

Global Compact for Migration, draft Rev 1 – draft comments by the Bureau of the United Nations Statistical Commission

General comments:

- Strongly supports the call for accurate and disaggregated data and timely information on migration in the draft Global Compact for Migration;
- Recognizes the importance of harmonized methodologies on measuring migration stocks and flows and characteristics of migrants, data collection, analysis and dissemination, as well as capacity building; and emphasizes that references should be made to existing efforts and progress made in those areas. For example, methodology on collecting better data should link to the existing international statistical standard on migration statistics; data collection and compilation to those mandated by the Statistical Commission; and capacity building to the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development.

Specific comments:

- Welcomes the reference to capacity building in paragraph 16 (b) and underscores the importance of financial commitment to ensure that statistics required for all elements in the Global Compact for Migration can be provided by national statistical systems;
- Paragraph 16 (c) makes specific reference to the IOM Global Migration Data Portal. The Bureau emphasizes that global data reporting should take into consideration existing migration data collection and compilation mechanisms at the regional and international level, under the umbrella of the UN Statistical Commission. This is to ensure that there is no additional reporting burden of national statistical offices and data collection activities at the global and regional level are conducted efficiently and effectively;
- In reference to the regional migration observatories in paragraph 16 (d), stresses that existing regional data collection and analysis mechanisms should be strengthened rather than new ones being created;
- In reference to paragraph 16 (e), instead of making specific recommendations on what to be collected through the 2020 round of population and housing censuses, the Global Compact for Migration should refer to the existing international recommendations on population and housing censuses, namely, the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 3*, adopted by the 46th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in 2015. This is to ensure consistency between the Global Compact for Migration and the existing international statistical standards;
- Given the importance of and the challenges in using administrative source to produce migration statistics, suggests adding a phrase at the end of paragraph 16 (g) "Enhance collaboration between state units responsible of migration data and national statistical offices, and promote the access to the administrative records for statistical purposes."