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Programme of work (provisional)

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Monday, 1 July 2019

9:00–10:00	Registration of participants	
10:00–10:15	1.	<p>Opening</p> <p>Introductory remarks <i>Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division</i> <i>Diego Iturralde, Statistics South Africa, Co-chair of the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics</i> <i>Frank Laczko, GMDAC, International Organisation for Migration, Co-chair of the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics</i></p> <p>Introduction of the meeting – agenda <i>Francesca Grum, Chief, Social and Gender Statistics Section, UNSD</i></p>
10:15–12:15	2.	<p>The revision of the 1998 United Nations Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration</p> <p>The session will cover the need for the revision and present a proposed annotated outline for the revision.</p>
		<p>Chair: <i>Frank Laczko, co-chair Expert Group on Migration Statistics</i></p> <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision of the <i>1998 Recommendations</i> – why and what? (ESA/STAT/AC.368/1) <i>Ms. Haoyi Chen, UNSD</i> - The need for an integrated migration data infrastructure – <i>Ms. Nino Ghvinadze, Public Service Development Agency, Georgia and Mr. Jason Schachter, US Census Bureau (Task force 3 on data integration)</i> - Big data and how would it figure in the revision – <i>Ms. Marzia Rango, IOM</i> - Data dissemination and communication – <i>Marcel Heiniger, Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland</i> <p>Questions for general discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What would be main reasons for revising the <i>1998 Recommendations</i>? - Any suggestions for the proposed outline for the revision? - What new topics/areas should be added? Revised? Removed? - Would you like to contribute to the revision of the Recommendations, by drafting certain parts or by providing concrete examples from your national experience?
12:15–13:00	3.	<p>The need for and uses of statistics on international migration</p> <p>This session will address the demand for statistics on international migration to respond to government policy. It will examine traditional and emerging issues in migration policies and their implications for data needs. The discussion will be led by <i>Task Force 1 on data and indicator set</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Task force 1 presentation (ESA/STAT/AC.368/2) - Country presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Canada o Morocco o Thailand (<i>to be confirmed</i>)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group discussion/exercise - General discussion
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break	
15:00 – 18:00	The need for and uses of statistics on international migration (cont.)	

Tuesday, 2 July 2019		
10:00 – 13:00	4.	<p>Concepts and definitions related to international migration</p> <p>There is a need to critically review the United Nations recommended concepts and definitions for statistics on international migration and their applicability to various contexts, given the difficulties encountered by countries in adopting them, from both conceptual and operational points of view. The session will be led by <i>Task Force 2 on concepts and definitions</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Task force 2</i> presentation (ESA/STAT/AC.368/2) - Country presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Indonesia o Mexico o United Kingdom - Group discussion on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Questionnaire: whom to target? Formulation and flow of questions? Any improvements? o Definitions of migration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are relevant features in defining migrants? ▪ Your definition of migration? How does it figure into the demographic equation? ▪ What data sources to use? - General discussion
13:00–15:00	Lunch break	
15:00–16:00	4.	Concepts and definitions related to international migration (cont.)
16:00–18:00	5.	<p>The Global Programme on Migration Statistics</p> <p>The session will discuss the content of and strategies to implement a Global Programme on Migration Statistics.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Keiko Osaki-Tomita, co-chair, <i>Task force 5 on Global Programme on Migration Statistics</i></p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A framework for the Global Programme on Migration Statistics – <i>United Nations Statistics Division</i> - Providing training through a network of universities – <i>Worldwide University Network</i> - Country presentation (NSO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ecuador

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Republic of Moldova (to be confirmed) - Sub-regional entity – ECOWAS (to be confirmed) - Task force 4 on best practices on data collection, analysis and dissemination - International Forum on Migration Statistics, connecting and sharing experiences – <i>Frank Laczko, GMDAC, International Organisation for Migration</i> <p>General discussion</p>
Wednesday, 3 July 2019		
10:00-12:00	6.	<p>Technical Report on Measuring Migration-relevant SDG indicators</p> <p>The session will present a summary of Technical Report as well as comments received from experts, with the objective to finalise the Technical Report</p>
12:00-13:00	7.	<p>Ongoing/planned initiatives on statistics of international migration</p> <p>International and regional entities will report on their latest developments and activities, relevant to international statistics and plans for future work</p> <p>Co-chair: <i>Diego Iturralde, Co-chair of the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics</i></p>
13:00-15:00	Lunch break	
15:00–16:00	8.	Conclusions and the way forward