TALKING POINTS
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Agenda Item I. Follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- IOM is glad that at least 15 of the 22 countries voluntarily reporting to the HLPF (Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Montenegro, Norway, Korea, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, and Venezuela) referred to migrants as one of the groups that should not be left behind.

- We are working with partners to develop a Migration Governance Index to help member states measure and report on progress to achieve the migration aspects of the SDGs, in particular target 10.7 on “well-managed policies”. This Index will measure five key elements:
  1. Institutional capacity
  2. Migrant rights and integration
  3. Migration management
  4. Labour, economics and investment
  5. Regional and international cooperation and partnerships.

Agenda Item II. Follow-up to Addis Ababa Action Agenda

- As a member of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development, IOM contributed to the drafting process for the IATF’s inaugural report on monitoring commitments and actions in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

- In the lead-up to the HLPF, we also recently submitted three “Issue Briefs” on the clusters on safe migration, remittances and transnational organized crime focused on trafficking in persons.

- We have greatly appreciated the opportunity to contribute to the discussions through these various means, and congratulate the Financing for Development Office for their leadership in that respect. ECESA Plus could consider giving agencies the opportunity to present their views on follow-up to the 2030 Agenda, through similar issues briefs or other written contributions, quite aside from inputs to the Secretary-General’s reports on these matters.
• We heard that the FfD Office will continue making effort to disseminate those submissions in other locations and occasions, giving good visibility to the ideas they contain. IOM supports this approach and is happy to support this effort when appropriate.

**Agenda Item III. Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG indicators**

• IOM applauds the excellent work conducted by the IAEG-SDG resulting in a complex list of 230 global indicators. of these, a number are especially relevant to migration, notably:
  
  – 10.7.1 – recruitment cost
  – 10.7.2 – well managed migration policies (the joint IOM-DESA proposal)
  – 10.c.1 – cost of remittances
  – 16.2.2 – number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 inhabitants

• IOM has contributed to the process by developing - in collaboration with UN-DESA – an indicator on “the number of countries implementing well-managed migration policies” for SDG target 10.7.

• For the first time, this indicator will allow us to have a global perspective on the state of migration governance, and how the international community progresses in this regard over the SDG life-span.

• The indicator is based on the first internationally agreed definition of good migration governance: IOM’s Migration Governance Framework that was endorsed by IOM Council in 2015.

• We are looking forward to working with members of the IAEG-SDG to refine this indicator and to review data stemming from our analysis.