

Interregional workshop on
Collecting and using migration-related data for development:
Cooperation and exchange in the European-African corridor

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OBJECTIVES

Introduction

The Population Division and the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA), in collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and members of the Global Migration Group (GMG) are organizing an interregional workshop for African and European countries to strengthen the collection and use of international migration data for development. The workshop will bring together experts from national statistical offices in charge of producing official statistics on international migration as well as experts from relevant ministries/agencies in charge of compiling and analysing migration data from administrative sources.

Background

In the Declaration of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (A/RES/68/4) adopted in October 2013, the General Assembly emphasized the need for reliable migration data, including on the contributions of migration to development in both countries of origin and countries of destination, in order to facilitate the design of evidence based policy and decision making in all relevant aspects of sustainable development.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (A/RES/70/1) mainstreamed migration in the United Nations development agenda and highlighted the contribution of migrants and migration to development. The sustainable development goals (SDGs) contain several targets that are directly related to migration.¹ The Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (A/RES/69/313) includes concrete policies to enhance the contribution of remittances and migration to development.²

In March 2016, the Statistical Commission, the apex body of the global statistical community, approved a global indicator framework to monitor the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in line with the guiding principle of the 2030 Agenda – leaving no one behind.³ It is encouraged that data be disaggregated by, inter alia, sex, age, and migratory status.

In September 2016, the General Assembly adopted the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (A/RES/71/1) which contains bold commitments for enhanced international cooperation to protect and assist refugees and migrants in large movements and to strengthen the

¹ <https://documents.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N13/439/69/PDF/N1343969.pdf?OpenElement>

² <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld/>

³ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/frameworks/addisababaactionagenda/>

benefits of migration to development, to address migration challenges, and to promote safe, orderly and regular migration. The Declaration recognises the importance of improving data