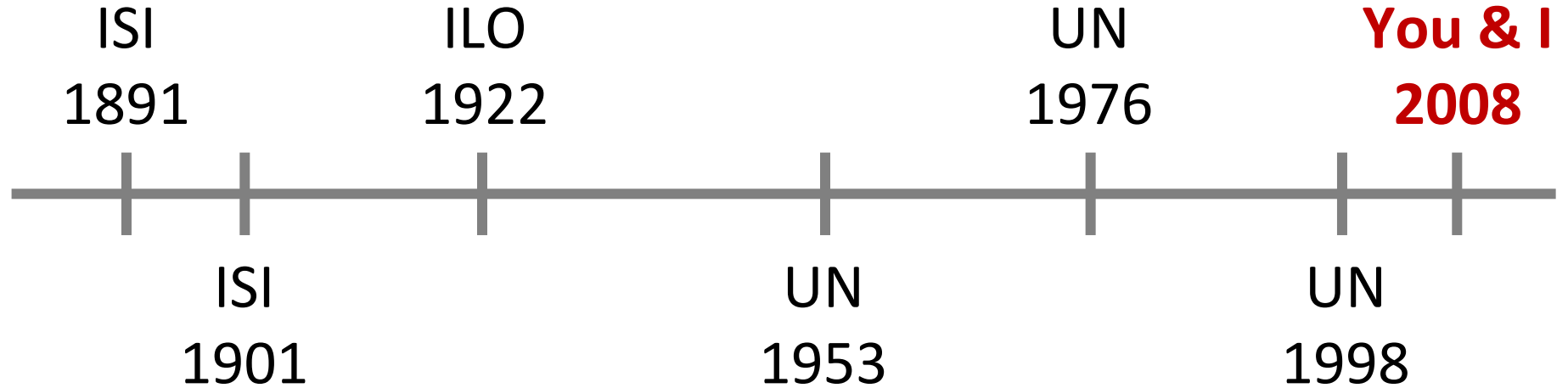


Five actions on migration data to make urgent research possible

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Ask basic census questions,
and tabulate the answers

➔ National statistical offices
UNStat, UNFPA, World Bank

- **Basic Migration Questions**
 - Place of Birth
 - Country of Citizenship
 - Place of Residence Five Years Ago
- **Basic Tabulations**
 - Country of Birth by:
 - Sex and Age
 - Place of Residence Five Years Ago
 - Skill Level: Low, Medium, and High
 - Education
 - Country of Citizenship by:
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Exploit administrative data sources

➔ Ministries in charge of migration + stats offices

- Potential Administrative Sources

- Visas

- Permanent Residence
 - Employment Visas
 - Educational Visas
 - Other Visas
 - Exits

- Enforcement

- Apprehensions
 - Deportations
 - Operations

- Population Registers

- New Registries
 - Changes of Residence



Leverage existing surveys

➔ OECD, World Bank, DHS

Leverage Existing Surveys

- Add Three Basic Migration Questions to All Surveys
- Especially Important for Annual Labor Force Surveys
- Create Template for a Harmonized LF Survey Structure
- Link Harmonized LF Surveys Cross-Nationally



Provide access to microdata

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Public Access to Microdata

- When Sources Have Three Migration Questions
- Routinely Release Public Use Microdata Files
 - Census
 - Surveys
- Barriers Are Not Technical or Economic
 - Many Routinely Release Microdata at Low Marginal Cost
- Barriers Relate to Human Dimension
 - Ethnical: Confidentiality
 - Political: Control of Knowledge



Build capacity for collection
and dissemination

➔ IOM, World Bank, UNFPA

Broaden Use of Standardized Survey Modules

- Develop Consensus on a Core Migration Module of About Ten Questions
- Whenever Possible Include in Ongoing surveys
 - Census-Based Surveys
 - Intercensal Surveys
 - Special Purpose Surveys
 - Living Standards Measurement Surveys
 - Fertility Surveys
 - Aging Surveys
 - Demographic and Health Surveys
 - Ultimately a World Migration Survey

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