

United Nations Expert Group Meeting on International Migration and Development 6-8 July 2005 New York

Objectives

The Expert Group Meeting is intended to provide a forum for the substantive exploration of key aspects of international migration and development, with the aim of seeking concrete ways to realize the benefits that international migration can have for development.

Among the aspects considered by participants, the Meeting will focus on the economic impacts of international migration, the increasing relevance of skilled migration, the development effects of migrant remittances, and the management of migration flows. The migration experience of selected countries in different world regions will be also reviewed.

The deliberations at the Meeting will contribute to the preparation of the 39th session of the Commission on Population and Development, to be held in April 2006, which will focus on international migration and development. They are also expected to provide input for the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development that the General Assembly will conduct during its sixty-first session in the fall of 2006.