CES Task Force on Measuring Labour Mobility

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Background

- Labour mobility is a topic of growing policy interest and concern
- Measurement is challenging as it cuts across several statistical domains
- CES forums reviewed the subject in February and again in June 2015
- CES plenary session in June 2015 “supported establishing a Task Force on Measuring Labour Mobility and Globalization”
Objective of Task Force

- Develop practical guidance on the compilation of labour mobility statistics
- Review countries’ practices in this area
- Areas of focus will be:
  - Preparing a collection of good practices
  - Establishing a framework with common definitions
Coordination with ILO

- Task Force (TF) shall work in coordination with the ILO Working Group on this subject.
- Goal is to produce complementary outcomes.
- Task Force will focus on practical examples through case studies.
- ILO Working Group will focus on standardizing definitions of labour mobility terms.
- ILO has a representative on TF and TF chair is part of ILO group.
Members of Task Force

Countries:
- Armenia
- Germany
- Israel
- Italy
- Mexico
- Norway
- Turkey

Academics from the ARITHMUS project

Organizations:
- ILO - International Labour Organization
- IOM - International Organization for Migration
- OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
- WTO - World Trade Organization
- UNSD - United Nations Statistics Division

UNECE acts as Secretariat to the Task Force
Scope

Focus is on cross-border labour mobility

Intersection of many different domains including:

– Labour statistics
– Migration statistics
– National accounts
– Trade statistics
– Enterprise statistics
– Tourism statistics
Output of Task Force

- Guidebook
  - Aimed at producers of data
  - Users of data will benefit from improved coordination between countries
- Structure of guidebook:
  1. Introduction
  2. Sources of Information
  3. Concepts and Definitions
  4. Methodological Issues
  5. Country Cases
  6. Recommendations
Country Case Studies

- Israel, Mexico and Norway
- Hope to add more countries in near future
- Include review of sources of data:
  - Social statistics data
  - National accounts data
  - Household surveys
  - Enterprise surveys
  - Administrative data
  - Any other relevant sources
- Include comparison of definitions in each source to international definitions
Country Case Studies – Evaluation of Sources

- What is the survey unit?
- How is the population of these units defined?
- What is the statistical unit and the unit of observation?
- Is employment defined according to recommendations from the ILO & SNA?
- What is the definition of being resident in a country?
- Can employed immigrants be identified?
- What information are available about immigrants?
- Can cross border workers be identified?
- What information are available about resident/non-resident cross border workers?
- Administrative data - types of permits, whether it is active and can they be linked to employed persons
## Sources of Information: Labour Force Survey

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<th>Advantages</th>
<th>Limitations</th>
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<td><strong>Variables</strong></td>
<td>Country of birth, year of immigration - always asked</td>
<td>No questions on work outside of Israel (including Palestinian Authority)</td>
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<td><strong>Definition of population</strong></td>
<td>Includes legal permanent immigrants from day they arrive</td>
<td>Foreign workers must be in Israel more than a year continuously to be included</td>
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<td><strong>Sampling – residential dwellings</strong></td>
<td>Any foreign workers in dwelling are covered e.g., home care givers, groups or families of foreign workers living together</td>
<td>No coverage for workers in agriculture and construction who live in on-site (in non-residential dwellings)</td>
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Population Census

- Includes question on place of residence
- 5 years previous – in Israel only
- May be expanded to country of residence for those who lived abroad
National Insurance Institute (NII) and Employment Services

Data on employee jobs of foreign workers is calculated from NII files.

Data on Palestinian employee jobs is received from the payments department of the Employment Services.
Border Control Records

Used to estimate stock of foreigners
Population and Immigration Authority

- Produce estimates of border infiltrators from Africa
- Based on their enforcing of immigration laws
National Accounts

Combine data from:

- National Insurance Institute
- Estimates of infiltrators from Africa
- Data from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
Mexico – Sources of Information

Surveys:

- 2015 Intercensal Survey
- Surveys on Migration at the Northern Border of Mexico (EMIF Norte)
- Surveys on Migration at the Southern Border of Mexico (EMIF Sur)

Administrative data: Statistical Form for Mexicans and Migratory Form (FEM and FMM)

Data from USA sources
# Timetable

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<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; teleconference</td>
<td>7 March 2016</td>
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<td>Review of full draft guidelines by the CES Bureau</td>
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<td>Revise the guidelines to take into account comments by CES</td>
<td>December 2017</td>
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<td>Electronic consultation among all countries in CES</td>
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Update on progress of the Task Force

- Work is progressing
- Materials have been contributed by a number of Task Force members including:
  - Input on country case studies from Mexico and Norway
  - Sources for literature review from Turkey, OECD, UNSD
- I invite anyone interested in joining the Task Force to contact me or the Secretariat of the Task Force feldman@cbs.gov.il
Thank you for your attention!