A Global Programme on International Migration Statistics

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WHY?

International migration central to achieving inclusive social and economic sustainable development
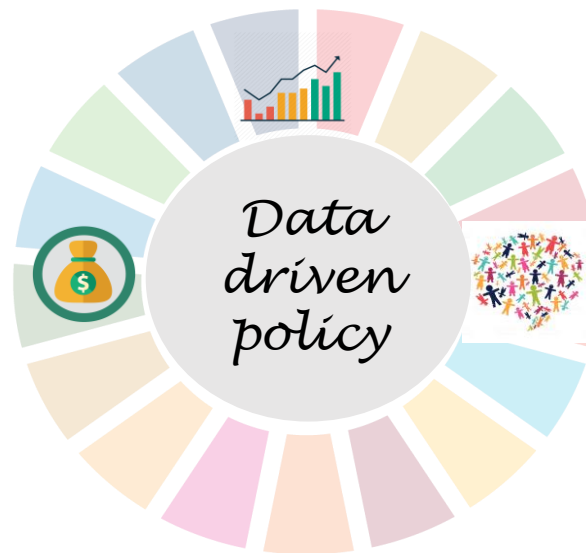
New attention on migration data

Call for high-quality data on:

Stocks
Flows
Integration
Drivers
Impact

WHAT?

Data driven policy

Data gaps

- lack of harmonization, compilation and dissemination of statistics

- lack of coordination and integration of statistics from ≠ sources

- lack of systematic analysis and research on determinants and impact of migration

- lack of methods

- lack of capacity to produce, analyse, communicate and use migration data

An initial assessment of national needs for capacity-building

- **Population censuses** – better data analysis and dissemination

- **Surveys** – sampling, standardized question modules on various topics, data analysis and dissemination

- **Administrative data** – having access to admin data; how to use them for statistical purposes; how to link data sources to establish an integrated system

- **Non-traditional data sources** – how to work with big data; need for training on new technologies

- **National migration data strategy** – how to strengthen the legal framework for better collaboration and data flows within the country

- **Data communication and use:** Using migration data to inform policies; how to disseminate and communicate data to the public and policymakers?

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WHAT?

Develop and test methods

- Revision on Int'l Recommendations
- Sampling strategies
- Integration of data sources
- Standardized questions
- Using big data
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Strengthen Capacity
Demand-driven

- Assessment of national data needs and capacity
- Training and technical assistance on (Stats/Comm/Tech):
  -data infrastructure;
  -new methods; new technologies; new sources
  -analyse, disseminate, communicate data
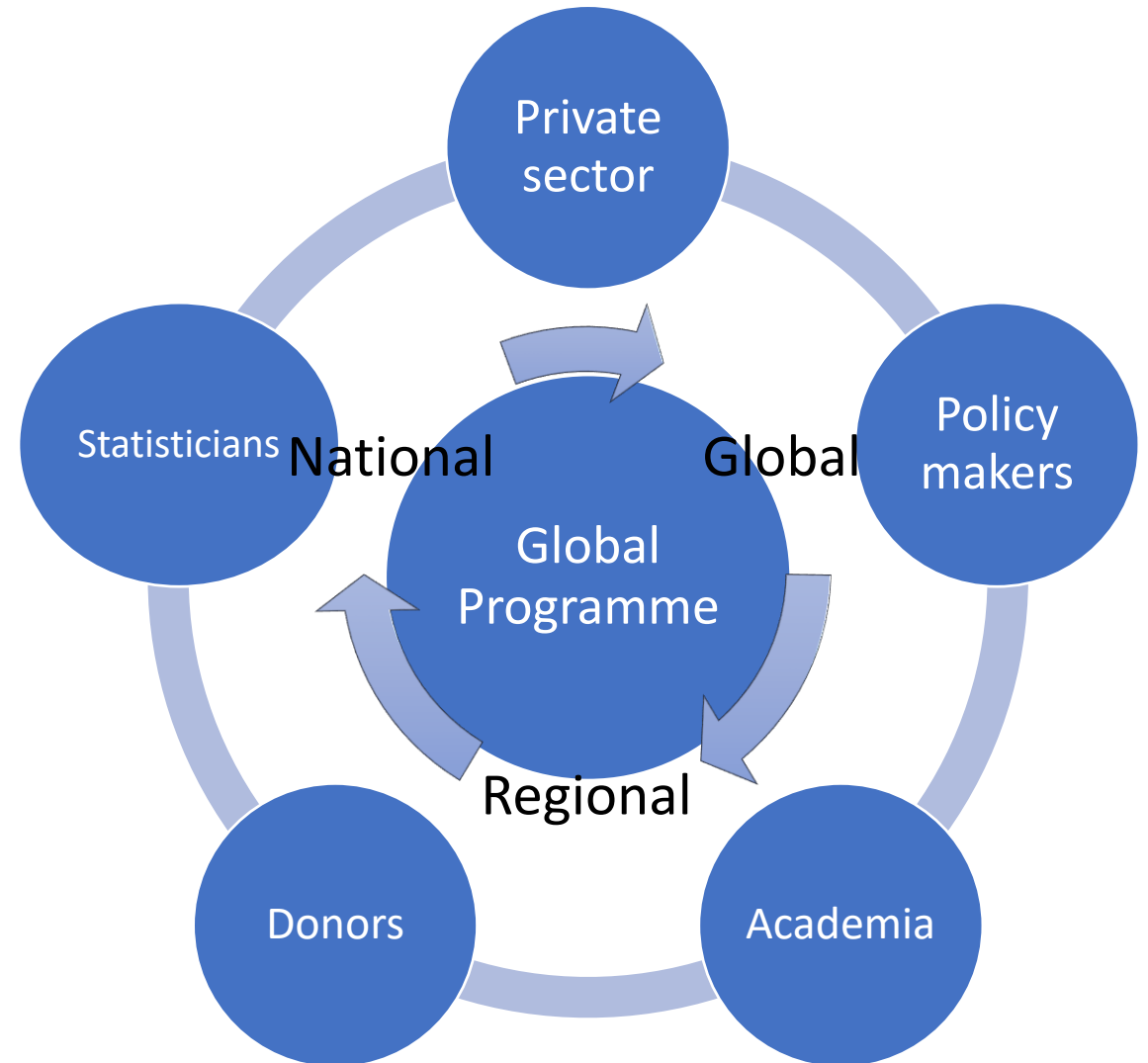
Coordination

- Mechanism for better coordination among global/regional entities
- Global Fora-exchange of experiences among countries and different communities

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HOW?

Coordinated efforts

- International/regional/national stakeholders working on migration statistics;

- Building on ongoing efforts in other data areas – eg SDG; modernizing NSS;

- In-line with regional and national strategies for the development of statistics;

Private sector

Policy makers

Statisticians National Global

Global Programme

Regional

Donors

Academia

THANKs!

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A Global Programme – short-, medium- and long-term

- Are there missing key elements in the proposed Global Programme?

- Countries are at different level of development in terms of migration statistics. How should we prioritize? How much should the Global Programme accomplish in 5 years? In 10 years?
  - Development of standards and methods?
  - Capacity building? On what? Shall we prioritize data from censuses and household surveys?
  - Improving administrative data may take longer; how would you see the efforts in this area prioritized? How can we tag along efforts in modernizing statistical systems? And on SDGs monitoring?

- How would your community contribute to improving migration data and in using migration data for policymaking?

- How can different communities, at different levels (global, regional and national) work together?

National: potential areas for capacity building