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Regional workshop on *Strengthening the collection and use of international migration data in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*
5 - 8 February 2019
Meeting Room G, Bangkok, Thailand

**DRAFT TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

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<td>The session reviews global, regional and national policy initiatives related to international migration, discusses their implications for data collection and identifies challenges related to the collection and use of migration-related data for monitoring policy implementation.</td>
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<td>• The Sustainable Development Goals (migration related targets and indicators) – Ms. Keiko Osaki-Tomita, independent consultant</td>
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<td>• Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: implications for migration data – Ms. Sabine Henning, ESCAP</td>
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<td>• The migration policy and statistics – regional perspective – Mr. Paul Tacon and Ms. Sharita Serrao, ESCAP</td>
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<td>• Presentation by Mr. Keerthi Wijeratne Elapatha, Department of Immigration and Emigration, Sri Lanka</td>
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<td>• What are the migration-relevant policy issues in your country?</td>
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<td>• What data are needed to address the policy issues? Are data available?</td>
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<td>The session provides information on internationally agreed concepts and definitions related to international migration, as well as on the variety of sources which can be used to generate data on international migration, their strengths and limitations. It also addresses the issue of data infrastructure required for the production of various migration-related data.</td>
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<td>1. Key concepts and main sources of migration data; the migration data infrastructure (20m) – Ms. Haoyi Chen, DESA</td>
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<td>2. Guidelines concerning Statistics on international labour migration – Mr. Tite Habiyakare, ILO</td>
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<td>3. UN Recommendations on Refugee Statistics – Mr. Piotr Juchno, Eurostat</td>
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<td>1. How are international migrants defined in your country to meet national needs? What population counts are produced, for population estimates, local/regional/national planning for service delivery, or integration of migrants? How is the total population captured across data sources?</td>
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<td>2. What are sources of migration statistics in your country?</td>
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<td>3. Is there a coordination mechanism to compile migration data?</td>
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<td>4. What are the challenges in integrating multiple data sources? Any activities/plan in promoting integrating of multiple sources?</td>
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<td><strong>Session 5: Concepts and sources of migration data: group discussion</strong></td>
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<td>The session provides an opportunity for participants to make use of the concepts and knowledge provided in the previous session.</td>
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<td><strong>Group exercise (30 minutes)</strong></td>
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<td>1. Exercises on identifying an international migrant. Discussion will be organised around the second pre-workshop assignment (population count and treatment of special population groups). Outcome of the exercise will inform the revision of the 1998 UN Recommendations</td>
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<td><strong>Reporting back to the group (30 minutes)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Session 6: Improving the collection, analysis, dissemination and use of data from population and housing censuses to measure immigration and emigration</strong></td>
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<td>(coffee break at 10:30-10:45)</td>
<td><strong>Chair:</strong> Ms. Indumathie Bandara, Director-General, Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka</td>
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<td>The Marrakech Compact on Migration recognises the importance of censuses as a tool for improving migration data collection. The session provides participants with an overview of the uses of population censuses to measure immigration and emigration, and the characteristics of migrants, based on examples from national censuses</td>
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<td>• The 2020 round of population censuses: United Nations recommendations and their implementations – Ms. Keiko Osaki-Tomita, independent consultant</td>
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<td>• Lessons learned from the 2017 population census in capturing emigration – Mr. Saeed Ahmad, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics</td>
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<td><strong>Key questions for country presentations</strong></td>
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<td>• How adequate are existing censuses in gathering information on immigrants and emigrants?</td>
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<td>• What migration data collected through censuses are currently produced by your country? What are the challenges? Are those data evaluated against other data sources?</td>
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<td>• Did the last census in your country include the migration-relevant questions as recommended by the UN Recommendations on Population and Housing Censuses?</td>
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<td>• For planning your next census, what steps can be taken to improve data-gathering on immigration and emigration?</td>
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<td><strong>Group exercises:</strong> Review your own latest census questionnaire and identify potential improvements</td>
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<td><strong>Session 7: Enhancing the use of administrative sources to measure migration</strong></td>
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<td>(coffee break 15:00-15:15)</td>
<td>The session identifies good practices in compiling, analysing and disseminating data from administrative sources that is relevant for international migration; addresses the strengths and weaknesses of using administrative sources for migration data; and provides guidance for compiling, analysing and disseminating data generated from administrative sources.</td>
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<td>• Administrative data sources to measure migration: An introduction – Ms. Sharita Serrao, ESCAP</td>
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Deriving migration flow statistics using border crossing information – Mr. Paata Shavishvili, Georgia Statistics Office
The potential of border statistics for migration flow statistics – Mr. Aiman M. Masri, General Intelligence Directorate, Jordan
The use of administrative data for migration – Mr. Abdul Ghofer, Protection Agency and the Indonesian Manpower Placement, Indonesia

Key questions for country presentations:
1. Describe the administrative data sources for international migration in your country:
   - What are the data sources?
   - What data are produced from these sources?
   - Please describe the coverage and quality of each data source, when was the most recent assessment carried out?
   - How often are these data tabulated and updated?
2. Is there sharing of information among different institutions, including national statistical office and various administrative agencies in the country?
3. Is data sharing occurring at the microdata level or at aggregated data level?
4. If there is a need for improved data sharing, how could it be facilitated?

Comments and discussion
Day 3: Thursday, 7 February, 2019

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<td>The session discusses experiences and identify good practices in using surveys</td>
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<td>to assess the status and identify the needs of migrants and their families,</td>
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<td>to elucidate migratory patterns and flows, and to maximize the contribution of</td>
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<td>migration to national development. This section also addresses opportunities</td>
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<td>• How to collect migration statistics through surveys – Ms. Haoyi Chen,</td>
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<td>• The experience of collecting migration data through surveys – Ms.</td>
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<td>Lusine Kalantaryan, Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia</td>
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<td>• The specialised migration survey – Ms. Wilma Guillen, Philippines Statistics Authority</td>
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<td>• The pilot survey on the cost of emigration – Mr. Md Feroj Evna Yusuf,</td>
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<td>• How have surveys been used in your country to international migration data?</td>
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<td>• What successes/challenges have been faced in using surveys?</td>
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<td>• What are the currently running surveys in the country? What are the</td>
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<td>frequency and sample size of those surveys? Are basic migration questions</td>
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<td>module or add a few migration questions to any survey in the near future?</td>
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<td>• How can there be greater systematization in use of surveys?</td>
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<td>The session will investigate the potential benefits for migration data-</td>
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<td>gathering offered by the integration of migration data from different</td>
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<td>sources, and the use of non-traditional data sources for migration, as well</td>
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<td>• The potential of big data for statistics on international migration - Ms.</td>
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<td>Marzia Rango, IOM</td>
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<td>• An integrated data system on international migration – Ms. Nino Ghvinadze,</td>
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<td>• Data integration at the US Census Bureau: recent initiatives to improve</td>
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<td>estimates of international migration – US Census Bureau</td>
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• The impact of Hurricane Maria – the US Census Bureau’s experience combining survey-based estimates and “big data” to produce 2018 Puerto Rico net migration estimates – US Census Bureau
• The use of mobile phone data to measure mobility – Mr. Edi Setiawan, Statistics Indonesia

*Key questions for country presentations:*

• Has your country experimented with non-traditional data sources to produce migration statistics? Non-traditional data source for migration could include, for example, mobile phone data, satellite image, online payment, social media or other types of digital sensors. If yes, please share your experience
• Is there any discussion and/or agreement between different offices about setting standards on concepts and classifications so non-traditional data can be used for policy making on migration
• Is there data sharing agreement between the producer/owner of big data and national statistical offices?

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<td>• Analysis of Migration data - Mr. Pablo Lattes, DESA</td>
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<td>• Net international migration emigration methodology – Mr. Jason Schachter, US Census Bureau</td>
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| 09:00 – 11.30  
(coffee break  
from 10:30-10:45) | **Session 11: Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Compact for Migration: The role of migration-related indicators**  
The session outlines migration-related SDG indicators that aims to understand the data needs to formulate evidence-based migration policies. Information will be provided on how to collect data for those indicators, based on the draft UN Technical report on measuring migration-related SDG indicators and from methods developed by custodian agencies.  
**Chair:** TBD  
**Presentation:**  
- Measuring migration-related SDG indicators – Ms. Haoyi Chen, DESA  
- UNODC, human trafficking methodologies  
- Statistics for SDG indicator 10.7.1- Guidelines for their Collection – Mr. Tite Habiyakare, ILO  
- Migration policy Index - 10.7.2 – Ms. Marzia Rango, IOM and Mr. Pablo Lattes, DESA  
- Measuring international migration related SDGs with US Census Bureau Data – Mr. Jason Schachter, US Census Bureau  
- Comments and discussion |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | **Lunch break** |
| 13:00 – 14:45  
(including coffee break 15:00-15:30) | **Session 12: Revision of the 1998 Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, Revision 1**  
**Chair:** Ms. Haoyi Chen, DESA  
The session solicits input from participants on the revision of the 1998 recommendations. An introduction presentation will be given by UNSD, followed by questions for a group discussion.|
| 14:45 – 15:00 | **Coffee break** |
| 15:00 – 16:30 | **Session 13: Promoting regional cooperation, capacity building and data exchange on migration data**  
The session works with participants to understand the necessity of regional cooperation on migration data, especially with regards to migration data from countries of destination, in line with the Marrakech Compact on Migration  
**Chair:** TBD  
**Presentations:**  
- Regional cooperation for data exchange – Mr. Paul Tacon, ESCAP  
- Updates on the ILO International Labour Migration Statistics Database – Mr. Nilim Baruah, ILO  
- Recent EU work on legislative related to migration statistics – Mr. Piotr Juchno, Eurostat  
**Key questions for discussion**
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Conclusion and closing of the workshop |

- Does your country have a mechanism for cooperation with other countries, in terms of capacity building or data exchange?
- How can countries of origin encourage sharing of data that may be deemed sensitive?
- How can regional cooperation within SAARC/ASEAN on data exchange be promoted?
- What data should be exchanged as a priority?