

# International Forum on Migration Statistics

## 15-16 January 2018, Paris

The International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS-2018) aims to mobilise expertise from a wide range of disciplines – such as statistics, economics, demography, sociology, geospatial science, and information technology – that can contribute to improving global understanding of the migration phenomenon. It will explore innovative ways to measure population mobility and generate timely statistics and ways to create synergies between different stakeholders and perspectives, with representatives from 'origin', 'transit' and 'host' countries of migrants. The Forum will also provide a unique opportunity for policy-makers migration data experts to exchange on data needs to support policy evaluations and identify best policy options.

The Forum will be organized around the following four main themes:

- (i) **Migration measurement** (concepts, definitions, disaggregation by migratory status, etc.)
- (ii) **Innovation in data sources** (new sources and approaches to migration data collection, real-time data, etc.)
- (iii) **Understanding migration** (gaps in migration statistics, data to address policy concern, etc.),
- (iv) **Cooperation, data governance and capacity building** (stakeholder coordination, data sharing/exchange, strategies to enhance institutional capacity, data literacy, use of statistics, etc.).

The Forum will take place over two days, at the OECD Headquarters in **Paris from 15 to 16 January 2018**, with a mix of plenary with high-level speakers and parallel sessions. Around 400 people are expected to participate in the Forum.

The Forum is co-organised by the OECD, IOM and UNDESA, in collaboration with a number of partner organisations including UNECE, Eurostat, ILO, UNHCR, UNODC and the World Bank. Depending on the interest expressed and the feedback received, the International Forum on Migration Statistics may become an annual event in the future.

## Day 1: Monday 15 January 2018

Time	Session	Room
8.30-9.30	Arrival of the participants	
<i>Opening Ceremony</i>		
9.30-10.00	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>	CC1
<i>Plenary Session 1</i>		
10.00-10.45	<b>Challenges for improving the production and use of migration data: country perspectives:</b> <i>How are National Statistical Offices (NSOs) responding to the growing demand for migration data? What is needed to improve the availability and timeliness of migration data? What is the role of NSOs to facilitate better and more appropriate uses of migration data?</i>	CC1
10.45-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<i>Parallel Sessions 1</i>		
11.00-12.30	<b>8 parallel sessions (see Annex for details)</b>	
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
<i>Parallel Sessions 2</i>		
13.30-15.00	<b>8 parallel sessions (see Annex for details)</b>	
15.00-15.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<i>Plenary Session 2</i>		
15.15-16.45	<b>Global initiatives on migration and data needs:</b> <i>Conversation about data needs for the UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the UN Global Compact for Refugees</i>	CC1
16.45-17.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<i>Parallel Sessions 3</i>		
17.00-18.30	<b>8 parallel sessions (see Annex for details)</b>	

## Day 2: Tuesday 16 January 2018

Time	Session	Room
<i>Keynote address</i>		
9.00-9.30	<b>The future of migration and implications for the international statistical community</b>	CC1
<i>Plenary Session 3</i>		
9.30-10.45	<b>Panel on Public opinion and migration:</b> <i>What is the evidence regarding the gap between perceptions and realities of migration? What are the best ways to communicate facts and figures on migration? How can policy makers undertake reform of migration policy in the context of polarized public opinion on migration?</i>	CC1
10.45-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<i>Parallel Sessions 4</i>		
11.00-12.30	<b>7 parallel sessions (see Annex for details)</b>	
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
<i>Plenary Session 4</i>		
13.30-14.45	<b>Panel on Data innovation and big data for migration:</b> <i>What is the potential of big data for migration statistics? What are the risk factors (continuity, confidentiality, reliability)?</i>	CC1
<i>Parallel Sessions 5</i>		
14.45-16.15	<b>7 parallel sessions (see Annex for details)</b>	
16.15-16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<i>Plenary Session 5</i>		
16.30-17.45	<b>Concluding Panel on capacity building for migration data:</b> <i>what are the migration-data needs of developing countries (analysing existing data on migration, developing new instruments to capture data on migration...)? What types of support do these needs imply (financial assistance, training, information technology...)?</i>	CC1