



Improving Data and Statistics for Migration in the Context of the 2030 Agenda

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United Nations Statistical Commission and United Nations Statistics Division

United Nations Statistical Commission:

- Established in 1947, the highest decision making body of the global statistical system
- Mandates:
 - Setting statistical standards and developing concepts and methods;
 - Coordinating statistical work in various areas;
 - Promoting the development of national statistical systems

United Nations Statistics Division

- Collecting, processing and dissemination of statistical information
- Standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions
- Capacity building
- Coordination of international statistical programmes and activities and collaboration with partners

Central Role of Data in Global Compact for Migration

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

Actions: mandate for the **United Nations Statistical Commission**

- *Elaborate and implement a comprehensive strategy for **improving migration data...**, under the guidance of the **United Nations Statistical Commission**, by harmonizing methodologies for data collection, and strengthening analysis and dissemination of migration-related data and indicators*
- *Develop a global programme to build **and enhance national capacities in data collection, analysis and dissemination ...**, and is reviewed by the **United Nations Statistical Commission** on a regular basis*

Migration and the SDGs

- Implementation of GCM is deeply rooted in the 2030 Agenda and
- Many of the indicators in the global SDG indicator framework are related to migration.
- The global SDG indicator framework has an overarching principle of data disaggregation:

"SDG indicators should be disaggregated, where relevant, by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability and geographic location, or other characteristics, in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics"

- The Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG indicators (IAEG-SDGs) identified **policy priorities for international migrants**:
 - Provide access to basic services (education and health care) and social protection for migrants;
 - Ensure fair recruitment, decent work and labour rights protection for migrants;
 - Eliminate all forms of discrimination and reduce violence against migrants; and
 - Ensure access to information for migrants.

Work of UNSD and the Expert Group on Migration Statistics

Methodological work:

- SDG data disaggregation
 - A step-wise approach in defining migratory status
 - Agreed on a subset of SDG indicators for data disaggregation
 - Drafted a Technical Report on Measuring Migration-relevant SDG Indicators
- Initiating the revision of the 1998 UN Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration (country consultation)
- Guidance note on a set of standard questions on international migration for population censuses and surveys

Technical Report on Measuring
Migration-relevant SDG Indicators
(draft)



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Work of UNSD and the Expert Group on Migration Statistics

- **Capacity building tools/activities:**
 - National migration data infrastructure – a framework for capacity development on national migration statistics
 - Toolkit to assess national migration capacity
 - Capacity building activities in Asia and Latin America, focusing on 6 countries (in collaboration with many partners here)
- **Coordination**
 - Fostering collaboration on capacity building in countries



A toolkit to assess the national migration data capacity

Assessment of national migration data capacity

Under the Development Account Project 11th Tranche on the improvement of statistics on international migration, this set of questions are to be used to assess national capacity of producing reliable, timeliness and comparable statistics on international migration and to identify areas where capacity building is needed.

United Nations Statistics
Division, 4 September
2018



Capacity building project for Asia and Latin America

Led by UNSD, in collaboration with UNPD, UNODC, IOM, ECLAC, ESCAP

Regional workshop in Asia (2/2019)

Needs assessment missions

- Georgia (2018/6), Philippines (2018/10), Jordan (2018/12)
- Latin American countries: 2019

Technical report on measuring migration relevant SDG indicators (12/2018)

Meeting of the Expert Group (June/July 2019)



Future work (1)

- Revise the *1998 recommendations*, EGM in June 2019 to review an annotated outline and final draft in 2021
- Methodological work through task forces, under the guidance of the Expert Group:
 - Identify migration thematic **indicators**,
 - Revisiting the **definition of international migrant** that are relevant for national policies yet are internationally comparable.
 - Developing **general guidance and country case studies** on (a) special sampling strategies to improve coverage of migrants; and (b) data integration – small area estimates
 - Gathering **good practices** related to the collection, compilation, analysis, dissemination and communication of international migration statistics



Future work (2)

- A Global Programme on Migration Statistics
 - Methodological development
 - Capacity building
 - Foster collaborative efforts at the country level

50th Session of UN Statistical Commission

Formal session:

- Agenda 3(n) -- Item for Discussion and Decision: International migration statistics.

Side events:

- Meeting of the Expert Group on International Migration, Sunday, 3 March 2019
- **High-Level panel: TOWARDS A GLOBAL PROGRAMME FOR MIGRATION DATA**
Monday, 4 MAR 2019, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Conference Room 4



Thank you for your attention!