Lessons learned from the global consultation survey

United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics
Task Force 2: Key concepts and definitions related to international migration
Global Consultation Survey

- Global consultation survey was also conducted to compile information on:
  - Implementation of the 1998 recommendations at national level
  - Variations in national practices
  - New forms of migration/mobility

- Responded by:
  - 103 organizations from 79 countries
  - 74 NSO (8 of them do not produce statistics)
Stocks of migrants

- Main criteria is ‘foreign citizenship’, followed by ‘foreign-born persons’
- Few countries also produce the stock based on ‘ever residing abroad in the past’ or ‘foreign citizens who were born abroad’

✓ Majority of countries produce stock data based on more than one criteria, to meet the need of a wide range of users
Main criteria for defining immigrants or emigrants

- **Duration of stay in the country**

For countries which use administrative records, main criteria:

- Granted a legal permission of stay, or
- Established residence in the country by making a declaration to authorities
Key concepts

What concepts are relevant to migration policy?

What concepts are related to international migrants?

What concepts are related to temporary mobility?
TF2 decided ...

- First, revisit conceptual frameworks for international mobility and migration for establishing common ground for the revision of the Recommendations. Main objective is to:
  - show key concepts related to international migration and mobility
- Second, revise key concepts and definitions based on the proposed frameworks
- Third, discuss how to operationalize the recommended concepts and definitions