

# The migration policy and statistics nexus: regional perspective

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# Why do we need migration data?

- ▶ To enable effective response to ongoing migration trends
  - ▶ Responding to real needs
  - ▶ Ensuring effectiveness and efficiency of programme delivery
  - ▶ Adjust programmes and policies according to changing circumstances
- ▶ Necessary for both countries of origin and destination
  - ▶ Countries of origin: understand who is leaving/where/why/with what effect
  - ▶ Countries of destination: understand who is coming/where/why/with what effect



# The global call for migration data

- ▶ Gaps recognised already in 1891
- ▶ More recently, calls for migration data in:
  - ▶ ICPD Programme of Action (1994)
  - ▶ Outcome of the second High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development
  - ▶ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
  - ▶ Marrakech Compact on Migration



# The (regional) calls for migration data

- ▶ ASEAN
  - ▶ 2016-2025 ACSS Strategic Plan
- ▶ EAEU
  - ▶ Integration Development Programme in the Field of Statistics of the Eurasian Economic Union for 2016 - 2020



## Existing global sources

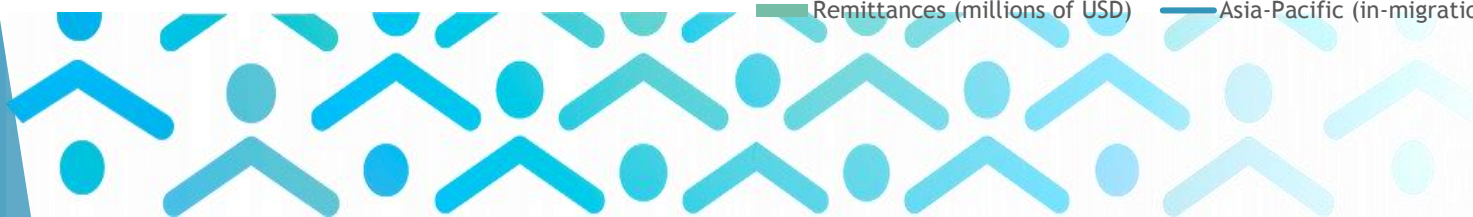
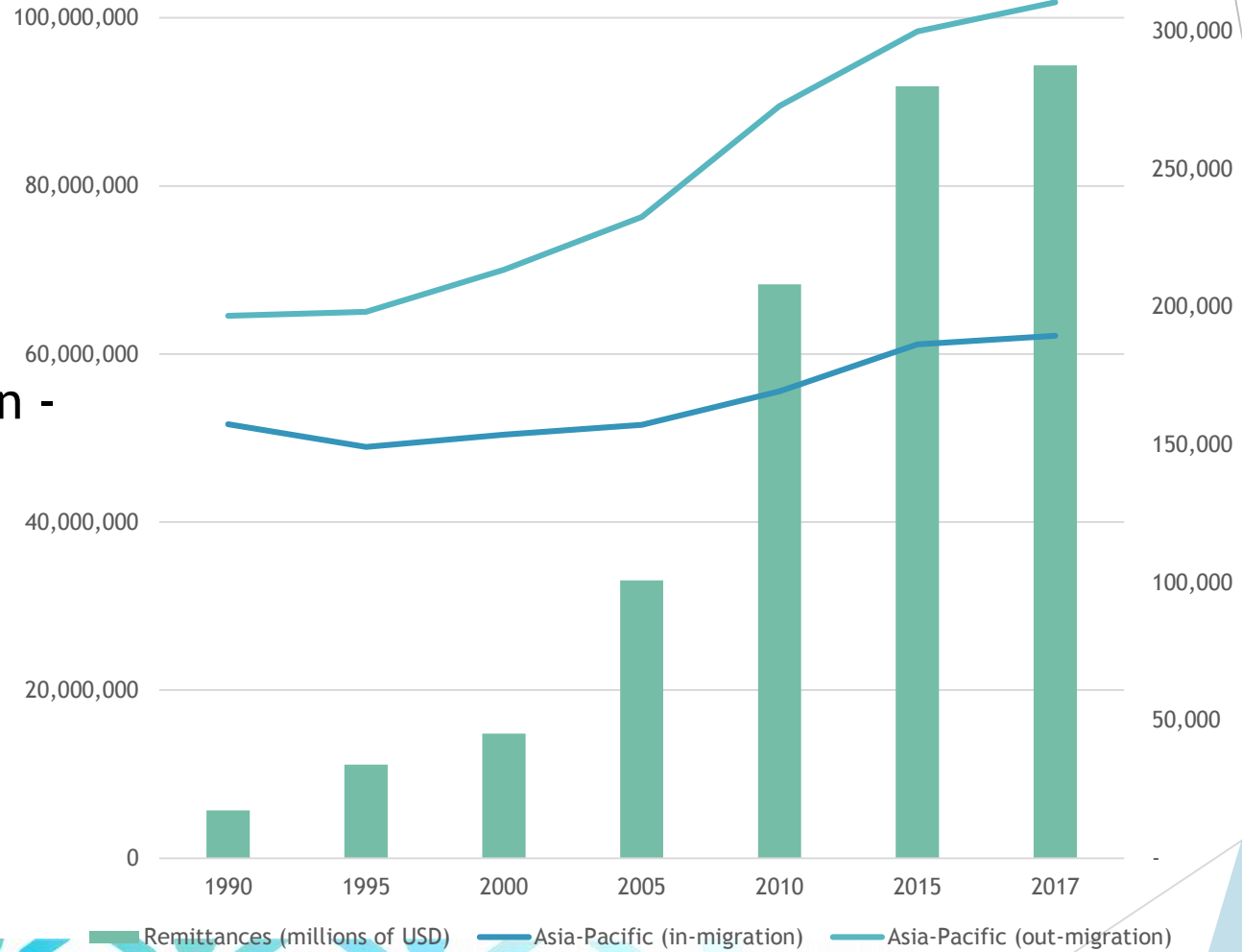
- ▶ United Nations Population Division Trends in International Migrant Stock
- ▶ World Bank Remittances data
- ▶ Knomad-ILO Recruitment cost database
- ▶ UNESCO Internationally-Mobile Students



# What do we (think we) know?

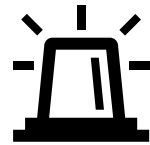
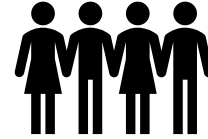
- ▶ Stocks
  - ▶ Origin/destination -
  - ▶ Age
  - ▶ Sex
- ▶ Flows
- ▶ Students
- ▶ Remittances
- ▶ Recruitment costs

Migration and Remittances in Asia and the Pacific, 1990-2017



# What more do we need to know?

- ▶ Who are the migrants?
  - ▶ Education/training
  - ▶ First time/repeat migrants
- ▶ What are they doing?
  - ▶ Employment
  - ▶ Education
- ▶ How are they faring?
  - ▶ Access to services
  - ▶ Abuses against migrant workers
  - ▶ Migrants in situations of distress
- ▶ What are their intentions?
- ▶ What are their impacts?



# What are the data challenges?

- ▶ Complexities of migration
- ▶ Definitions
- ▶ Methodologies
- ▶ Sharing of data
- ▶ Lack of capacity
- ▶ Irregularity





Thank you

<http://www.unescap.org/our-work/social-development/international-migration>

