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**WHY?**

International migration central to achieving inclusive social and economic sustainable development

New attention on migration data

Call for high-quality data on:
- Stocks
- Flows
- Integration
- Drivers
- Impact

**WHAT?**

Data driven policy

**Data gaps**

- lack of harmonization, compilation and dissemination of statistics
- lack of coordination and integration of statistics from ≠ sources
- lack of systematic analysis and research on determinants and impact of migration
- lack of methods
- lack of capacity to produce, analyse, communicate and use migration data
An initial assessment of national needs for capacity-building

• Population censuses – better data analysis and dissemination

• Surveys – sampling, standardized question modules on various topics, data analysis and dissemination

• Administrative data – having access to admin data; how to use them for statistical purposes; how to link data sources to establish an integrated system

• Non-traditional data sources – how to work with big data; need for training on new technologies

• National migration data strategy – how to strengthen the legal framework for better collaboration and data flows within the country

• Data communication and use: Using migration data to inform policies; how to disseminate and communicate data to the public and policymakers?
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**WHAT?**

**Develop and test methods**

- Revision on Int’l Recommendations
- Sampling strategies
- Integration of data sources
- Standardized questions
- Using big data
- ....

**Strengthen Capacity**

Demand-driven

- Assessment of national data needs and capacity
- Training and technical assistance on (Stats/Comm/Tech):  
  - data infrastructure;
  - new methods; new technologies; new sources
  - analyse, disseminate, communicate data

**Compile and share national experiences; case studies and best practices**

- Mechanism for better coordination among global/regional entities
- Global Fora-exchange of experiences among countries and different communities

**Coordination**
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HOW?

Coordinated efforts
• International/regional/national stakeholders working on migration statistics;

• Building on ongoing efforts in other data areas – eg SDG; modernizing NSS;

• In-line with regional and national strategies for the development of statistics;
THANKs!

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