The challenges of developing operational indicators for the GCM

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70. We request the Secretary-General, in his next biennial report, to propose, for the consideration of Member States, a *limited set of indicators*, drawing on the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda […], to assist Member States, upon their request, in conducting inclusive reviews of progress related to the implementation of the Global Compact, as well as to include a comprehensive strategy for improving *disaggregated migration data at the local, national, regional and global levels*. 
Developing operational indicators: challenges

23 objectives

10 guiding principles

- People-centred
- International cooperation
- National sovereignty
- Rule of law and due process
- Sustainable development
- Human rights
- Gender-responsive
- Child-sensitive
- Whole-of-government approach
- Whole-of-society approach
Concrete examples of the methodological challenges we face

2 Minimize the adverse drivers & structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
- A diversity of drivers and a broad range of policies
- How do we assess the impact of targeted interventions on people’s propensity to move?

5 Enhance availability & flexibility of pathways for regular migration
- Different governance levels: bilateral, regional, multilateral
- Different policy areas: skills, labour, humanitarian, natural disasters...
- What do we want to measure: number of agreements? number of beneficiaries?

16 Empower migrants & societies to realize full inclusion & social cohesion
- Multidimensional objective that involves many non-migration sectoral policies (education, labour, health, social protection...)
- Should we focus on output (policies) or outcome (migrants’ integration) indicators?
- Data disaggregation: age, sex, diversity...
“A limited set of indicators”: What are the options?

Multi-objective indicators
- Easy to implement and monitor
- Too simplistic?

One indicator per objective
- Straightforward
- But what indicator?
- Lack of depth

A subset of indicators per objective
- In-depth analysis
- Complex to develop & monitor
- Not all countries have the same quality of data

Less than 23 indicators

23 indicators

More than 23 indicators

Need for disaggregated migration data at the local, national, regional & global levels
Measuring progress: the way forward

Activities

1. Conduct a mapping of relevant approaches to measuring the governance of migration in general and with a specific focus on the GCM.
   Timeline: 2022 - 2023 - 2024

2. Developing a proposal of a limited set of indicators, building on existing indicators and data collection processes, including the work of the UN Expert Group on Migration Statistics.
   Timeline: 2022 - 2023 - 2024

3. Conducting consultations with Member States and a wide range of relevant stakeholders on the limited set of indicators.
   Timeline: 2022 - 2023 - 2024

4. Developing a comprehensive strategy for improving disaggregated migration data.
   Timeline: 2022 - 2023 - 2024

5. Conducting a technical consultation of the draft comprehensive strategy for improving disaggregated migration data.
   Timeline: 2022 - 2023 - 2024

New workstream

Development of a proposed limited set of indicators to review progress related to GCM implementation