International migration at the United Nations: Past, present, future

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Number of international migrants

International migrant stock, 1990-2050 (millions)
Proportion of international migrants in total population

1990: 153, 2.9%
2000: 173, 2.8%
2010: 222, 3.2%
2015: 244, 3.3%
2050: 578, 2000-2010 growth rate
2010-2015 growth rate

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Responsibility sharing for refugees

Ratio of refugee population to gross domestic product per capita (PPPs)
Components of population change - Africa and Europe compared

**Europe**
Migration is slowing population decline (but not halting)

**Africa**
Migration is reducing population growth (but little impact)

- **Total net population change**
- **Net international migration**
- **Natural change**
Change in working age population (2015 – 2050)

- Africa: 138% increase
- Asia: 10% decrease
- Europe: 20% decrease
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 17% decrease
- Northern America: 5% increase
- Oceania: 29% increase

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Ratification of relevant conventions reflects policy priorities of Member States
International migration at the United Nations: Milestones

1. World Population Plan of Action (Bucharest, 1974)
2. Recommendations for Action (Mexico-City, 1984)
3. ICPD Programme of Action (Cairo, 1994)
5. Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)
Bucharest (1974) and Mexico-City (1984)

- Migration in the context of population dynamics
- Respect and promote migrant rights, labour standards and non-discrimination
- Enhance migrant contributions to development
- Mitigate effects of “brain drain”
- Regulate migration flows through bilateral and multilateral agreements
- Identify durable solutions for refugees
ICPD Programme of Action (Cairo, 1994)

- **Principles**
  a) Treatment of migrants, right to seek asylum (UDHR)

- **Chapter X. International migration**
  a) International migration and development
  b) Rights of documented migrants
  c) Challenges of undocumented migration
  d) Forced displacement (protection, assistance, solutions)

- **Chapter XII. Data and research**
  a) Basic data collection, analysis and dissemination
  b) Socio-economic research
### Migration in the 2030 Agenda
(10 out of 169 targets are “migration-related”)

#### Figure 2: Migration in the sustainable development goals and targets

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<td><strong>4 Quality Education</strong></td>
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<td>Increase the number of scholarships for study abroad.</td>
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<td><strong>5 Gender Equality</strong></td>
<td>(5.2, 8.7, 16.2)</td>
<td>Eradicate human trafficking.</td>
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<td><strong>8 Decent Work and Economic Growth</strong></td>
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<td>Protect the rights of migrant workers.</td>
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<td>Establish legal identity, including through birth registration.</td>
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#### Figure 3: Migration in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda

- Combat xenophobia
- Facilitate integration through education and communication strategies
- Lower the cost of recruiting migrant workers
- Increase portability of earned benefits and recognition of qualifications
- Promote faster, cheaper and safer transfer of remittances
- Enhance the productive use of remittances
- Mitigate negative consequences of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing measures

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New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (September 2016)

• Commitments:
  – Applicable to both refugees and migrants
  – For migrants
  – For refugees

• Annex I: Global compact on migration (2018)
• Annex II: Global compact for refugees (2018)
New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants
Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (1/2)

• Overview
  – Set out principles, commitments and understandings regarding international migration in all its dimensions, dealing with all aspects of migration
  – Contribute to global governance by providing a framework for comprehensive international cooperation on migrants and human mobility
  – To be grounded in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 2015 AAAAA, and 2013 HLD outcome
New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants
Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (2/2)

• Content (24 indicative elements)
  – Interrelationships with development, opportunities, drivers, contributions, safe, orderly and regular migration, well-managed migration policies, international cooperation, impacts on human capital, remittances, human rights of migrants, migrants in vulnerable situations, border control, human trafficking and migrant smuggling, irregular migration, migrants in countries in crisis, inclusion and access to basic services, regularization, labour rights and working conditions, migrant responsibilities, return and readmission, diasporas, racism and xenophobia, data disaggregation, portability
Opportunities for engagement ("provide concrete recommendations")

1. Participate in informal hearings in 2017 (Jul, Oct, Dec) and 2018 (Feb, Apr, Jun/Jul)
2. Provide facts and figures on migration and data on challenges and opportunities
3. Draft recommendations on data collection, disaggregation and dissemination and research
Thank you

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