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**Items for discussion and decision: international  
migration statistics**

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migration data**

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Relevant paragraph in Global Compact	Actions / Outcomes	Status of the country (select one)	International support required (select one)
17(a)	Comprehensive national strategy for improving migration data	Elaborated	
		Implemented	
	Harmonized methodologies for migration data collection		
	Analysis of migration-related data and indicators		
	Dissemination of migration-related data and indicators		
17(b)	Improved international comparability and compatibility of migration statistics and national data systems by:	further developing and applying the statistical definition of an international migrant	
		elaborating a set of standards to measure migrant stocks and flows.	
		documenting migration patterns and trends	
		documenting characteristics of migrants	
		documenting drivers and impacts of migration	
17(c)	Leveraging new data sources, including big data for migration		
17(d)	Data on the impact of migration, as well as the contributions of migrants and diasporas to sustainable development	Data collected	
		Data analyzed	
		Data used for policy	
17(g)	Integration of migration-related topics in 2020 round of national census	Country of birth	
		Country of birth of parents	
		Country of citizenship	
		Country of residence 5 years prior to census	
		Most recent arrival date	
	Reason for migrating		
	Timely analysis and dissemination of responses to migration-related census questions, disaggregated and tabulated in accordance with international standards	Timely analysis of census data on migration	
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17(h)	Conducted household, labour force and other surveys to collect information on the social and economic integration of migrants or add standard migration modules to existing household surveys	Conducted specialised migration surveys since 2010	
		Integrated standard migration modules to existing household surveys since 2010	
	Collected data from surveys made available through public-use of statistical microdata files		
17(i)	Enhanced collaboration between State units responsible for migration data and national statistical offices to produce migration statistics by using administrative records	Border records	
		Visa	
		Residence permits	
		Population registers	
		Other relevant sources	
Integration of different data sources			
17(j)	Development and use of country-specific migration profiles, which include disaggregated data on all migration-relevant aspects, including those on labour market needs, demand and availability of skills, the economic, environmental and social impacts of migration, remittance transfer costs, health, education, occupation, living and working conditions, wages, and the needs of migrants and receiving communities	Migration profiles developed	
		Migration profiles used for policy	
17(k)	Cooperation with relevant stakeholders in countries of origin, transit and destination to develop research, studies and surveys on the interrelationship between migration and sustainable development and the contributions and skills of migrants and diasporas		