

Internal and international migration: seizing the opportunities, addressing the challenges

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Migration mega-trend: one in seven

7 billion Population

1 billion Migrants



214 million **International**

740 million **Internal**

Urbanization: 50% +

Feminization: ca. 50%

2040: 400+ Million International Migrants

International migration will grow even faster than in last 25 years

(Intelligence Council on Global Trends 2030, December 2012)


Migration drivers increase complexity

1. **DEMOGRAPHY**: North – ageing, South – youthful
2. **DEMAND** labour shortage vs. labour surplus
3. **DISPARITY** increasing: economic, social
4. **DISTANCE** shrinking : budget transportation
5. **DIGITAL REVOLUTION**: instant information
6. **DISASTERS**: natural & human-made, rapid & slow onset
7. **DREAMS**: life with dignity and prosperity.



Prepare for Increased Mobility

International migrants in context

Population: Between 4th and 5th Largest Countries

 Indonesia	4th	237 million
International Migrants		214 million*
 Brazil	5th	193 million

Economic Contribution: Size of Large GDPs

 Saudi Arabia	23 rd.	USD 434 billion
Annual Migrant Remittances	24 th.	USD 400 billion*
 Austria	28 th.	USD 379 billion

CAUTION: MIGRANTS NOT COMMODITIES!

* Source: World Bank

MDG Agenda

- **Strengths:**

- Focus on limited set of concrete, measureable development goals and targets
- Commitment & mobilization
- Prioritization of resources

- **Weaknesses:**

- Gaps among goals, e.g.: peace & security
- Lists desired outcomes but with no guidance on how to achieve them

Post 2015 Agenda: Key Issues

1. Growth & employment for growing world population
2. Global risks: vulnerability to shocks, disaster, climate change
3. Financing development in a world of decreasing aid budget

Migration is an enabler of the three pillars of sustainable development

Economic development:

- **Remittances:** proven resilience in the face of economic and financial crisis;
- **Skill shortages:** contribution to labour requirements

Social development:

- **Knowledge transfers**
- **Women's Empowerment**
- **Health & access to clean water and sanitation**

Environmental protection:

- **Climate change and disaster risk reduction**
- **Urbanization and land degradation**

It is also linked to peace and security

Conflict:

- Migration as a result of conflict
- The emerging issue of migrants in crisis

Human security:

- Human smuggling and trafficking undermine human security
- Conflict can increase vulnerability to these transnational crimes

Whether or not migration leads to positive or negative outcomes depends on its good governance ...

The development 'enabler' potential of migration is contingent on:

- The overall **size or quantity** of migration: how many people can move?
- The **selectivity** of migration: who has access to safe, legal and humane migration?
- The **quality** of migration opportunities: are migrants' rights being protected, and under what conditions do people migrate?

Government policies can make a difference to all these outcomes.

... and its inclusion in the Post-2015 Development Framework

Post-2015 objectives should include:

1. **Recognition** of the contribution of migrants and migration to all three pillars of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental)
2. Renewed **commitment** to protection of human rights of all migrants
3. Systematic **inclusion** of migration issues in post-2015 UN development agenda

There are many tangible ways to include migration in post-2015 development analysis and strategies

1. Improve public perceptions of migrants
2. Factor migration into development planning, at national, regional and global levels, including in the post-2015 development agenda
3. Protect the human rights of all migrants
4. Manage migration in crisis situations
5. Enhance the evidence and knowledge base
6. Promote policy coherence and institutional development

But a key hurdle will be to overcome political imperatives

Addressing the migration policy dilemma:

National Sovereignty

Right to determine who enters
Expects respect for laws & culture

Individual Mobility

Desire for a better life
Expects human rights



Partnership in Practical Solutions



Dialogue grounded in sound, evidence-based analyses



Transparent & Informed “High Road” Policy

A High Road Migration Scenario

1. Multiple-entry visas
2. Dual citizenship laws
3. De-criminalization of irregular migrants
4. AVR as rights-based alternative to deportation
5. Process for legal status for those meeting criteria
6. Integration as an option for migrants
7. Portable social security benefits & access to services
8. Migrant access to health services & education
9. Multi-skill policy for all skill levels
10. Circular migration programmes