

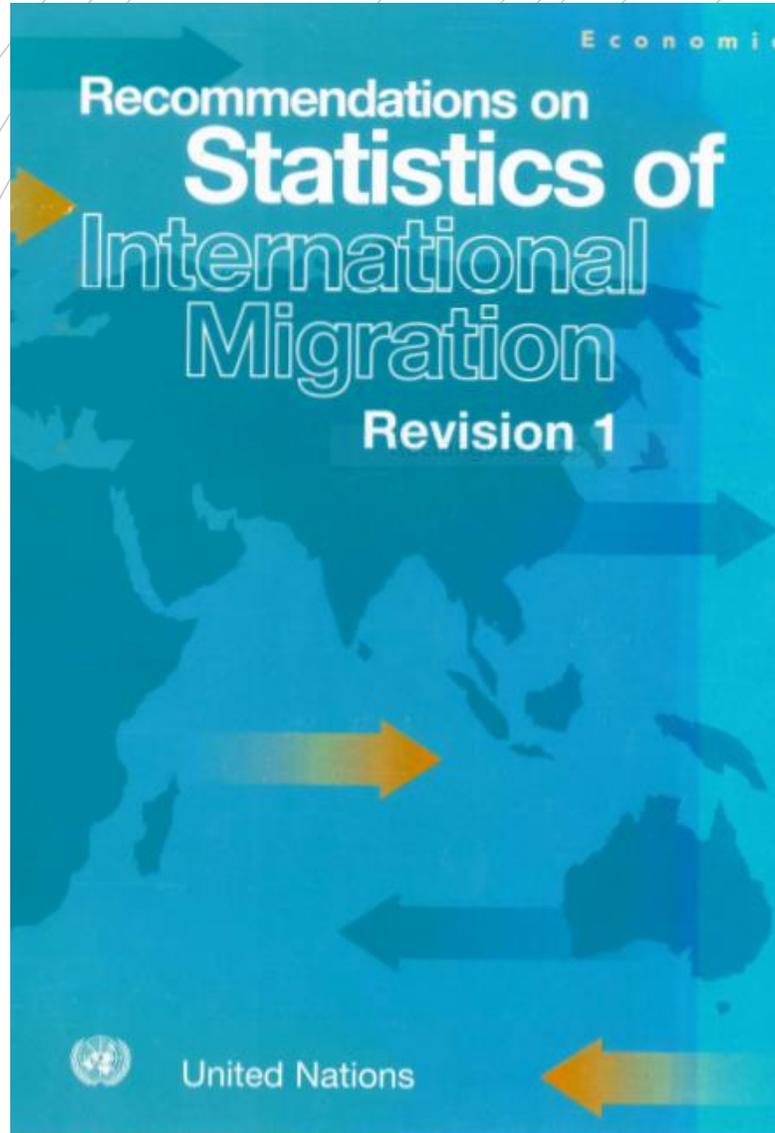
Revision of the Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, rev. 1 (1998)

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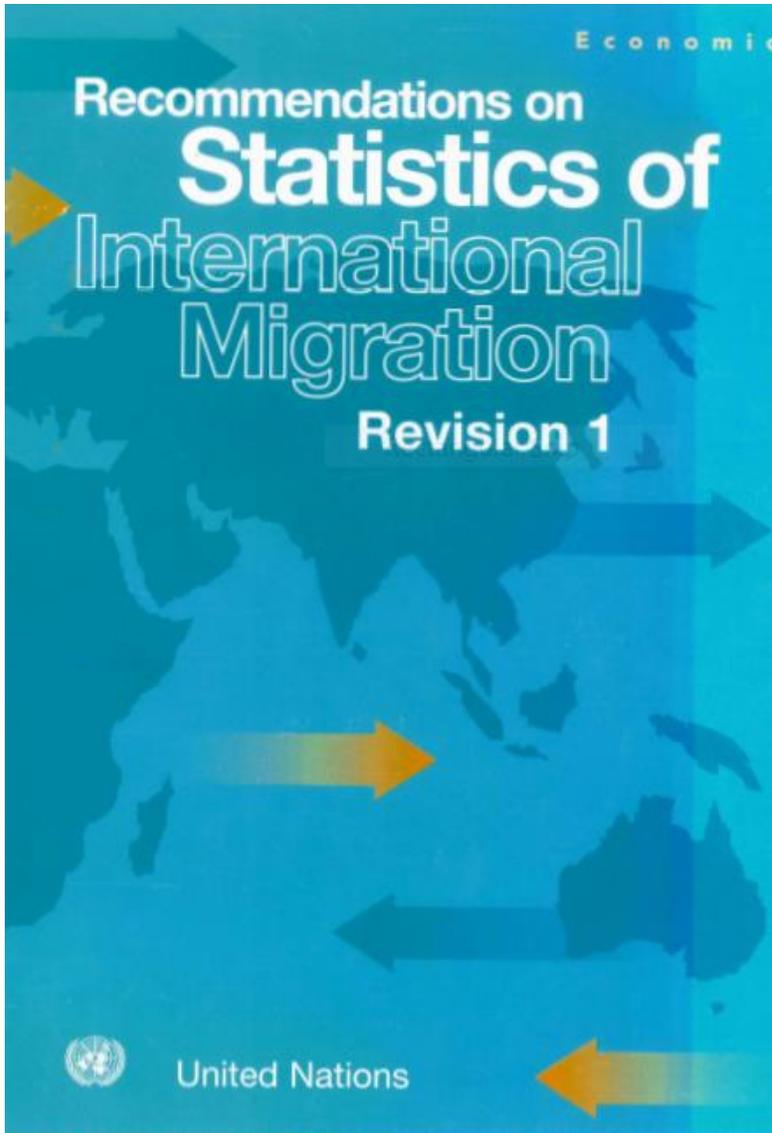
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Revision of the Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, rev. 1 (1998)

2nd revision, after the 1953 and 1976 edition

Not always adopted by countries

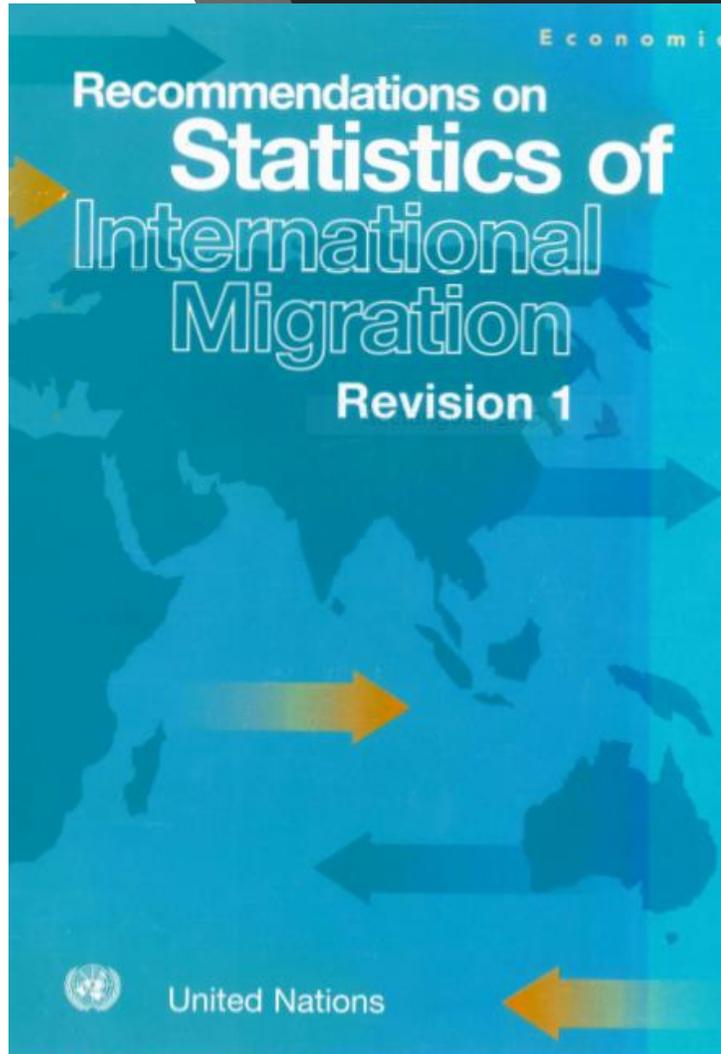
Why a revision?

- New migration patterns are emerging
- A clear linkage to data needs for policymaking is necessary
- Incorporating new developments in methodologies and international standards

Time line

- December 2018 – annotated outline for the revision
- June/July 2019 – first Expert Group Meeting on the revision of the *1998 Recommendations*
- June/July 2020 – first draft of the revision and the second Expert Group Meeting on the revision of the *1998 Recommendations*
- Summer 2021 – final draft of the revision

Questions for you about the revision



- Overall
 - Conceptual or hands-on? Philosophical or practical?
 - Better balance between stocks and flows?
 - Guided by the linkage to data needs for policymaking?
- Concepts & definitions?
 - The 12-month criteria: practicality versus cross-country comparability?
- New topics/areas?
 - Different migration patterns (circular migration)
 - New data sources (integration of data sources, big data)
 - Analysis and uses of data
- Any other suggestions?
 - Overall structure
 - Specific dimension?
- Process
 - Guided by the Expert Group on Migration Statistics
 - Involvement of countries?

Expert Group on Migration Statistics - 2017

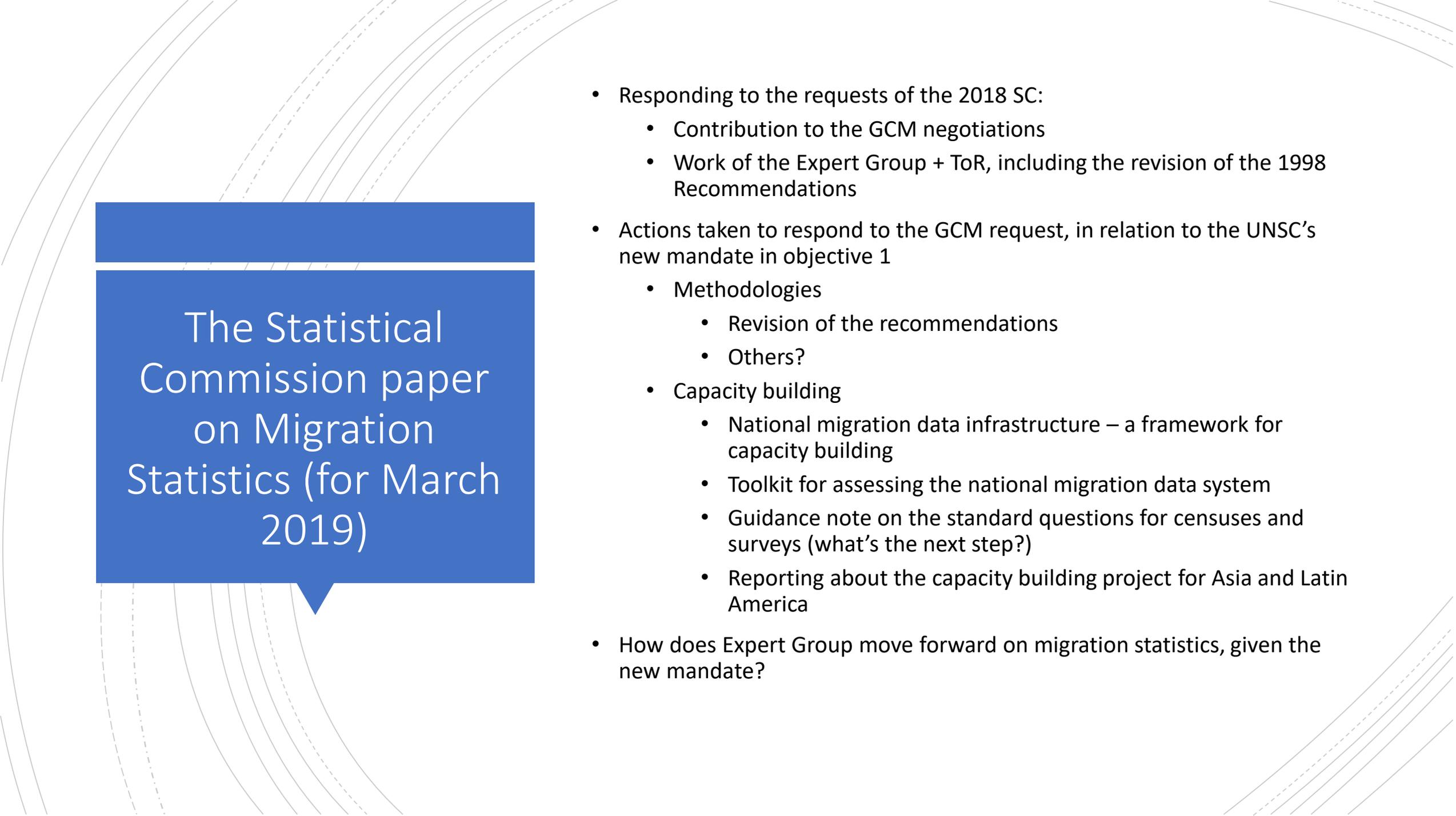
- Established after the Expert Group Meeting on *Improving Migration Data in the Context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, June 2017, New York
- Made recommendations on
 - Collection, compilation and dissemination of data and methodological development, coordination and capacity-building for the improvement of international migration statistics;
 - SDG data disaggregation
 - A step-wise approach in defining migratory status
 - Agreed on a subset of Sustainable Development Goal indicators as relevant to migration, including for data disaggregation
 - Future work:
 - Standard set of migration questions for censuses and surveys
 - Technical report on migration-relevant SDG indicators

Expert Group on Migration Statistics - 2018

- Formalised by the Statistical Commission in 2018:
 - Welcomed the recognition of the importance of data as a basis for evidence-based policies in the zero draft of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration and the proposed continuous engagement of the Bureau and the Statistics Division to advise on the statistical aspects of the proposed draft;
 - Welcomed, in this context, the proposed work of the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics, including the revision of international recommendations on statistics for international migration;

Expert Group on Migration Statistics - members

- Original members – migration statistics experts from
 - 17 countries
 - 15 international, regional and sub-regional organisations
- New members - Jordan, Morocco, Republic of Moldova, Sri Lanka



The Statistical Commission paper on Migration Statistics (for March 2019)

- Responding to the requests of the 2018 SC:
 - Contribution to the GCM negotiations
 - Work of the Expert Group + ToR, including the revision of the 1998 Recommendations
- Actions taken to respond to the GCM request, in relation to the UNSC's new mandate in objective 1
 - Methodologies
 - Revision of the recommendations
 - Others?
 - Capacity building
 - National migration data infrastructure – a framework for capacity building
 - Toolkit for assessing the national migration data system
 - Guidance note on the standard questions for censuses and surveys (what's the next step?)
 - Reporting about the capacity building project for Asia and Latin America
- How does Expert Group move forward on migration statistics, given the new mandate?

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

- Objective 1:
 - Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
 - New mandate for the United Nations Statistical Commission
 - *Elaborate and implement a comprehensive strategy for improving migration data at local, national, regional and global levels, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, under the guidance of the **United Nations Statistical Commission**, by harmonizing methodologies for data collection, and strengthening analysis and dissemination of migration-related data and indicators*
 - *Develop a global programme to build and enhance national capacities in data collection, analysis and dissemination to share data, address data gaps and assess key migration trends, that encourages collaboration between relevant stakeholders at all levels, provides dedicated training, financial support and technical assistance, leverages new data sources, including big data, and is reviewed by the **United Nations Statistical Commission** on a regular basis*



Next steps

- Comments from you on:
 - Terms of reference for the Expert Group
 - National migration data infrastructure – a framework for capacity development on national migration statistics
 - A toolkit to assess the national migration data capacity
 - Annotated outline of the UNSC paper on migration statistics
 - Revised concept note for the revision of the Recommendations
- Another Webex meeting in October?