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Data in the Context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the  
Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration  
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## Introduction

1. The UN Statistics Division (UNSD), under the guidance of the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics, organised an Expert Group Meeting on “Improving Migration Data in the Context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”, 1-3 July 2019 in New York.
2. The main objectives of the Meeting were to (a) discuss the revision of the 1998 United Nations Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, in particular the technical material developed by the Group’s task forces and agree on the outline and next steps/timeline for the revision; (b) review the draft Technical Report on Measuring Migration-relevant SDG Indicators;; (c) discuss the key elements of a global programme on migration statistics to improve national capacities on statistics on international migration; and (d) share innovative approaches in producing migration statistics
3. The meeting was attended by representatives from National Statistical Offices and Ministries in charge of international migration data collection from 18 countries (Canada, Ecuador, Egypt, Georgia, Ghana, Indonesia, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Russia Federation, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States), as well as experts from academia and international, regional and national organisations including Eurostat, ILO, IOM, OECD, UNHCR, UNICEF, Australian National University, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Tokiwa University, University of Bristol, University of Rochester representing the Worldwide Universities Network. The list of participants is available in Annex 1 and the final work programme in Annex 2.

## Summary and conclusions

### Why revising the 1998 United Nations Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration?

4. Experts fully supported the revision of the 1998 Recommendations, for the following reasons: (a) migration patterns as well as national priorities for measurement migration have changed such as those reflected in the recently adopted ILO Guidelines on labour migration that covered both migrants stayed longer period in the receiving countries but also those that make shorter term movements across countries; (b) technological development is facilitating the integration of multiple data sources, the use of big data and other innovative approaches; and (c) new global initiatives such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees should be taken into consideration in the revision of the Recommendations.

### Overall revision of the 1998 Recommendations:

5. The experts supported the overall structure (Annex 3), including several new elements proposed in the annotated outline for the revised Recommendations. These include data integration, data dissemination and communication and big data sources.

6. With regard to data integration, the experts acknowledged that this was an important aspect to cover in the revision given that the migration phenomenon is crosscutting and no single source would be able to produce data that meet all data needs. The *1998 Recommendations* made no reference to data integration.
7. The inclusion of guidance on data dissemination and communication was considered crucial by experts to reduce the miscommunication and misuse of migration statistics. The experience of Switzerland provided valuable ideas to consider when developing guidance on this aspect.
8. With a forward-looking perspective, the experts also supported the inclusion of big data into the revised *Recommendations*. The *Recommendations*, however, need to be transparent about the limitations of using big data sources for official statistics. These would include the challenges in accessing the big data sources; consistency in the methodology behind these sources over time; confidentiality issues; and biases in the data among other factors. The recommendations would clearly state that big data will not replace traditional data sources but may complement them. Significant resources is still necessary to make further development in this area.
9. In terms of striking a balance between conceptual and practical guidelines, the experts agreed that the work produced by this group should be both conceptual and practical. While the conceptual part will be organized into the revised *Recommendations* that lay out the conceptual framework and higher-level recommendations, the accompanying practical guidance and case studies may be incorporated in a separate future product. The example of the organization of the EGRIS work (Recommendations and compiler's manual) could be a good model to follow.
10. It was recognized that the current work under various task forces might not meet the needs of the entire revision of the *1998 Recommendations*, for example, on special sampling strategies to cover migration population and better communication strategies to migrants in censuses and surveys. These areas will be integrated into future work of the Expert Group if resources allow.

#### Task force 1: developing data and indicator set for international migration

11. Under the work of identifying national data and indicators for international migration, led by task force 1, experts discussed national policy issues relevant to migration and statistics that are being used in countries to respond to those policy issues.
12. In terms of policy relevant issues, experts agreed to focus broadly on the eight themes identified by task force 1. They include:
  - a. Size and characteristics of migrant population
  - b. Migrants' access to services in host country
  - c. Migrants' situation in relation to other populations in the country
  - d. Fighting against discrimination and vulnerability of migrants
  - e. Fair recruitment, decent work and labour rights protection for migrants
  - f. Regular pathways and irregular migration
  - g. Migration experience and perception

#### h. Access to information for migrants

13. Group discussions were made around sub-themes under each major theme and relevant indicators that data are currently being produced by countries. A detailed summary of the group discussions is included in Annex 4.
14. During group discussions, a number of issues were brought up by experts. First, policy needs for data are different depending on whether data are used for monitoring at global, regional, national or sub-national levels, as shown in the presentation of Morocco. For global level monitoring, the indicators should be closely linked to existing international framework such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There are additional dimensions that define data needs such as public opinion and community needs, legislation in the country, scientific needs and demographic change as show by Canada. There is no one-size-fits-all set of indicators.
15. Second, the relevance of proposed indicators varies by type of migrants. For example, access to social protection and health services might not be an issue for migrants with certain legal status in the country but may be challenging for other migrants such as those who are undocumented. Another example would be for education indicators, both migrant children and native-born children to migrants would be important groups to consider even though in this case, native-born children to migrants are not considered migrants. This discussion further highlights the importance of sufficient levels of disaggregation, for example, by type of residence status, and by country of birth of parents (or citizenship of parents).
16. The importance of promoting children-sensitive and gender-responsive indicators was also emphasized. Identifying such indicators not only entails disaggregating data and indicators by age and sex whenever relevant, but also refers to an exercise that identifies indicators that can reflect migration issues specifically relevant to women, men, girls and boys.
17. Although many experts agreed that data availability and measurement challenges should not dictate the indicator proposal, these two dimensions would need to be taken into consideration in some way. For example, many countries have indicated that administrative data sources are important to utilize for migration statistics (for example, Thailand). The use of administrative records for migration statistics might have an impact on data availability for certain indicators, as a result on which indicators to propose what indicators that data would be available.

#### Task force 2. Concepts and definitions related to international migration

18. Presentations and discussions under the session organized by Task force 2 highlighted a few common issues in terms of concepts and definitions on international migration for statistical purposes, with a special emphasis on the need for improving the conceptual framework for concepts related to international migration.
19. First of all, concepts related to international migration and their definitions in a country differ by the data sources that capture such information or by the different policy needs that data are required to respond to. The Indonesian example showed that two different data sources

produced data on migrant workers abroad that differ greatly from each other (9 million versus 4 million). In the Mexico case, a duration of stay of six months and one day is used to define international migrant for population projection purposes. However, for administrative purposes, an international migrant is defined as a foreign person who does not have Mexican nationality.

20. While the lack of coordination among different institutions may be one of the reasons for the difference in concepts and definitions of international migration within the same country, the well-coordinated UK migration data system and Mexico indeed pointed to the need for multiple dimensions in migration-related concepts to respond to different policy needs.
21. In relation to this, the experts have stressed the difficulty to identify a single definition of migration capturing its inherent multidimensionality, especially considering its role as a component of population change, as well as the diversity of national needs for different types of migrants. The possibility to use a composite approach, i.e. defining the overall migration as the compilation of national-relevant migration typologies was discussed, although it was clarified that this would not relieve from defining what those migration typologies are – possibly an even higher conceptual challenge – and it would have a high impact on international comparability. It was also highlighted that certain migration policies target migrants who are actually not part of the population of the country (e.g., migrants in transit).
22. Similar to the discussion on indicators, the group agreed that while data sources and measurability should not be the driving force in defining what migrants are, the impact of currently available (e.g., administrative sources) or potential (e.g. big data or social media data) data sources needs to be taken into consideration.
23. Access to administrative and other data sources outside the national statistics office seems to be a common challenge for many countries. A properly established migration data strategy, which delineates responsibilities in data collection and sets the legal framework for data sharing, is considered crucial.

#### Global consultation questionnaire

24. The two draft questionnaires proposed by task forces 1 and 2 were generally considered well done. It was agreed to administer the questionnaire to National Statistical Offices (NSOs) only, for them to act as focal points completing and also forwarding the questionnaire to relevant migration data producers in the country. To the extent possible, NSOs will be required to consolidate the replies from other national authorities producing migration statistics, and will report back to UNSD. Where this will not be possible, more than one questionnaire per country will be returned to UNSD, one from each relevant national authority producing migration statistics.
25. In terms of the content, the questionnaire from task force 1 will solicit written comments from all members of the Expert Group. Suggestions for improvements for the questionnaire presented by Task force 2 were minor and will be taken into consideration in the final revision of the questionnaire. It was agreed that the two questionnaires will be consolidated into one that will be sent to all NSOs in English only, due to lack of resources.

## Global Programme on Migration Statistics

26. Based on a comprehensive framework for a Global Programme on Migration Statistics, presented by the UN Statistics Division, experts discussed: (a) the key elements and priorities of such a programme to ensure that countries would benefit from it and (b) how would countries contribute to the Programme.
27. Priorities at national, regional and global level were identified by countries. At the national level, initial assessments of migration data capacity were recognized as critical to identify specific needs and design country-specific capacity building activities. The importance of assisting countries in developing a migration data strategy, including a quality assurance framework, was also emphasized. Strengthening national capacity in better use of administrative data was also considered a priority, covering issues related to data access, harmonisation of concepts and definitions across different data sources as well as building trust and protecting confidentiality. A suggestion was also made in promoting the question on residence one year ago in national censuses, which can be used to compare and cross-validate data collected from other sources on migration flows.
28. At the regional level, the potential of existing and new regional mechanisms or observatories should be explored.
29. At the global level, the importance of further methodological work was emphasized. Some of the areas that were raised during the meeting included: (a) special sampling strategies for household surveys that would have sufficient representations for migrants; (b) better communication strategies including those targeting respondents who are migrants; and (c) data integration. Other key elements such as data analysis and the use of non-traditional data sources such as big data were also highlighted.
30. While discussing building tools for capacity building, it was emphasized that existing tools developed by the Expert Group should be promoted by all members of the Group. These tools include the [National Migration data infrastructure](#) – a comprehensive framework for capacity development on international migration statistics and the [Toolkit to assess national migration data capacity](#).
31. At the global level, The Global Programme should also ensure better collaboration among UN agencies in terms of activities related to international migration statistics, including in its connection with the United Nations Migration Network. The Programme should collaborate with the academic community and civil society to advance knowledge on the theory, drivers and impacts of migration including the behavior and psychological study behind the migration motivation. Partnership with universities such as through the Worldwide University Network should also be explored to enlarge the impact of the capacity building activities.

32. International fora such as the International Forum on Migration Statistics, organised by IOM, OECD and DESA, should also be an integral part of the Global Programme to foster collaboration and exchange of experiences across countries.
33. It was acknowledged by the experts that financial resources are a key element to the success of a Global Programme, the experts took note of the recently established United Nations Migration Network that is calling for project proposals to implement the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. More information about the UN Migration Network is available at <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/MIG00>.
34. In terms of contribution to the Global Programme, national representatives suggested that sharing of national experiences with others, successful or not-so-successful ones would be one of their contributions. Cooperation at the regional level with countries with similar migration experiences could be another contribution. Countries' contribution to the Global Programme also includes their participation in the global initiatives related to international migration statistics, including the reporting of SDG indicators related to migration and participation in international fora.

#### Technical Report on Measuring Migration-relevant SDG indicators

35. Experts welcomed the draft of the Technical report and agreed to the remaining steps to finalise the report. These include:
  - a. Further elaborating on the section addressing “why disaggregating data by migratory status”, by adding references to existing global and regional frameworks, as well as to existing research;
  - b. Being more specific on the data disaggregation dimensions as the Technical Report aims to serve national policy monitoring purposes. For example for education indicators, data should be available for migrant children, native-born children to migrant parents and native-born children to native-born parents. This moves a step further than step 1 of the stepwise definition of migratory status, as decided by the first meeting of the Expert Group ([https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/meetings/2017/new-york--egm-migration-data/EGM%20Recommendations\\_FINAL.pdf](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/meetings/2017/new-york--egm-migration-data/EGM%20Recommendations_FINAL.pdf))
  - c. Considering switching indicators that are challenging to further disaggregation to other proxy/relevant indicators. For example indicator 3.1.1 (maternal mortality ratio) is selected as one of the SDG indicators that is important to be further disaggregated by migratory status, to monitor health outcomes of migrants. A suggestion was made by UNICEF to replace the indicator by another SDG indicator 3.1.2 (births attended by skilled health personnel), which is not only a good indicator to monitor migrants' access to health services but also relatively easier to produce data disaggregated by migratory status.
  - d. Deciding on how to disaggregate composite indicators such as 3.8.1 (universal health care). The indicator is monitored through 14 tracer indicators covering areas on reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health; infectious diseases; noncommunicable diseases and service capacity and access. (metadata for 3.8.1 is

available at: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-03-08-01.pdf>). Some of the 14 tracer indicators cannot be disaggregated, such as hospital beds per capita (tracer indicator 12), health professionals per capita (tracer indicator 13) and International Health Regulations (IHR) core capacity index (tracer indicator 14, a composite index in itself). One proposal is to further disaggregate individual sub-indicators that can be disaggregated.

- e. Furthering work related to household surveys. Many of the indicators covered by the Technical Report are usually produced by household surveys. Sampling issue stands out whenever further disaggregation is required. Developing guidance on special sampling strategy for sample surveys to have sufficient coverage of migrants of interest is one of the priorities identified by the experts, as outlined in the previous session. Another priority is on integrating household survey data with administrative sources, either at the micro- or macro-level. This task has been taken on by Task Force 3 (draft Terms of Reference is available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/meetings/2019/newyork-egm-migration/2%20TF3%20Draft%20ToR.pdf>
- f. Soliciting comments from other relevant custodian agencies of the SDG indicators covered in the Technical Report. The current draft already took into consideration input from UNICEF, UNFPA, UNODC, as well as a number of national and international experts.
- g. Seeking collaboration to disseminate and promote the use of the Technical Report.

#### Next steps

36. The following were agreed by the experts as the next steps:

- a. Continue the work on the revision of the *1998 Recommendations*, with task forces 1 and 2 submitting their proposals to the UN Statistical Commission in 2021. The work of task forces 3 and 4 will continue at its current pace.
- b. Finalise the Technical Report on Measuring Migration-Relevant SDG Indicators
- c. Further discuss sub-components of the Global Programme while securing financial resources and establishing new partnerships

37. The International Forum on Migration Statistics will be organised on 20-21 January 2020, in Cairo, Egypt, by IOM in collaboration with OECD and DESA. If resources allow, a workshop on migration statistics will be organised on 22 January, followed by a one-day meeting of the Expert Group on 23 January 2020.



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**Annex 2**

**Programme of work (final)**

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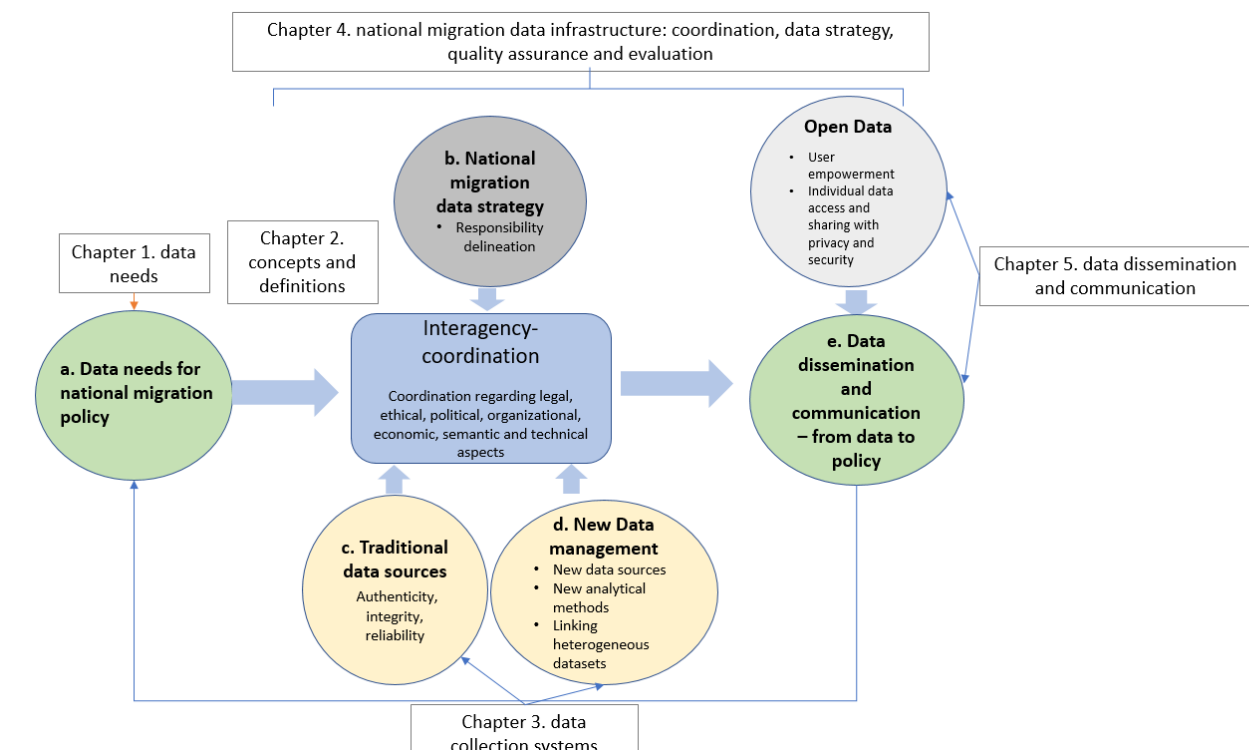
<b>9:00–10:00</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>	
<b>10:00–10:15</b>	<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>Introductory remarks  <i>Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division</i>  <i>Diego Iturralde, Statistics South Africa, Co-chair of the United Nations Expert Group on Migration 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>
<b>10:15–12:15</b>	<b>2.</b>	<p><b>The revision of the 1998 United Nations Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration</b></p> <p>The session will cover the need for the revision and present a proposed annotated outline for the revision.</p>
		<p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Frank Laczko, co-chair Expert Group on Migration Statistics</i></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revision of the <i>1998 Recommendations</i> – why and what? (ESA/STAT/AC.368/1) <i>Ms. Haoyi Chen, UNSD</i></li> <li>- Data integration for disaggregated statistics on international migration – <i>Ms. Nino Ghvinadze, Public Service Development Agency, Georgia and Mr. Jason Schachter, US Census Bureau (Task force 3 on data integration)</i></li> <li>- Big data and how would it figure in the revision – <i>Ms. Marzia Rango, IOM</i></li> <li>- Challenges in migration data dissemination and communication – <i>Marcel Heiniger, Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Questions for general discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What would be main reasons for revising the <i>1998 Recommendations</i>?</li> <li>- Any suggestions for the proposed outline for the revision?</li> <li>- What new topics/areas should be added? Revised? Removed?</li> <li>- Would you like to contribute to the revision of the Recommendations, by drafting certain parts or by providing concrete examples from your national experience?</li> </ul>
<b>12:15–13:00</b>	<b>3.</b>	<p><b>The need for and uses of statistics on international migration</b></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> <p><b>Chair:</b> Task force 1 co-chairs, <i>Ms. Cécile Thoreau, OECD; Ms. Karima Belhaj, Morocco; Ms. Danzhen You, UNICEF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Task force 1 presentation (related doc: ESA/STAT/AC.368/2)</li> <li>- Country presentations</li> </ul>

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

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<b>10:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Concepts and definitions related to international migration</b></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> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Meryem Demirci, UNSD; Mr. Giampaolo Lanzieri, Eurostat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Task force 2</i> presentation (related doc: ESA/STAT/AC.368/3)</li> <li>- Country presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indonesia</li> <li>○ Mexico</li> <li>○ United Kingdom</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Group discussion on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Questionnaire: whom to target? Formulation and flow of questions? Any improvements?</li> <li>○ Definitions of migration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What are relevant features in defining migrants?</li> <li>▪ Your definition of migration? How does it figure into the demographic equation?</li> <li>▪ What data sources to use?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- General discussion</li> </ul>
<b>13:00–15:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
<b>15:00–16:00</b>	<b>4.</b>	<b>Concepts and definitions related to international migration (cont.)</b>
<b>16:00–18:00</b>	<b>5.</b>	<p><b>The Global Programme on Migration Statistics</b></p> <p>The session will discuss the content of and strategies to implement a Global Programme on Migration Statistics.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Keiko Osaki-Tomita, co-chair, <i>Task force 5 on Global Programme on Migration Statistics</i></p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A framework for the Global Programme on Migration Statistics – <i>Ms. Francesca Grum, United Nations Statistics Division</i></li> <li>- Country presentation (NSO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Ecuador</li> <li>o Republic of Moldova</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Task force 4 on best practices on data collection, analysis and dissemination</li> <li>- International Forum on Migration Statistics, connecting and sharing experiences – <i>Frank Laczko, GMDAC, International Organisation for Migration</i></li> <li>- Providing training through a network of universities – <i>Mr. Peter Lennie, Worldwide University Network</i></li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
<b>Wednesday, 3 July 2019</b>		
<b>10:00-12:00</b>	<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Technical Report on Measuring Migration-relevant SDG indicators</b></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> <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation: <i>Ms. Haoyi Chen, UNSD</i></p>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Ongoing/planned initiatives on statistics of international migration</b></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><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Diego Iturralde, Co-chair of the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics</i></p>
<b>13:00-15:00</b>	Lunch break	
<b>15:00–16:00</b>	<b>8.</b>	<b>Conclusions and the way forward</b>

## Annex 3. Proposed annotated outline for the revision of the 1998 United Nations Recommendations for Statistics of International Migration<sup>2</sup>



### Introduction

- Previous recommendations and the need for a revision
- Purpose and scope of the current/revised Recommendations
- Organisation of the Recommendations

### Chapter 1. Data needs for policymaking

Assess data needs to address relevant migration issues, while taking into consideration important international commitment, such as the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the Global Compact on Refugees and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The chapter will guide discussions for the following chapters in the Recommendations. (Based on input from Task force 1)

### Chapter 2. Concepts and definitions

The chapter discussed the conceptual framework of migration-relevant concepts and provides statistical definitions for the concepts (Based on input from Task force 2).

### Chapter 3. Data collection systems, including traditional and non-traditional data sources

<sup>2</sup> Full paper is available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/meetings/2019/newyork-egm-migration/2%20UNSD%20document.pdf>

The chapter focuses on the collection and measurement of stocks and flows of migrants and relevant concepts, as well as the integration of migrants and relevant population. Data sources covered in this chapter include both traditional and non-traditional data sources, as well as integrated data sources.

#### Chapter 4. National statistical system on migration statistics, including quality assurance framework for data related to international migration

The chapter covers recommendations related to national data system for international migration-related statistics. These cover 4 fundamental levels that are related to managing (a) the statistical system for migration statistics; (b) the institutional environment; (c) the statistical processes and (d) statistical outputs. The chapter aims to bridge the United Nations National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF)<sup>3</sup> to statistics on international migration and provides concrete recommendations on how to improve the quality of the data.

The chapter will also cover various tools for assessment of national data on international migration.

#### Chapter 5. Dissemination and communication of data/user engagement

The chapter recommends strategies for data dissemination and communication, targeting different user groups such as policymakers, general public, researchers.

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<sup>3</sup> United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics, draft available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/50th-session/documents/BG-Item3d-NQAF-Manual-E.pdf>