



Media Advisory

International Forum in Chile discusses ways to improve migration data

What: Third International Forum on Migration Statistics

Date: 24-26 January, 2023

Organizers: UN DESA, IOM, and OECD

Location: ECLAC Headquarters, Av. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477 Vitacura, Santiago de Chile

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Data on international migration is key to support evidence-based policies and implement the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), the [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) (GCM), and other global agreements. However, basic data on the stock, flow, and characteristics of international migrants, as well as on the causes and impacts of international migration remain scarce or are not utilized to their full potential in many countries.

The Third International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS 2023) will gather producers and users of migration statistics from national and international statistical offices, other government agencies, international organizations, academia, civil society, and the private sector to discuss ways to improve the collection, analysis, and use of migration data worldwide. IFMS 2023 aims to fill existing migration data gaps and to better inform policy making. The Forum will contribute to a more informed and evidence-based migration public discourse and policy making.

IFMS 2023 is organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) [Statistics](#) and [Population](#) Divisions, the [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\)](#) and the [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#). The Forum will be hosted by the [United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean \(ECLAC\)](#) in Santiago, Chile, from 24 to 26 January 2023 as a hybrid in-person and virtual event.

The [programme](#) includes 6 plenary and 24 parallel sessions, which will focus on six key themes: (1) Strengthening migration data for the follow-up and review of global agreements; (2) Strengthening data on migrants in vulnerable situations; (3) Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and other shocks on data on migrants and migration; (4) New approaches, methodologies and innovations in migration data; (5) Strengthening statistical capacities and financing; and (6) Data communication, visualization and public opinion.

Additionally, a [poster exhibition](#) will take place during the Forum in ECLAC's North Concourse (Explanada Norte), and will be followed by [side events](#) on Friday, 27 January.

If you are interested in requesting media accreditation for the IFMS 2023, please register at your earliest convenience [here](#). Incomplete forms will take longer to process and might affect participation.

Key links:

- IFMS website: http://bit.do/IFMS_2023
- Programme: http://bit.do/IFMS_2023_programme
- Follow live and on demand: <https://www.youtube.com/UNStats>
- Media Accreditation: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002008/registrations/8584/>

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