-seekers
Internally displaced persons
People newly displaced during the year*

Responsibility sharing for refugees

Ratio of refugee population to gross domestic product per capita (PPPs)
Migration in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Challenges for data producers (summary)

**Figure 2. Migration in the sustainable development goals and targets**

- Strengthen and retain the health workforce in developing countries (3.c)
- Increase the number scholarships for study abroad (4.b)
- Eradicate human trafficking (5.2, 8.7, 16.2)
- Protect labour rights of migrant workers (8.8)
- Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration (10.7)
- Reduce transaction costs of remittances (10.c)
- Establish legal identity, including through birth registration (16.9)
- Disaggregate data by migratory status (17.18)

**Figure 3. Migration in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda**

- Combat xenophobia
- Facilitate integration through education and communication strategies
- Lower the cost of recruiting migrant workers
- Increase portability of earned benefits and recognition of qualifications
- Promote faster, cheaper and safer transfer of remittances
- Enhance the productive use of remittances
- Mitigate negative consequences of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing measures
Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

• Preparatory phase: April to November 2017
• General Assembly has invited “...United Nations entities that address migration-related issues to contribute to the preparatory process of the global compact” (A/RES/71/280).
• This EGM: A set of recommendations to improve the collection of international migration data (stocks, flows, characteristics, indicators).
Thank you

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