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 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
- ....

**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

Compile and share national experiences; case studies and best practices
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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;
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

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

b. National migration data strategy
• Responsibility delineation

c. Traditional data sources

Open Data
• User empowerment
• Individual data access and sharing with privacy and security

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

e. Data dissemination and communication – from data to policy

a. Data needs for national migration policy

Assessment of national data infrastructure