The United Nations Development Account Project on International Migration

An overview

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Objectives:

- Provide tools for countries to take advantage of migration benefits
- Strengthen national institutional capacities to incorporate international migration issues into national development strategies
- Improve quality and availability of information
- Promote cooperation through an intra and interregional network
• Programme of the United Nations Secretariat

• Enhance capacities of developing countries in the priority areas of the United Nations Development Agenda

• Since 1997: 166 projects ($110 million)
Strengthening national capacities to deal with international migration: Maximizing development benefits and minimizing negative impact

**1st phase - Regional activities (2009-2010):**

- 6 regional workshops: ECE (2), ESCAP (2), ESCWA (1) and ECLAC (1)

**2nd phase - Inter-regional activities (2011):**

- ESCWA/ESCAP Workshop: “Strengthening Dialogue to Make Migration Work for Development in the ESCAP and ESCWA Regions” (June, Beirut)
- ECLAC/ECE/ECA Workshop: “Examining development, institutional and policy aspects of migration between Africa, Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean” (September, Geneva)

**Last phase - Elaboration of final document (first semester 2012):**

- Present main findings, messages and recommendations resulting from activities carried out in the context of the project
- Provide inputs (from a regional and interregional perspective): UN High Level Dialogue on International Migration, Global Forum on International Migration, Global Migration Group
International Migration in Latin American and the Caribbean: New trends and approaches
Development, institutional and policy aspects of migration between Africa, Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean
General nature

- Broader migratory movements have become progressively more complex
- Important characteristics of mixed flows: vulnerability associated with irregular status (aggravated in border areas)
- Governments should move beyond security concerns by mainstreaming international migration in national development plans and strategies at the national and regional levels.
- Migrant workers' rights are eroded further in situations of economic recession and general uncertainty
- South-South migration: Despite increasing importance in the migration scenario, its potential impact on development remains under-researched
ECLAC region

- Offers examples of all forms of contemporary international migration
- International migration has increasingly become part of the national agendas
- Gradual adoption of a rights based approach
- Migrants contributions to receiving societies
Recent African immigration to South America: the cases of Argentina and Brazil in the regional context (September 2011)

Africans in the Southern European countries: Italy, Spain and Portugal (September 2011)

Migration patterns and immigrants' characteristics in North-Western Europe (September 2011)

International migration: trends and institutional frameworks from the African perspective (September 2011)

Migración internacional en América Latina y el Caribe. Nuevas tendencias, nuevos enfoques (May 2011)

Taller sobre el fortalecimiento de las capacidades nacionales para la gestión de la migración internacional: nuevas tendencias, nuevos asuntos, nuevos enfoques de cara al futuro (March 2011)

Draft Report of the Regional Workshop on Migration Statistics (December 2010)

Report of the Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the GFMD 2010 (September 2010)

Background of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD): History and Main Recommendations (September 2010)

Key Trends and Challenges on International Migration and Development in Asia and the Pacific (September 2010)

Resumen del estudio sobre marcos institucionales, normativos y de políticas sobre migración internacional en El Salvador y una exploración en Costa Rica (September 2010)

Resumen del estudio sobre las profundas contribuciones de la migración latinoamericana a los Estados Unidos (September 2010)

Resumen del estudio sobre marcos institucionales, normativos y de políticas sobre migración internacional en México (September 2010)

Resumen del estudio sobre marcos institucionales, normativos y de políticas sobre migración internacional en la Argentina, Chile y el Ecuador (September 2010)

Resumen del panorama migratorio en España, el Ecuador y Colombia a partir de las estadísticas locales (September 2010)

Institutional framework, regulations and policies concerning international migration in El Salvador and Costa Rica (Executive Summary) (September 2010)

The profound contributions of Latin American immigrants in the United States (Executive Summary) (September 2010)

Legal, institutional and policy framework for international migration: the case of Mexico (Executive Summary) (September 2010)

Legal, institutional and policy framework for international migration in Argentina, Chile and Ecuador (Executive Summary) (September 2010)

An overview of international migration in Spain, Ecuador and Colombia based on local statistics (Executive Summary) (September 2010)

Report of the Workshop on International Migration and Development in the Arab Region (July 2010)

Proceedings and recommendations of the Workshop on Strengthening National Capacities to deal with International Migration (April 2010)

Linking International Migration and Development in Asia (April 2010)

Linking International Migration and Development in Asia (Executive Summary) (April 2010)

Maximizing Development Benefits and Minimizing Negative Impact in the Pacific Islands Sub-region (April 2010)

Report of the Regional Workshop on Strengthening National Capacities to Improve Migration Data (February 2010)
Workshops

- UNECE-UNFPA Regional Workshop on Migration Statistics (Antalya, Turkey, October 2011)
- ECLAC-ECE-ECA Interregional Workshop on Strengthening Capacities to Deal with International Migration: "Examining development, institutional and policy aspects of migration between Africa, Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean" (Geneva, September 2011)
- ESCWA-ESCAP Biregional Workshop on "Strengthening dialogue to make migration work for development in the ESCAP and ESCWA regions" (Beirut, June 2011)
- UNECE-UNFPA Regional Training Workshop on Migration Statistics (Istanbul, December 2010)
- ESCAP Asia-Pacific Regional Thematic Working Group on International Migration including Human Trafficking (Bangkok, September 2010)
- ECLAC Workshop on Strengthening National Capacities in International Migration Management: "Looking towards the future: new trends, issues and approaches" (Santiago, Chile, September 2010)
- ESCWA Workshop on International Migration and Development in the Arab Region: Integrating International Migration into Development Strategies (Beirut, July 2010)
- ESCAP Workshop on Strengthening Capacities to Deal with International Migration (Bangkok, April 2010)
- ECE Regional Workshop on Migration Statistics (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, February 2010)
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