Migration levels and trends: Global assessment and policy implications

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International migrant stock: Global trends
Of the 6.9 billion people in the world in 2010...

... 214 million or 3.1 per cent were international migrants.
In 2010, the majority of all international migrants live in more developed regions.
South-South migration is as common as South-North migration (based on migrant stock data; North: more developed regions; South: less developed regions).
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Migrants by age and sex
Median age of international migrants and total population, 2010

- Median age of international migrants: 39
- Median age of total population: 28

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Compared to the total population, the young are underrepresented among international migrants …

… while those of working age and over age 65 are overrepresented
Median age of international migrants and total population, 2010

- World
  - Total population: 28
  - International migrants: 39

- More developed regions
  - Total population: 40
  - International migrants: 42

- Less developed regions
  - Total population: 26
  - International migrants: 34

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International migrants in more developed regions are older

... while those in less developed regions are younger
International migrants in Africa and Asia are relatively young ...

Percentage of migrant stock under age 20, 2010

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... while they are older in Latin America and Europe

Percentage of migrant stock age 65 or over, 2010

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For major areas, the share of females in the international migrant stock varies,…

... however, there is no evidence for increasing feminization of migration at the global level.
Annual average foreign immigrant inflows increased in many countries of the world starting in the 1990s (flows for selected countries)
Role of South - North migration in immigration flows

Northern America

Europe

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Impact of the financial crisis: inflows of foreigners

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Young people constitute a major proportion of those migrating annually (distribution of migrant inflows by age to selected countries in Europe - Eurostat)
Net Migration
International migration can have an impact on overall population change.

Europe
- Slowing decline

Northern America
- Adding to growth

Africa
- Reducing growth, but little impact

Total net change
- Immigration-emigration
- Births-deaths

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Without international migration, the working-age population in more developed regions would decline by 77 million or 11 per cent by 2050.
While in less developed regions, the impact of international migration on the size of the working-age population is negligible.
Status of ratification of legal instruments related to international migration by Member States, 1950-2009*

- Refugee Convention 1951
- Refugee Protocol 1967
- Migrant Worker Convention 1990
- ILO Convention Migration for Employment 1949
- ILO Convention Migrant Workers 1975
- Human Trafficking Protocol 2000
- Migrant Smuggling Protocol 2000

*Of Member States of the United Nations (192) or of them International Labour Organization (183); as of July 2009.

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