The Future of Migration: Building Capacities for Change

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Agenda

• Focus
• Justification
• Framework for analysis
• Examples
Focus

• Future migration trends
• Capacities
• Time horizon
• Global
• National level
Complementing existing initiatives

- ‘The Future of International Migration to OECD Countries’ (OECD 2009)
- ‘Overcoming Barriers: Human Mobility and Development’ (UNDP 2009)
- ‘Global Migration Futures’ (IMI/THP 2010)
A focus on capacities

• ‘As the leading international organization for migration, IOM acts with its partners in the international community to…assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management’

• ‘The international community should support the efforts of states to formulate and implement national migration policies through the contribution of resources, appropriate expertise, and training’ GCIM (2005)

• From political will to capacity-building

• Proliferation of national initiatives
Output

• Specific capacity requirements
• Gaps in legal and normative frameworks
• Shortcomings in institutional arrangements
Added value

- Priorities
- Responsibilities for implementation
- Funding gaps
- Consensus-building
- Towards a system for capacity assessment
Framework for analysis

- Drivers of change
- Migration impacts
- Capacity requirements
- (Capacity assessments)
Drivers of Change

- Climate change
- Energy security
- The demographic crisis
- Urbanization
- Financial and economic crises
- The global shift of power to Asia
- The future of state sovereignty
- Global governance
- Information technology
- The future of religion
Migration impacts

- Increase in scale and diversity
- Changing dynamics of labour supply and demand
- Migration and development
- Diversity and social cohesion
- New forms of international cooperation
Capacity requirements

- Clearly defined objectives for national migration policy
- Functioning, effective, equitable legal system relating to migration
- Well-trained and informed cadre of migration officials
- Infrastructure for social, educational and legal assistance to migrants
- Systems for political and civic representation
- Capacity for data collection and analysis, research, monitoring and evaluation
Capacity assessments

- Current capacities and future requirements
- Scale – inadequate, adequate
- Scoring system
Climate change

- **Driver of change**: Environmental changes
- **Migration impacts**: How many, how soon, from where, to where?
- **Capacity requirements**: Gaps in the normative and legal framework; migration as an adaptation strategy; rural-urban migration; EWS and evacuation; resettlement schemes
- **Capacity assessments**
Financial and economic crises

- **Driver of change**: Cyclical shocks to the economic system
- **Migration impacts**: Unemployment, exploitation, returns, reduced remittances
- **Capacity requirements**: Protection for migrant workers; securing labour market access; return and resettlement; reducing reliance on remittances
- **Capacity assessments**
Demographic change

- **Driver of change**: Steepening demographic gradients
- **Migration impacts**: New patterns of demand and supply; urbanization; irregular migration
- **Capacity requirements**: Education and school-to-work transition; recruitment and labour market access; counter-trafficking
- **Capacity assessments**
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