



Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Side event on:

A global programme to improve the collection and use of migration data

Palmeraie Golf Palace, Oliveraie room D
Marrakesh, Morocco, 9 December 2018 (15.30 to 17.15)

Introduction

Improving the collection and utilization of migration data is the first of 23 objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Specifically, the Global Compact commits to (a) strengthening the global evidence base on international migration, (b) elaborating and implementing a comprehensive strategy for improving migration data, and (c) developing a global programme to build and enhance national capacities in data collection, analysis and dissemination. Building on the recognition that migration is a multidimensional reality of major relevance for the sustainable development of countries of origin, transit and destination, future strategies, programmes and activities to improve migration data must be undertaken within the context of the 2030 Agenda and, in particular, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Format

The format of the event will be a moderated panel discussion. Following brief opening remarks by the moderator, the panelists will make short introductory remarks (3-5 minutes each). This will be followed by a panel discussion in which the moderator will pose questions to the panelists. The moderator will invite the audience to contribute to the discussion regularly. The event will end with the panelists making brief observations (2 minutes each), followed by closing remarks by the moderator.

Content

The event will address the following themes: (1) collection and sources of migration data, (2) use of migration data for evidence-based policies, (3) knowledge management, (4) national capacities and partnerships, and (5) migration data and the 2030 Agenda.

Panelists and moderator

The panel will be chaired and moderated by Ms. Mariana Kotzeva, Director-General, Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat).



The event will feature the following speakers:

- Mr. Zachary Mwangi, Chair, United Nations Statistical Commission
- Mrs. Amira El Fadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union (AU) (TBC)
- Mr. Jean-Christophe Dumont, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Mr. Bela Hovy, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- Mr. Frank Laczko, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Expected outcomes

The event will aim at delivering the following key outcomes:

- Awareness raised about the critical role of data in implementing the Compact
- Good practices shared to improve the collection and use of migration data
- Proposals initiated for implementing Objective 1 of the Global Compact
- Linkages highlighted between the Global Compact and the 2030 Agenda

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