



International recommendations on refugee and IDP statistics: an update on the work of the Expert Group

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Background of the EGRIS group (1)

EGRIS – *Expert Group on Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Statistics*

- 2015 March – 46th UNSC session
Report of Statistics Norway and UNHCR on statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons on:
Challenges associated with the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics on refugees, asylum seekers, and IDPs
- 2015 October – First International Conference on Refugee Statistics (Antalya)
As a follow-up to Commission decision 46/104

Background of the EGRIS group (2)

- 2016 – 47th UNSC Session
 - Joint report of Statistics Norway, Eurostat, TURKSTAT and UNHCR on international challenges associated with production of statistics on refugees*
- UNSC Decision 11/2016
 - Endorsed creation of an **Expert Group on Refugee Statistics**
 - Mandated the group to develop a set of **international recommendations on refugee statistics**

Background of the EGRIS group (3)

Work of the Expert Group shall:

1. include IDPs in its scope of work
2. take user perspectives into account
3. refine statistical concepts related to refugees
4. build on existing technical work

Expert Group was requested to:

- organise technical meeting on refugee statistics in late 2016 (=> *Copenhagen, Oct 2016*)
- Conduct global consultation on the draft Recommendations and submit them at 49th session

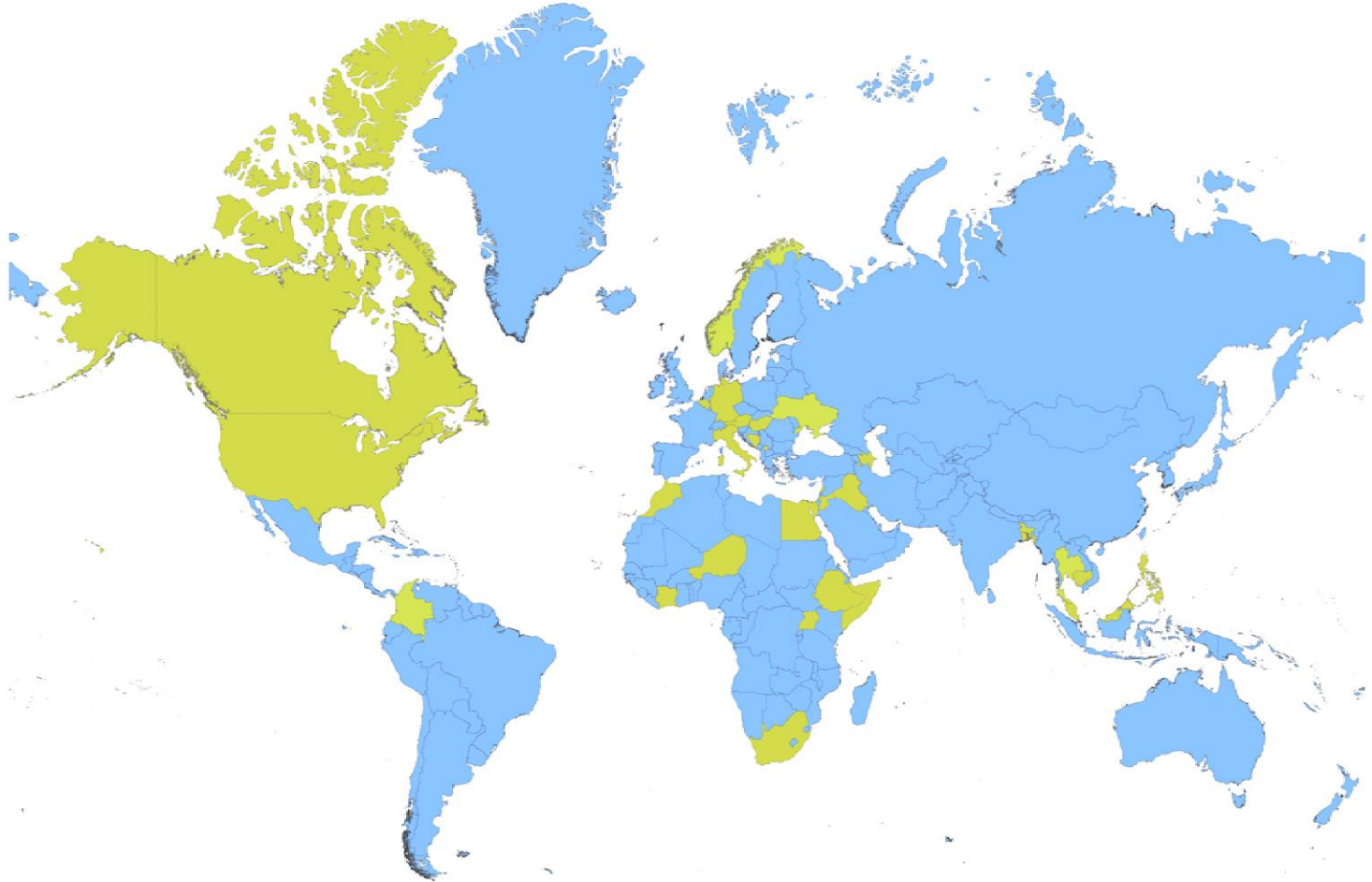
EGRIS Members

- **Around 30 countries** and **15 international organisations** confirmed participation in the 2nd EGRIS meeting in Oslo (April 2017)
- Participation of representatives from developing countries supported (by SN, UNHCR, Eurostat, EFTA)
- But still other countries/organisations can join the group or contribute to its work



European
Commission

Countries attending 2nd EGRIS meeting



What has to be delivered by EGRIS

1. **International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics** => **March 2018 (49th session)**
as a reference guide for national and international work concerning asylum statistics
2. **Refugee Statistics Compilers Manual**
=> **March 2019 (50th session)**
as operational instructions on how to collect refugee statistics
3. **Technical Report on IDP statistics** taking stock of existing practice and defining recommendations for the improvement of statistics **on IDPs**
=> **March 2018 (49th session)**

IRRS chapters structure:

1. Introduction and Background to the Guidelines
2. Legal Framework & Refugee Definitions
3. Defining Refugees and Asylum Seekers for the purposes of statistical measurement
4. Measuring the Number of Refugees
5. Measuring the Characteristics and Integration of Refugees
6. Coordination and Systems at the International, Regional and National Level
7. Constraints and Future Developments

IDPs Technical Report structure:

1. Introduction
2. Existing legal and policy frameworks/IDP definition
3. Defining IDPs for the purpose of statistical measurement
4. Sources of IDP data
5. Measuring numbers and characteristics of IDPs in official statistics
6. Coordination systems at national and international levels
7. Conclusion and next steps
8. Technical annex (terminology/definitions)

Where do we stand now

Jun 16 – **Steering Committee** set up (SN, UNHCR, Eurostat)

Jul 16 – **ToR** approved by SC Bureau

Oct 16 – detailed **outlines** of **IRRS**

Nov 16 – **1st EGRIS meeting** (Copenhagen)

- *Smaller expert meeting instead of large forum*
- *Review of the IRRS and IDPs Technical Report structure*
- *Set up of the chapter groups (5 on IRRS + 1 IDP group)*
- *Allocation of contributions within chapters*

Dec 16-up to now – delivery of **draft contributions**

Work plan (1)

- Mar 17 – presentation of work to **UNSC**
- Apr 17 – **Consolidated draft** available/internal consultation
- Apr 25-27th – **2nd EGRIS meeting** (Oslo)
 - **'Zero' draft** available
- Sep 17 – review and **final contributions**
- Autumn 17 – **3rd EGRIS meeting** (tbc)
 - finalisation of the draft and **submission to UNSC**
 - **global consultation**
 - start of **work on Compilers Manual**
- Mar 18 – presentation of IRRS and IDP Technical Report to UNSC

Work plan (2)

During 2018:

- Continue to work on **Compilers Manual** on refugee statistics
- **Review of the ToR** to plan further steps and reflect on the mandate and objectives

Mar 19 – presentation of Compilers Manual to UNSC

Way forward

- 1. Implementation strategy / ToR review**
- 2. Coordination / monitoring mechanism:**
Inter-Agency Expert group / City Group...
- 3. Future status** of recommendations (stand alone product or part of broader statistical area e.g. migration statistics)



Thank you for your attention!