

Timeline and methods of work of the UN Network on Migration workstream on indicators

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Co-leads and membership¹

- **Co-leads:** International Organization for Migration (IOM) and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- **Members²:** Gender Hub+, Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT), International Detention Coalition (IDC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Mayors Migration Council, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Bank, and World Health Organization (WHO).

Background context and underlying principles

The proposal for a limited set of indicators is being developed at the request of Member States in line with paragraph 70 of the [Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum](#) (IMRF).

To ensure that the limited set of indicators is “fit for purpose”, meaning that it is relevant, measurable, and allows for comparisons over time and space, the engagement of Member States and other relevant stakeholders is critical.

In developing the proposal, the United Nations Network on Migration (Network) adopted an inclusive, efficient, and transparent approach, ensuring that Member States and other relevant stakeholders are involved and consulted throughout. The proposal would also be developed in an iterative manner, with each consultation informed by a discussion note based on the comments and feedback received.

Activities

The workstream in its workplan, committed to conducting a mapping of relevant approaches to measuring the governance of migration in general and with a specific focus on the Global

¹ Working level meetings occur either weekly or as necessary for co-leads and monthly for other members to ensure effective collaboration and communication.

² As of July 2023.

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Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), giving priority to those already endorsed by an intergovernmental United Nations body.

It also committed to finalizing a proposal for a limited set of indicators, building on existing indicators and data collection processes, including the work of the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics, to be developed in an iterative manner, taking into consideration the feedback received through regional and global consultations with Member States and a wide range of relevant stakeholders.

Engagement with Member States

Member States are encouraged to engage in all activities proposed by the workstream except for the dedicated stakeholder consultation.

Engagement with stakeholders

Consistent with the GCM’s whole-of-society principle, the participation and engagement of Network members³ and other relevant stakeholders⁴ is critical. Inputs and feedback from these groups are welcome throughout the process.

Timeline and scope and status of activities:

January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical briefing to present the proposed timeline and methods of work in New York, UNHQ (<i>completed</i>)
February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal canvassing of all countries (via questionnaire) (<i>completed</i>) • Technical briefing to present the proposed timeline and methods of work (virtual – GCM Talks) (<i>completed</i>)
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary report on the responses to the questionnaire (<i>completed</i>)
May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of indicator frameworks (Mapping 1) (<i>completed</i>)
June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of indicators (Mapping 2) (<i>in progress</i>) • Discussion note on the limited set of indicators to guide the regional consultations (<i>completed</i>)
July 2023 (24th-28th)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional consultation in Africa (virtual – GCM Talks) (<i>completed</i>) • Regional consultation in Arab States (virtual – GCM Talks) (<i>completed</i>)

³ Including, where appropriate, UN Country Teams, and country and regional Networks.

⁴ These include migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders (A/RES/73/195, par 44)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional consultation in Asia and the Pacific (virtual – GCM Talks) (completed) Regional consultation in Latin America and the Caribbean (virtual – GCM Talks) (completed) Regional consultation in Europe and Northern America (virtual – GCM Talks) (completed)
August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal canvassing to provide feedback on the proposal in the discussion note (via online survey) (in progress) Summary of discussions at the five regional consultations (in progress)
September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised discussion note on the limited set of indicators
Late 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global stakeholder consultation (virtual – GCM Talks) Global consultation in New York (in person) TBC Revised discussion note on the limited set of indicators Global consultation in Geneva (in person) TBC Proposal of the limited set of indicators submitted for the consideration of the Executive Committee of the UN Migration Network
Mid-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed set of indicators to inform the Secretary-General’s report.

Completed activities:

In January 2023, the co-leads presented the proposed timeline and methods of work of the workstream to Member States in New York.

An informal canvassing, consisting of a short questionnaire to Member States, United Nations entities, and other relevant stakeholders was sent at the beginning of February 2023 to collect feedback on the purpose and main elements of the proposal for the limited set of indicators. The questionnaire was in English, French, and Spanish. The results of the exercise were tabulated and published in a summary report on the Network website in April 2023.

Toward the end of February, the co-leads convened a virtual briefing (GCM Talk). The briefing focused on process and methods of work of the workstream (see summary report).

The mapping of indicator frameworks (Mapping 1) was successfully published on the Network website towards the conclusion of May 2023 (see report). It reviewed 31 existing indicator frameworks relevant for monitoring migration governance and compared them on the basis of five criteria. Seven indicator frameworks, identifying the largest number of criteria, from Mapping 1 were selected for inclusion in Mapping 2. These were:

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- Commitment to development Index: Migration
- Every Immigrant Is an Emigrant: How Migration Policies Shape the Paths to Integration (IMISEM)
- Global Compact on Refugees Indicator Framework
- International Data Alliance for Children on the Move (IDAC) Guidelines on Indicators for Children on the Move
- Migration Governance Indicators (MGI)
- SDG Indicator Framework
- UN Expert Group on Migration Statistics (EGMIS) Indicators

The [discussion note](#) with the preliminary proposal for a list of indicators was finalized. The proposal consists of 20 core indicators and 41 additional indicators. The discussion note was finalized following intensive consultations with members of the workstream (an online questionnaire and four thematic meetings). The proposal formed the basis for discussions at the five regional consultations.

The five regional consultations took place virtually on the following dates:

- Africa: 24 July 2023
- Arab States: 25 July 2023
- Asia and the Pacific: 26 July 2023
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 27 July 2023
- Europe and Northern America: 28 July 2023

Participation in these consultations was open to Member States, United Nations entities, and other relevant stakeholders. Importantly, it was strongly encouraged that statistical and technical experts from interested government entities actively participated in these consultations. Some 600 participants attended the consultations. A summary report of the discussion from the five regional consultations will be made available shortly on the Network website.

Activities that are in progress or not yet started:

Mapping 2 is in progress. It considers all relevant indicators from the seven indicator frameworks identified in Mapping 1 and compares them on the basis of nine criteria. Mapping 2 provided the basis for identifying the limited set of core and additional indicators that form the basis of the discussion note published in June. The report of Mapping 2 will be available shortly.

The two global consultations will be conducted as follows:

- In New York (late 2023 – tbc)
- In Geneva (tbc)

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The global consultations will provide Member States and other relevant stakeholders with an opportunity to provide feedback on the revised proposals for the limited set of indicators. Additionally, a global stakeholder consultation will be organized, with dates and modalities to be confirmed.

Following the global consultations, a summary of the feedback received will be prepared and posted on the Network's website.

The consultations will result in a final proposal for a limited set of indicators. This proposal will be submitted to the Network's Executive Committee for consideration and shared with the UN secretariat to inform the next biennial report of the Secretary-General in 2024.