

Strengthening migration data and research, in the context of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

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I- Preamble: bridging the knowledge gap

Migration, a contentious matter

Likely to continue and grow

No overarching international law

Considerable deficit of knowledge

II- Developing and sharing definitions and concepts

- Universal definition
 - Border-crossing + 1 year stay
 - confined to specialists
- Key variables
 - Country of birth
 - Country of nationality
 - Duration of stay
 - Migrants and refugees
 - Irregular migration
 - Cause of migration

III- Strengthening migration data

Objective

- Minimum standards for data collection and dissemination

Built-in problems

- Disentangling migrants from travellers:
- Matching entry and exit data
- Counting emigrants
- Counting temporary migrants
- Assessing irregular migration

Existing sources

- On stocks
- On flows
- On migrants' characteristics

Potential sources

- Administrative routines
- Big data
- A world migration survey?

IV- Developing research on migration

- Research priorities
 1. Migration and development
 2. Transnational links and diasporas
 3. Migrants' integration in destination countries
 4. Discrimination against migrants
 5. Migration and demography
 6. Gender and age dimensions of migration
 7. Migration and education
 8. Abuse and exploitation of migrants
 9. High risks along migratory routes
 10. Impact of policies on migration
- Disseminating research findings and outreaching to stakeholders

V- Strengthening training programs on migration

- Training future generations of social scientists
- Focus on human migration as a component of global development