



RESEARCH AND DATA FOR INFORMED MIGRATION POLICIES

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- The role of data and research within UN initiatives for safe, orderly and regular migration
- Demographic data and research regarding international migration: Inputs and Interventions from consultations
- Intersections among international initiatives concerning population, development and migration

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New York Declaration

At the UN Summit, the world came together around one plan. Member States have reached agreement by consensus on a powerful outcome document.

The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants expresses the political will of world leaders to save lives, protect rights and share responsibility on a global scale. At the [UN Summit on 19 September](#), we expect to hear from world leaders about how each country will implement these commitments. Refugees, migrants, those who assist them, and their host countries and communities will all benefit if these commitments are met.

View the full text of the [New York Declaration](#).

What are the commitments?






The New York Declaration contains bold commitments both to address the issues we face now and to prepare the world for future challenges. These include commitments to:

- Protect the human rights of all refugees and migrants, regardless of status. This includes the rights of women and girls and promoting their full, equal and meaningful participation in finding solutions.
- Ensure that all refugee and migrant children are receiving education within a few months of arrival.
- Prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence.
- Support those countries rescuing, receiving and hosting large numbers of refugees and migrants.
- Work towards ending the practice of detaining children for the purposes of determining their migration status.
- Strongly condemn xenophobia against refugees and migrants and support a global campaign to counter it.
- Strengthen the positive contributions made by migrants to economic and social development in their host countries.
- Improve the delivery of humanitarian and development assistance to those countries most affected, including through innovative multilateral financial solutions, with the goal of closing all funding gaps.
- Implement a comprehensive refugee response, based on a new framework that sets out the responsibility of Member States, civil society partners and the UN system, whenever there is a large movement of refugees or a protracted refugee situation.
- Find new homes for all refugees identified by UNHCR as needing resettlement; and expand the opportunities for refugees to relocate to other countries through, for example, labour mobility or education schemes.
- Strengthen the global governance of migration by bringing the International Organization for Migration into the UN system.

What will happen next?

The New York Declaration also contains concrete plans for how to build on these commitments:

- Start negotiations leading to an international conference and the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in 2018. The agreement to move toward this comprehensive framework is a momentous one. It means that migration, like other areas of international relations, will be guided by a set of common principles and approaches.
- Develop guidelines on the treatment of migrants in vulnerable situations. These guidelines will be particularly important for the increasing number of unaccompanied children on the move.
- Achieve a more equitable sharing of the burden and responsibility for hosting and supporting the world's refugees by adopting a global compact on refugees in 2018.

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Statement by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) on Strengthening Migration Data, Research and training, in the Context of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Preamble

Migration is a key dimension of the global exchange between peoples. It connects each country of the world with all the others, as every state with no exception is at the same time a receiver and a sender of international migrants.

Social science has demonstrated that, should migration stop, the world would become much more unsafe and poorer. More scientific knowledge, however, is necessary to better understand how individuals and states can best take advantage of the opportunities migration offers while addressing its challenges for societies and individuals in full respect of their human rights.

Because international migration is truly global, establishing robust evidence to inform discussions take the heat out of debates and enable sound policymaking for facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration. This presupposes that states share basic concepts and agree on building compatibility between national data systems.

Because there is a growing divide in the world between those who regard international migration as beneficial for economies and a necessity for human progress and those who regard it as a threat to social cohesion, national identity and security, the scientific community should agree on a research agenda drawing on the considerable knowledge accumulated in recent decades to address priorities in both fundamental and policy-oriented research.

Recommendations for strengthening migration data

- Achieving universal consensus on the definition of an international migrant is an important objective on its own.
- Information that must be collected to define an international migrant includes the county of birth and the country of citizenship.
- Other relevant characteristics should be collected including the following:
- Duration of stay in order to differentiate migrants from simple travelers, and short-term from long-term migrants.
- Countries of birth and/or nationality of the father and the mother in order to identify sub-populations with a recent migrant background which are targets for specific policies, such as second- or third-generation migrants, diasporas, etc.
- Reason for migrating in order to identify different groups of migrants.
- The voluntary or forced nature of the move must be determined in order to differentiate between a migrant and an asylum seeker or a refugee. It must be reminded that it is as simple travelers or migrants that many persons fleeing persecution or life-threatening conditions enter the countries where they will be able to lodge an asylum claim and be treated as either refugees or migrants after a lengthy process of refugee status determination.
- Irregular migration needs to be properly addressed with a distinction between three non-exclusive situations--unauthorized entry, unauthorized stay, and unauthorized employment—all of them transient and susceptible to change in both directions.
- The notion of “mixed flows” used to describe refugees traveling alongside economic migrants with no visas does not only refer to two distinct populations being smuggled together but also to mixed motivations, as the same individual may seek both protection and a job.

Recommendations for developing research on migration (selections)

- States and academic institutions should increase efforts to research migration, its remote and proximate causes, and its short and long-term consequences in origin and destination countries as well as globally.
- Migration and development are linked in many ways and a better understanding of the complex processes at work is needed in order to recommend action to promote the positive impacts of migration and to mitigate its negative impacts, in both origin and destination countries. Remittances, models and values conveyed by migrants to families and communities left behind, and equitable opportunities for migrant women are key topics.
- Migrants often belong to two countries, where they come from and where they live, and transnational links as well as diaspora policies developed by states and non-state actors in origin countries in order to foster ties with expatriate nationals must be evaluated.
- Research must establish to what extent highly skilled migration deprives the source country of a scarce resource necessary to its development, and whether skills by gained abroad return migrants and other compensatory mechanisms can turn the brain drain into a brain gain.
- Research must assess the contribution of migration to building human capital globally, at a time when students, teachers and researchers comprise a growing share of global migrants.
- Migrants can experience abuse and exploitation at the very initial stage of migration, as they can fall victim to undue charges, illegal recruitment or trafficking in origin countries. Identifying such practices in order to combat them also requires specific methods.
- Migrants' contribution to the demography of destination countries and immigration as part of a response to population and skills ageing and unsustainable pension systems, must be established.
- Conceptual frameworks and methods for projecting migration must be developed in order design migration scenarios to be incorporated in classical population projections by age sex, as well as to forecast migration flows based on scenarios of its determinants.

Recommendations for strengthening training programs on migration

- Population scientists must re-commit to the training of current and future generations of social scientists to understand the role of human migration in global processes and change.
- Curricula in demography should be critically assessed for theory and methods relevant to the study of human migration.
- Students in the population sciences must be equipped to contribute concepts, methods, knowledge and evidence concerning the causes and consequences of international migration.

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Zero Draft

February 2018



GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

ZERO DRAFT

5 February 2018

We, the Heads of State and Government and High Representatives, meeting in Morocco on 10-11 December 2018, recalling the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and determined to make an important contribution to enhanced cooperation on international migration in all its dimensions, have adopted this Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration:

PREAMBLE

1. This Global Compact rests on the principles espoused in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and core international human rights treaties, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime including the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the International Labour Organization conventions on promoting decent work and labour mobility, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the New Urban Agenda.
2. Discussions about international migration at global level are not new. We recall the advances made through the United Nations High-level Dialogues on International Migration and Development in 2006 and 2013. We also recognize the Global Forum on Migration and Development launched in 2007. These platforms paved the way for the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, through which we committed to elaborate a Global Compact for Refugees and to adopt this Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, in two separate processes.
3. As an input to the preparatory process for this Global Compact, we recognize the report of the Secretary-General, "Making Migration Work for All".
4. This Global Compact is a milestone in the history of the global migration dialogue. It is guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and informed by the Declaration of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development adopted in October 2013.
5. This Global Compact presents a non-legally binding, cooperative framework that builds on the commitments agreed upon by Member States in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants. It upholds the sovereignty of States and fosters international cooperation among all actors on migration, acknowledging that no State can address migration alone.

Cooperative Framework and Objectives For Safe, Orderly And Regular Migration

- (1) **Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies**
- (2) Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
- (3) Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
- (4) Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
- (5) Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
- (6) Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
- (7) Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
- (8) Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants
- (9) Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants
- (10) Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration
- (11) Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner
- (12) Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral
- (13) Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives
- (14) Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle
- (15) Provide access to basic services for migrants
- (16) Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion
- (17) Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
- (18) Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences
- (19) Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries
- (20) Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
- (21) Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
- (22) Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits
- (23) Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

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Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Consultative Phase (April to November 2017):

...to gather substantive input and concrete recommendations to inform the development of the global compact on migration.

Thematic sessions
Regional Consultations
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Six Thematic Sessions:

1. Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance

Geneva , 8-9 May 2017

2. Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution

New York, 22-23 May 2017

3. International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration

Geneva, 19-20 June 2017

4. Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits

New York, 24-25 July 2017

5. Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims

Vienna, 4-5 September 2017

6. Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures

Geneva, 12-13 October 2017

United Nations Regional Commissions:

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Santiago, 30-31 August 2017

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Beirut, 26-27 September 2017

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Addis Ababa, 26-27 October 2017

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Bangkok, 6-8 November 2017

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Geneva, 6 November 2017

Stakeholder Consultations:

Informal Interactive Multi-Stakeholder Meetings

26 July, 2017 (New York)

11 October, 2017 (Geneva)

18 December 2017 (New York)

21 February 2018 (New York)

21 May 2018 (New York)

Stakeholder Consultations

Regional Civil Society Consultations

Asia

4-5 August 2017 (Bangkok, Thailand)

Migrant Forum in Asia

Middle-East and North Africa (MENA)

24-25 August 2017 (Beirut, Lebanon)

Cross-Regional Center for Refugees
and Migrants

Africa

28-29 August 2017 (Bamako, Mali)

Pan-African Network in Defense of Migrants
Rights and MADE-Afrique

North America

25-26 September 2017 (Washington DC,)

National Network for Immigrant & Refugee

Rights

Europe

2-3 October 2017 (Brussels, Belgium)

Migration and Development Civil Society
Network and Platform for the International
Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

Latin America & the Caribbean

5-6 October 2017 (Quito, Ecuador)

Latin America Block

Pacific

2-3 November 2017 (Nadi, Fiji)

The Pacific Islands Association of Non-
Governmental Organisations, Fiji Citizens
Constitutional Forum in partnership with
Sydney Asia Pacific Migration Center, the
Diplomacy Training Program, Migrant Forum
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Thematic session 1: Human rights

Co-facilitators' Summary:

I. Data The primordial role of credible data for evidence-based migration policies was repeatedly affirmed and delegations noted the important link between representative and disaggregated data and the wellbeing of migrants, as human rights violations are often the result of misinformed policies. **Several participants pointed to a general lack of concrete information regarding the root causes of racism and xenophobia.** Others cautioned against narrow interpretations of related forms of intolerance. As such, it was mentioned that data is a powerful means to dispel myths about migration.

Concrete issues and recommendations presented for consideration included:

- **Improve disaggregated data collection, analysis and relevant policy making**
- **Collect data on hate speech and hate crimes at the national level**
- Use existing data, for example from National Human Rights Institutions and UN treaty bodies

Thematic session 2: Drivers of migration

Co-facilitators' Summary:

g. Data The prevailing lack and necessity of data, knowledge and evidence-based policy-making to effectively address the multi-layered drivers of migration in a holistic manner was noted as key issue to be considered in the global compact throughout all panels and discussions. Research and data collection, including **longitudinal data**, were noted as particularly relevant with view to better understanding and addressing the interrelations between migration and development, as well as migration and environmental factors, respectively. **Data disaggregation was considered of particular relevance to targeting group-specific drivers and vulnerabilities.** Furthermore, **international coordination, harmonization and interoperability of data collection and analysis** were highlighted.

Thematic session 2: Drivers of migration

Statements from the floor:

Member States:

Canada: “...Member states should provide more support for research on climate change induced migration. ... Greater research could identify complex drivers of environmental migration, identify populations that are vulnerable and develop appropriate national and regional strategies. Better data collection, through tools such as IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix, could also be useful in this regard. Research and data collection could be built into Global Compact national action plans based on the gaps. ...”

Stakeholders:

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Regional Consultations - Recommendations:

Economic Commission for Africa

Thematic Area 1 Human rights

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Thematic area 4 Contributions of Migrants and diaspora

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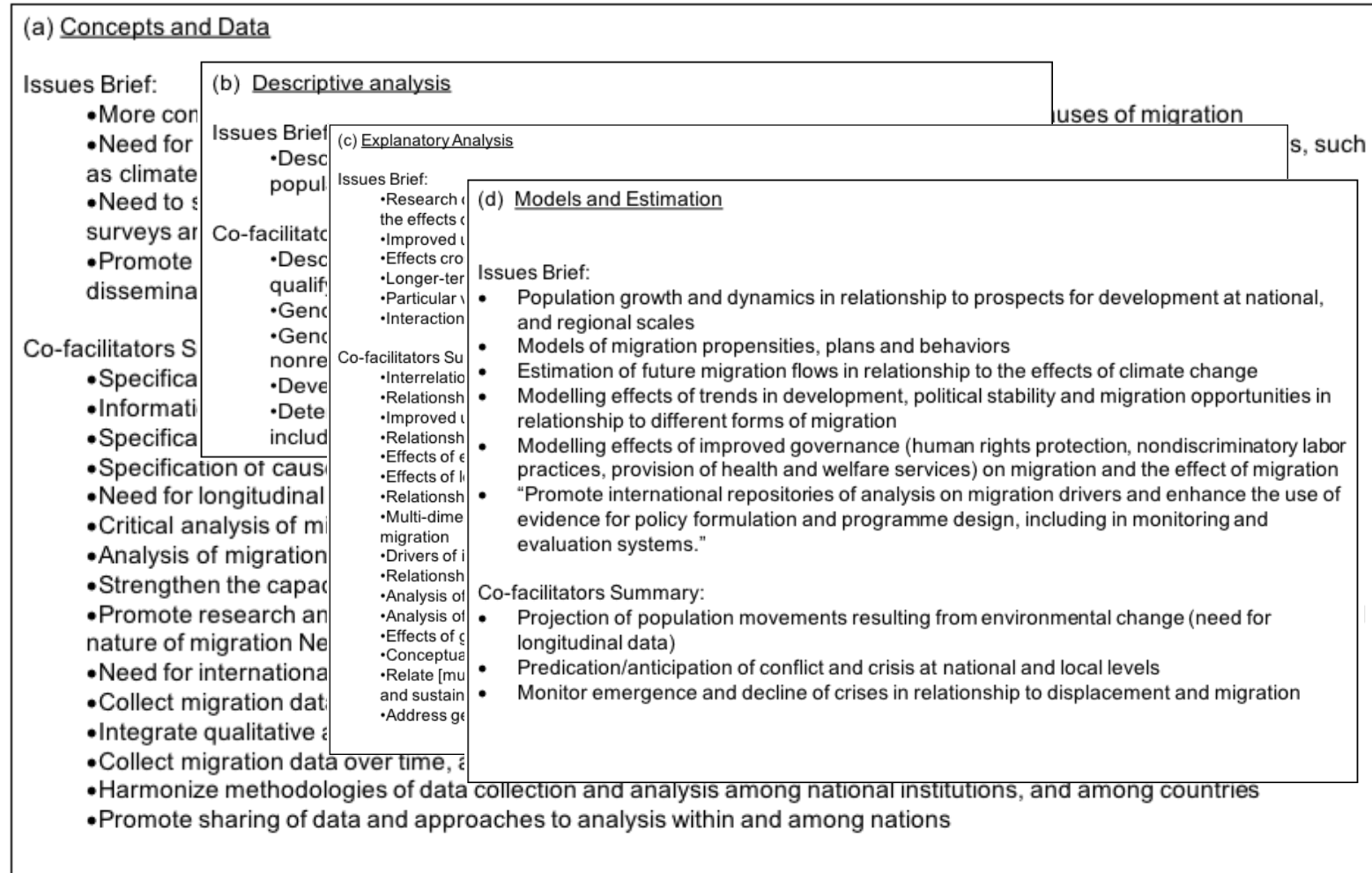
Significance of participation of Civil Society organizations in GCM process

Approach to analysis:

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- d) Modeling migration; estimation, projections; trajectories

Illustration of Findings:

Thematic Session I: Human Rights of all Migrants, Social Inclusion, Cohesion and all Forms of Discrimination, including Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance



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Leadership

OBJECTIVE 1: Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence- based policies

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