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Concept Note

Making sense of migration to support better governance: A briefing on the World Migration Report 2018 and the Migration Governance Indicators

Date: 18 December, International Migrants Day

Location: CR 8, UNHQ, New-York

Background:

It has long been recognized that realizing the benefits and full potential of migration requires planned, well-managed and well-governed approaches to migration and human mobility. This in turn requires that states have the capacity to effectively formulate and implement sound migration policies, taking into account the diverse and complex public policy issues that migration presents. This is why the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development places such a strong emphasis on implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies, the core component of SDG target 10.7.

Identifying and understanding global migration trends by drawing on current evidence and sound analysis can help support the design and implementation of effective policies. Among the resources developed by IOM to assist those involved in migration policy and practice are the World Migration Report (WMR) and the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI). These substantive references provide data, information and analysis to help inform policymakers, practitioners, researchers and those studying migration about the policy challenges associated with complex and emerging migration issues. Both offer a valuable means to inform policy development and to support implementation of the SDGs, in particular target 10.7.

The revitalized world migration report series now provides readers with two parts: i) key information and data on migration and migrants; ii) evidenced-based analysis of complex and emerging migration issues. In the new *World Migration Report 2018*, overall migration trends and dynamics are provided globally as well as regionally. A chapter on key producers of migration research and analysis is also provided. For this latest report, IOM invited leading scholars and practitioners to contribute chapters on a range of complex topics including ‘global governance’, ‘media and migration’, ‘transnational connectivity’, ‘migrant journeys’ and ‘migration and violent extremism’.

The MGI operates as a capacity-building tool based on policy inputs, offering insights on the various policy levers that countries can action – in light of their national circumstances – to strengthen migration governance. Its main goal is to advance conversations on migration governance, including by clarifying what well-governed migration – including as reflected in SDG target 10.7 – might look like in practice. The results of the MGI are presented as migration country profiles – short assessments of the comprehensiveness of national migration policies – that help States identify good practices and areas to be strengthened.

Objective:

The event will focus on two key initiatives with introductory remarks by Director General William Lacy Swing. The first part will discuss the *World Migration Report 2018* and how it can inform policy makers in identifying various challenges and opportunities associated with governing migration in an increasingly interconnected world. As an International Migrants’ Day event, the WMR presentations will be ‘migrant-



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centred' aspects highlighting migration journeys and media coverage of migrants and migration. The second focus will be a discussion on the process and outcomes of the MGI phases that have taken place or are underway currently, and outline the value of the MGI as a tool to enhance government capacity to manage migration. The MGI can be seen as a tool to assess comprehensiveness of migration policies and foster discussions on good practices. The event will also be an opportunity to discuss how the MGI can support follow-up and review of the GCM, once it is adopted.

Activity	Time
Key note speech - <i>Ambassador William Lacy Swing, IOM Director General (confirmed)</i>	15:00-15:15
<i>Moderator: Mr. Ashraf El Nour, Director of the IOM office to the UN (confirmed)</i> Welcoming remarks: - <i>Ambassador H.E. Mr. Francisco Duarte Lopes- Permanent representative of Portugal to the United Nations in New-York (confirmed)</i> - <i>Ambassador (TBC)</i>	15:15-15:30
<i>Moderator: Mrs. Eva Åkerman Börje, O SRSG (confirmed)</i> Panelists: - <i>William Allen, Centre on Migration, Policy, and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford (confirmed)</i> - <i>Marie McAuliffe, Head, Migration Research Division, IOM, Co-editor of WMR 2018 (confirmed)</i> - <i>Jorge Bravo Chief, Demographic Analysis Branch, Population Division, DESA (confirmed)</i> - <i>Susanne Melde, Senior Analyst, IOM Global Migration Data Analysis Center and David Martineau, Migration Policy Officer, IOM (confirmed)</i>	15:30-17:00