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Adoption of the meeting report

Draft Report of the Work Session on Migration Statistics

Note by the Secretariat

I. Attendance

1. The joint UNECE/Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics was held on 30-31 October 2017 in Geneva. It was attended by participants from Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uzbekistan. The European Union was represented by Eurostat. The International Labour Organization (ILO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT), the MEDSTAT IV Consortium, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Health Organization (WHO), World Trade Organization (WTO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS) were also represented. An expert from the Moscow State University participated at the invitation of the UNECE secretariat.

2. A number of participants could attend the Work Session thanks to the financial support from the World Bank ECASTAT project.

II. Organization of the meeting

3. Mr. Gunter Brückner from Germany was elected as Chair of the meeting.
4. The following substantive topics were discussed at the meeting:
 - a) Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
 - b) Data integration and administrative data
 - c) Longitudinal studies of migrants
 - d) Integration and descendants of migrants
 - e) Asylum seekers and refugees
 - f) New methods to estimate migration
 - g) Labour- and education-related migration
5. The discussion at the meeting was based on papers that are available on the UNECE website.¹

III. Recommendations for future work

6. The meeting discussed a proposal for future methodological work prepared by the UNECE Steering Group on Migration Statistics. The meeting recommended to pursue methodological work on the use of longitudinal data for regular production of migration statistics and asked the Steering Group to prepare terms of reference for a task force on this topic.
7. The meeting confirmed that the next Work Session on Migration Statistics is scheduled to take place on 25-26 October 2018. The following topics were suggested for discussion in the 2018 Work Session:
 - a) Integration of data from censuses, administrative sources and surveys for measuring migration
 - b) Use of longitudinal data for migration statistics
 - c) Integration and descendants of migrants
 - d) Labour- and education-related migration
 - e) Big Data and migration
 - f) Use of tourism statistics for measuring migration
 - g) Asylum seekers and refugees
 - h) Irregular migration
 - i) Emigration
 - j) Impact of migration on the host country and the country of origin

IV. Adoption of the report of the meeting

7. The present report was adopted during the closing session.
8. A summary of the discussion in the substantive sessions of the meeting will be presented in an annex to this report, to be prepared by the secretariat after the meeting.

¹ www.unece.org/index.php?id=41274#/