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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