



INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION STATISTICS (IFMS)

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Cairo, Egypt



1st IFMS: Paris, 15-16 January 2018

- 240 speakers and over 350 participants from 90 countries
- Representation from national statistical offices, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions
- Wide range of disciplines – such as statistics, economics, demography, sociology, geospatial science, and information technology
- All papers and presentations on OECD website www.oecd.org
- Conference booklet but not major conference report and limited media coverage.

IFMS 2020

- **Overall objective:** improve the collection and analysis of migration data worldwide
- **Call for papers and parallel sessions:** *Open until 31 July (on IOM website)*
 - Between 15 and 20 parallel sessions, each lasting 90 minutes, in addition to 4 key plenary sessions with high-level experts and side events
 - Proposals will be assessed by the IFMS 2020 Programme Committee, mainly migration scholars from different regions of the world.
 - *Extra days:* Day 3 - Capacity development workshop focusing on MENA/Africa?
 - Day 4 – meeting of UN Expert Group on Migration Statistics

IFMS 2020: Conference Themes

1. **Strengthening data for policy:** ensuring effective data communication and examining existing gaps in migration statistics to determine what is needed to address policy concerns;
2. **Data collection and innovation:** Lessons and new approaches to the collection of migration data, including from 2020 censuses and administrative sources, and the potential of technologically-driven solutions, including big data;
3. **Cooperation and data governance:** exploring ways to strengthen stakeholder coordination and the exchange and sharing of data;
4. **Capacity development and financing:** identifying strategies to enhance data literacy as well as institutional capacities to collect, analyse and disseminate data;
5. **Measuring progress on the SDGs and other global commitments:** data challenges, initiatives and indicators-based approaches to monitoring;
6. **Improving the availability of data on migrants in vulnerable situations:** disaggregating statistics by migratory status, age and sex - analysing challenges, opportunities and best practices.

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