Localizing SDG-s
Development of National Indicators for SDG Targets in the Area of Migration and Development

Prioritization Workshop

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) held its first event on SDG localisation in Armenia, on 18th of November in Yerevan. The workshop brought together over 60 participants, including representatives from government agencies, NGOs, international organisations, academia and the media.

SDG migration targets prioritized for Armenia by the workshop participants

4.b Scholarships (student mobility)  8.7 Trafficking  8.8. Migrant worker rights  10.7 Well-managed migration policies  17.18 Data disaggregation

Key points from participants included:

There is an overall need for better regulation of migration, particularly for a stronger labour migration framework that takes into account needs of different migrant profiles.

Trafficking, exploitation and forced labour remain key issues, particularly of women and children. There is also a need to better tackle gender discrimination in labour markets.

Education and migration linkages need to be addressed better. Key issues include skills matching for migrants and return migrants, and retaining national human capital.

Data is a constraint in many national migration issues, and better data collection and usage is necessary to effectively tackle different migration issue areas.

There are linkages between SDG migration targets. For example, labour migration is linked to trafficking; if the former were better managed, the prevalence of the latter may improve.

Other priorities include reintegration of returnees, migrant healthcare and refugee integration.