

Revision of the *1998 Recommendations* – why and what?

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Outline

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- Why the revision?
- Proposed annotated outline for the revision
- Questions for you

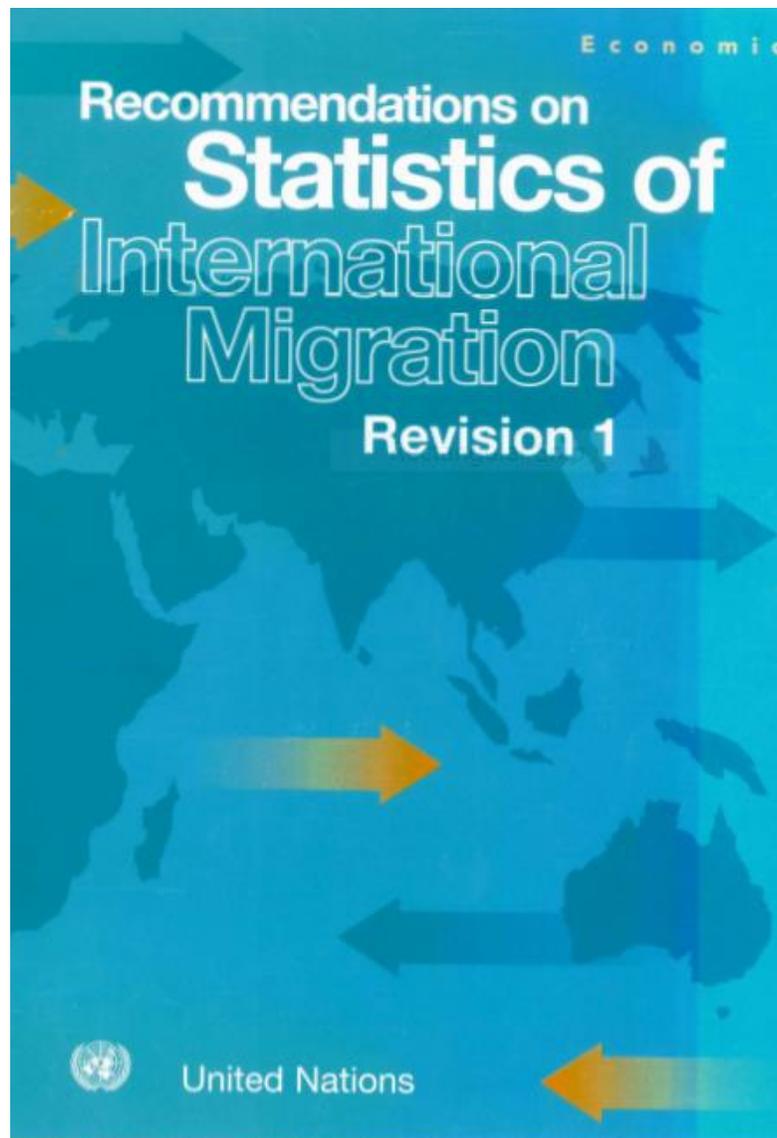
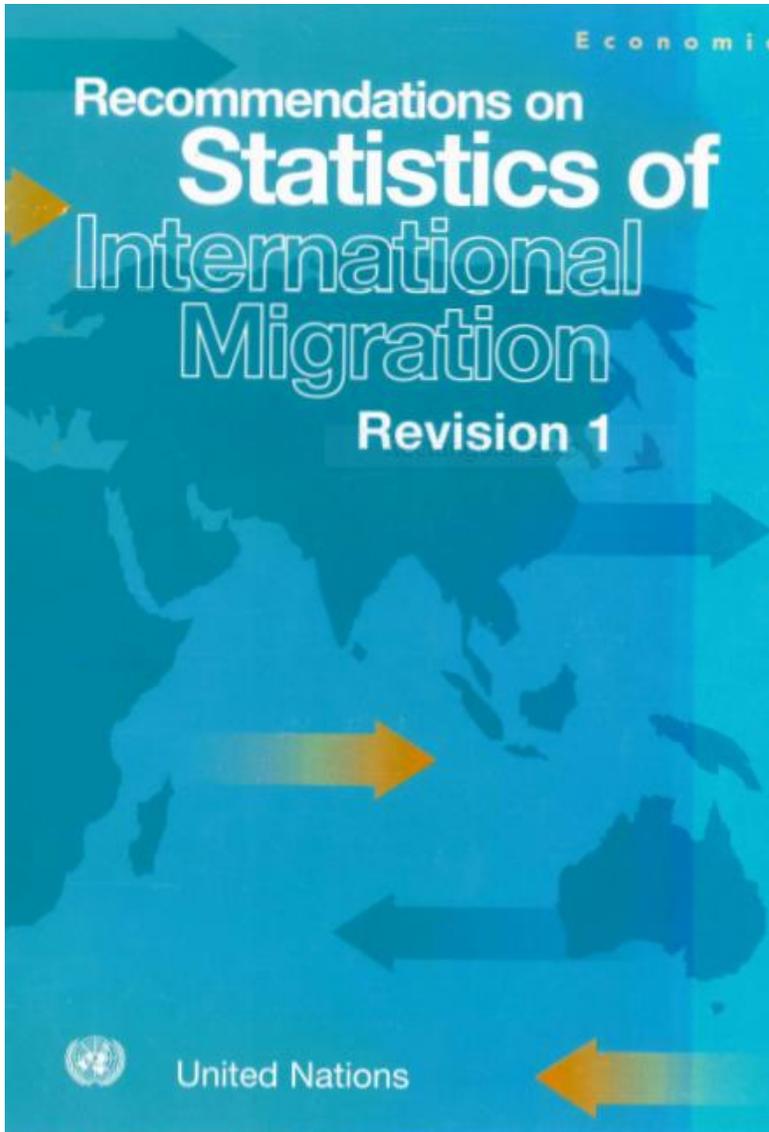


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- IV. Information needed to characterize international migrants and recommended tabulations
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Revision of the Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, rev. 1 (1998)

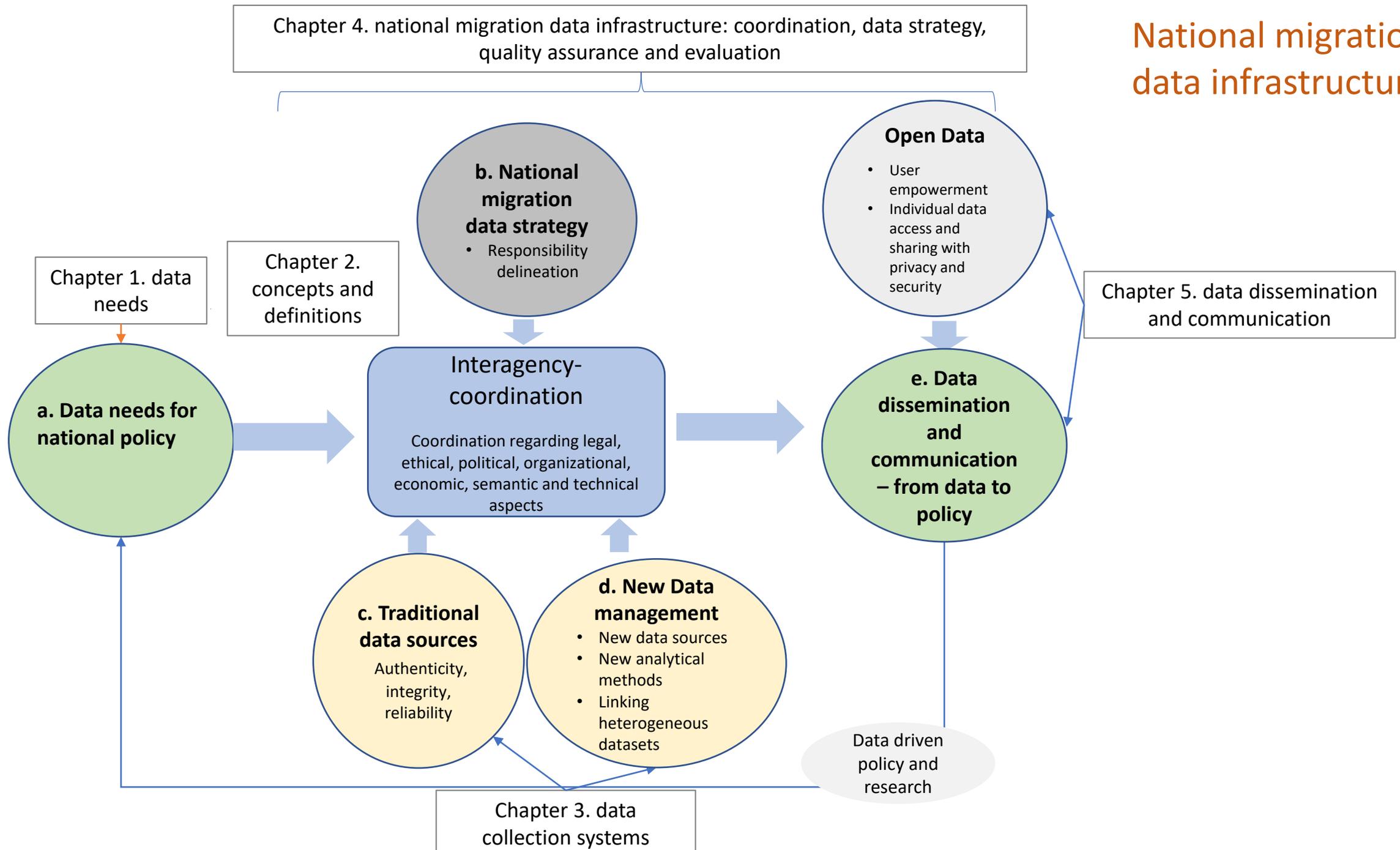
2nd revision, after the 1953 and 1976 edition

Not always adopted by countries

Why a revision?

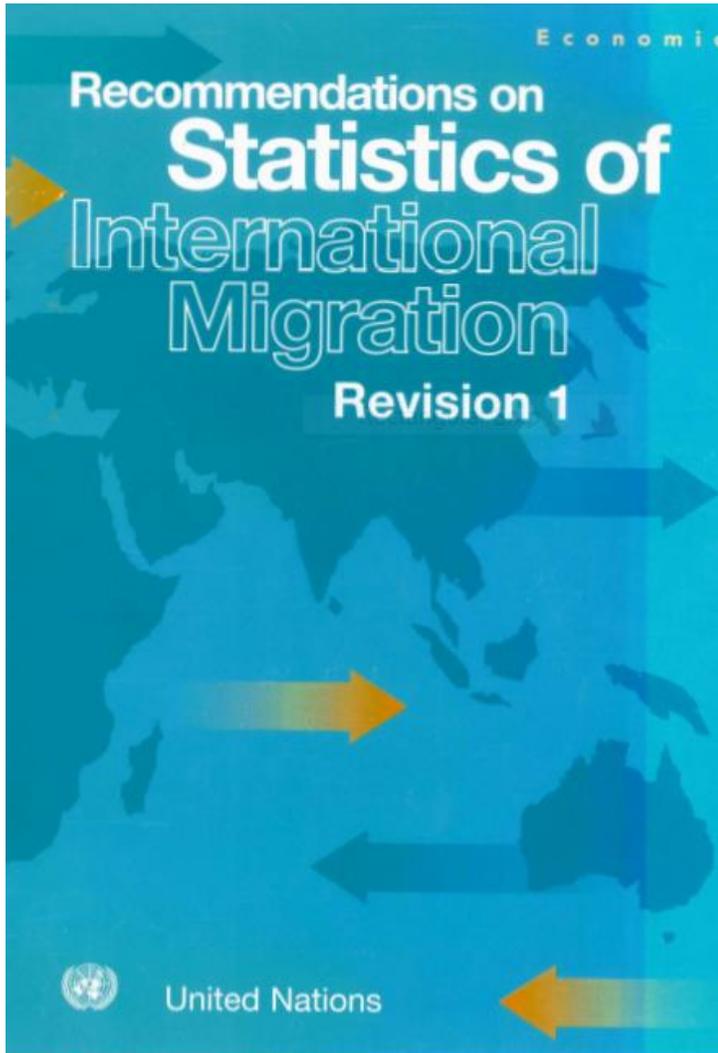
- A clear linkage to data needs for policymaking is necessary – Task force 1
- Revisiting and re-defining the conceptual framework – Task force 2
- Improving migration data system with a holistic approach – Task force 3
- Guiding countries on data dissemination and communication strategies
- Incorporating new developments in methodologies and international standards

National migration data infrastructure



Questions for you

- Overall philosophy of the revision
 - Conceptual or hands-on? Theoretical or practical?
- Annotated outline: is there any missing element?
 - Analysis and uses of data?
 - Big data?
 - Others?
- Process
 - Guided by the Expert Group on Migration Statistics
 - We need your support!
- Key dates
 - March 2021 Statistical Commission
 - End 2021



Task forces (left for reference)

1. Data and indicators set on international migration (Co-chairs: Cécile Thoreau (OECD), Karima Belhaj (Morocco) and Danzhen You (UNICEF))

2. Key concepts and definitions related to international migration (Co-chairs: Giampaolo Lanzieri (Eurostat) and Meryem Demirci (UNSD))

3. Data integration (Co-chairs: Jason Schachter (USA) and Nino Ghvinadze (Georgia))

4. Best practices (Co-chairs: Sabrina Juran (UNFPA) and Godwin Gyebi (Ghana))

5. Global Programme on Migration Statistics (Co-chairs: William Muhwava (UNECA) and Keiko Osaki-Tomita (expert))