SESSION 14.
CONCLUSIONS AND WAY FORWARD

United Nations Statistics Division

Expert Group Meeting on International Migration Statistics:
Concepts, Definitions, Data and Indicators
Main objectives

**TF2** Agreement on the overarching conceptual framework (building blocks) for international migration and mobility – concepts and definitions

**TF1** A strong starting point to define a set of key migration policy questions and indicators

Developments and challenges at the country level
Broad agreements reached

Strike a balance

Provide an ideal scenario

Set of recommendations that foster the production of migration statistics
Common standards, definitions and concepts to facilitate comparability

Options for a ‘minimum’ data production

❖ Core topics and set of data and indicators
Countries’ ability to meet as a minimum
❖ Additional topics and indicators
Policy priorities
Level of statistical development
Agreements on the overarching Conceptual Framework

Conceptual framework for international mobility and migration

- **Distinguish** migrants from other types of international mobility (temporary population/non-resident)

Temporary population (non-resident) mobility

- **Further work** is needed to identify which groups to highlight and elaborate

- **Terminology**: temporary vs. non-resident, or other options

- **Sub-groups out of scope**: mentioned but not developed
Agreements on the overarching Conceptual Framework - continued

International migration

**Alignment** of measurement of international migration with the country’s measurement of resident population

**Focus** on the resident population: native-born citizens, native-born foreigners, foreign-born citizens, foreign-born foreigners

Population accounting approach: coherence between flows and stocks

Amendments after initial feedback
Agreements on the statistical definitions

Amendments after initial feedback

- Base populations
- International migration/mobility
- International migrant
- Stocks: immigrant/emigrant population
- Flows: immigration/emigration

Remaining issues will be addressed in the coming weeks

- Training related mobility
- Circular movement

Other issues
Agreements on the indicators framework

- Consistency with the conceptual framework

- Four [2x2] building blocks: Flows, stocks, emigration, immigration

- Identification of core and additional topics (variables) and indicators

- Data framework write-up
Other further work needed

Recognize in the conceptual framework
❖ Irregular/undocumented migration
❖ Stateless people
❖ Refugees/asylum seekers
❖ Other relevant ‘hidden’ population groups

Other specific elements of the conceptual framework and/or of the indicators framework raised by members in their written or verbal comments will be addressed in the coming weeks.
Next steps

17 June 2020
All feedback received

August 2020
Integration of feedback by TF1 and TF2

October 2020
Position paper on relevant parts (conceptual and indicators frameworks)

March 2021
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