



## 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

- ❖ United Nations Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, Rev. 1 (1998)
  - 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
  - United Nations Workshop on Improving the Compilation of International Migration Statistics, Geneva 15-17 September 2003
- 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
- Convene 'Expert Group Meeting on the review of the United Nations Demographic Yearbook', New York 10-14 November 2003
- 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