Workstream "Measuring progress: GCM indicators"
Global Consultation for Member States

INFORMATION NOTE AND AGENDA
6 February 2024

1. Background

The United Nations Network on Migration workstream on "Development of a proposed limited set of indicators to review progress related to the GCM implementation" was established in response to the mandate outlined in paragraph 70 of the Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), where Member States requested the Secretary-General, in his next biennial report, to propose a ***limited set of indicators***, drawing on the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda and other relevant frameworks.

In line with its workplan[1], the workstream is organizing several rounds of consultation. Following the five consultations at the regional level held in July, two consultations at the global level will be held in February, targeting Member States and stakeholders. This consultation, in particular, aims to bring together Member States to present the progress of the workstream activities, including the presentation of a revised proposal for a limited set of indicators building on the feedback collected from Member States and stakeholders during the five regional GCM Talks on indicators in July (summary report) and the online survey on the preliminary proposal for a limited set of GCM indicators (summary report).

The global consultation furthermore seeks to:

    a. Facilitate technical discussions involving statistical and policy experts from interested government agencies.
    b. Enable participants to provide feedback on the suggested indicators' relevance and measurability and contribute to refining the selection of indicators.

In preparation for the consultation, a discussion note containing a revised proposal on a limited set of indicators was published on 6 December 2023.

The engagement of Member States and other stakeholders is crucial to ensure that the proposed limited set of indicators for the GCM is "fit for purpose." This means that the indicators should be relevant, measurable, and enable comparisons over time and space.

Participants

Participation is open to Member States and members of the United Nations Network workstream on indicators.

In line with the whole-of-government approach, participation by government representatives working at the technical and policy levels on migration and statistical issues is encouraged. Participants are invited to engage in the discussion actively, providing feedback on the proposed indicators and methodology, according to the following guiding questions:

- Is the proposed limited set of indicators for the GCM suitable in terms of its relevance, scope, coverage, balance and ability to compare progress over time and across different countries and regions?
- Does the proposal align well with other global frameworks, such as the SDGs, while also reflecting migration dynamics?
- Among the suggested indicators, which ones should be retained as core and additional for effective monitoring of the GCM?
- How do these proposed indicators compare against the indicators currently in use in countries?

Format

The event will be held via Zoom and conducted in **English, French and Spanish**. Participants must register in advance and indicate if they wish to request the floor by **Friday, 2 February**. A confirmation email will be sent to registered participants. Please register **here**.

Outcome

A summary report will be prepared, summarizing the key discussions and recommendations made during the consultation. The inputs gathered during the consultation will be used to finalize the proposal for a limited set of indicators, after which the workstream will start developing a comprehensive strategy for improving disaggregated migration data at the local, national, regional and global levels.

The resulting proposal will be submitted to inform the forthcoming biennial report of the Secretary-General in 2024.

Relevant documents

Participants are invited to consult relevant background documents of the workstream, available on the Network's website: 1. Development of a proposed limited set of indicators to review progress related to GCM implementation | United   Nations Network on Migration

2. Agenda

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Time: 14:30 – 16:30 CET
Zoom Platform

I. Introduction

5 min	**Welcoming Remarks** • Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head, United Nations Network on Migration secretariat
10 min	**Overview of Indicators' Development Process** This session will offer an overview to present an update on the workstream activities related to propose a limited set of GCM indicators. • Ms. Irene Schöfberger, Data and Research Officer, IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) • Ms. Clare Menozzi, Chief, Demographic Analysis Section, Population Division, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
20 min	**Towards GCM Monitoring: Challenges and Opportunities of Developing a Limited Set of Indicators for the GCM** This session aims to bring together a diverse panel of experts to share insights on the proposed indicators, emphasizing different global considerations and national experiences on similar processes. ***Keynote Speakers:*** • Mr. Diego Iturralde, Chief Director for Demography and Population Statistics at Statistics South Africa, former co-chair of the UN Expert Group on International Migration Statistics • Ms. Karima Belhaj, Chief of the Population Policy Monitoring Department at the High Commission for Planning of Morocco, former co-chair of Taskforce 1 of the UN Expert Group on Migration Statistics
1h20	**Presentation of the revised proposal for GCM indicators and interactive discussions** This session is designed to foster in-depth discussions on the proposal, allowing Member States to share comments and actively

engage in a dynamic Q&A session. The discussion will be organized into four clusters,[1] each focusing on a set of GCM objectives. Under each cluster, Member States will be able to provide comments about the overall proposal and the proposed indicators under each cluster, as well as share their experience in reporting migration data through existing mechanisms, including the SDG indicator framework. A member of the workstream will moderate each cluster. Following the invited presentations, the floor will be opened for an interactive discussion.

Cluster I
Moderator:
- Mr. Paul Tacon, Labour Migration Specialist, International Labour Organization

Presentation by:
- Ms. Stefanie Scharf, Head of Division G20 – Policy Issues of Displacement and Migration, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Mr. Eduardo Quá, Agency for Integration, Migration and Asylum (AIMA), Portugal

Interactive discussion

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Cluster II
Moderator:
- Ms. Estrella Lajom, Statistics and Monitoring Specialist, IDAC Coordinator, UNICEF

Presentation by:
- Ms. Julibeth Rodríguez, Technical Advisor for Migration Project, Demography Subdepartment, National Institute of Statistics Chile

Interactive discussion

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[1] **Cluster I** will consider the proposed indicators for objectives **2, 5, 6, 12** and **18** of the GCM; **Cluster II** the proposed indicators for objectives **4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13** and **21**; **Cluster III** the proposed indicators for objectives **14, 15, 16, 19, 20** and **22**; and **Cluster IV** the proposed indicators for objectives **1, 3, 7, 17** and **23.**

	Cluster III Moderator: • Ms. Paddy Siyanga Knudsen, Vice President, Global Research Forum on Diaspora & Transnationalism (GRFDT) ***Presentation by:*** • Mr. Walter Schuldt, Minister at the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva Interactive discussion ** **Cluster IV** Moderator: • Mr. Dominik Kneer, Human Mobility Specialist, Crisis Bureau - Recovery Solutions and Human Mobility, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ***Presentation by:*** • Mr. Ulvi Aliyev, Chief of the International Cooperation Department of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan Interactive discussion
5 min	**Closing and key takeaways** • Ms. Marina Manke, Chief of IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) • Mr. Bela Hovy, Chief of Population Trends and Analysis Branch, Population Division, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

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[1] See the timeline and methods of work of the workstream here.