Second retreat on

Migration Indicators for the Post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda

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OBJECTIVES

In July 2014, the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals proposed a set of goals and targets to serve as the basis for incorporating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda. The outcome document of the OWG contained several targets which are of direct relevance to international migration, migrants and mobility.

The objective of the one-day technical retreat is to conduct an in-depth analysis of the measurability of the proposed targets and to evaluate potential indicators for their monitoring. One or more indicators will be proposed for each target. A template will be used to collect information about the proposed indicators. The template, to be distributed and completed in advance of the meeting, will address issues such as an operational definition, rationale for use of the indicator, method of computation, data sources and references, periodicity of measurement, gender and disaggregation issues, data limitations, and agencies involved in data collection, compilation or dissemination. At the retreat, agency representatives with expertise in each target area will present and lead discussion on submitted proposals. Indicators will be evaluated based on criteria presented in the report of the United Nations System Task Team, Statistics and indicators for the post-2015 development agenda.¹

The retreat will take into account the discussions during the first GMG retreat, which was held in January 2014. In particular, "Tier 1" indicators identified at that retreat should be assessed for their applicability to the OWG targets. The retreat also aims to take into account ongoing work on indicators tracking the human rights of migrants.

A summary of the retreat will be circulated shortly after the event. The possibility of a publication including the detailed outcome of the retreat is being considered.

¹ http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/untaskteam_undf/UNTT_MonitoringReport_WEB.pdf (pp. 20-21)