Revision of the 1998 Recommendations – why and what?

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Outline

• The 1998 Recommendations
• Why the revision?
• Proposed annotated outline for the revision
• Questions for you
I. Need for revision of the 1976 Recommendations
II. Definition of “international migrant” for the purpose of measuring flows
   A. A taxonomy of international flows and outflows of people
   B. Measurement of international migration according to different data collection systems
   C. Conclusion
III. A framework for the compilation of statistics on inflows and outflows of international migrants
IV. Information needed to characterize international migrants and recommended tabulations
V. Recommendations on asylum statistics
VI. Stock data relevant for the study of international migration

- 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
Chapter 1. Data needs

Chapter 2. Concepts and definitions

Chapter 3. Data collection systems

Chapter 4. National migration data infrastructure: coordination, data strategy, quality assurance and evaluation

b. National migration data strategy
   - Responsibility delineation

Interagency-coordination

Coordination regarding legal, ethical, political, organizational, economic, semantic and technical aspects

d. New Data management
   - New data sources
   - New analytical methods
   - Linking heterogeneous datasets

c. Traditional data sources
   - Authenticity, integrity, reliability

Open Data

- User empowerment
- Individual data access and sharing with privacy and security

Chapter 5. Data dissemination and communication

e. Data dissemination and communication – from data to policy

National migration data infrastructure

Data driven policy and research
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 Muhwawa (UNECA) and Keiko Osaki-Tomita (expert))