The Programme of the United Nations Statistics Division on the Development of International Migration Statistics

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Outline
1. Current activities of the Statistics Division
   - Development of standards and methods
   - Collection, compilation and dissemination of national data
   - Technical cooperation and assistance to countries
2. Future activities

Standards and methods
  - Revised definition of international migrant
  - Revised taxonomy of inflows and outflows of citizens and foreigners
  - Emphasis on the compilation of existing data

Data collection, compilation and dissemination
- Collect national data through questionnaires sent out to national statistical offices
- Provide countries with harmonised data from other National Statistical Offices
- Disseminate data through the Demographic Yearbook

Type and sources of international migration data collected
- Flows data - administrative sources
  1. Major categories of international departures and arrivals
  2. Long-term emigrants and immigrants by country of intended long-term residence or by country of last-long term residence
  3. Long-term emigrants and immigrants by age and sex

Type and sources of international migration data collected (2)
- Stock-Population Census, survey data
  1. Native and foreign born population by age and sex
  2. Foreign-born population by country of birth, age and sex
  3. Foreign-born population in the country for less than five years by country of birth, age and sex
  4. Country of citizenship and sex
  5. Foreign-born population by economic activity
**International migration data collection review**

- Questionnaire conformed to the latest recommendations

- Revised structure in order to:
  - Have more flexible tool of data collection
  - Provide a wider range of categories in which countries would fit their data

**Technical cooperation and assistance to countries**

- Conduct training activities to build national capacity

- Assist countries in collecting and processing data

**Future activities**

- Produce a handbook on international migration statistics

- Produce technical report on the testing of new questionnaire by the end of next year


- Organise regional workshops

**Conclusions**

- Gather feedback from countries on the experiences they have in collecting and compiling international migration data

- Invite countries to test the trial questionnaire in 2004

- Continue collaboration with international organisations in order to improve coordination and reduction of burden on countries