

Preliminary progress report of the conference of European Statistics Census Task Force on **Migration and Mobility** (CES Task Force 7)



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בהכרעתו רמז נמון!

- *Review the scope of the TF7 and review the progress in each scope.*
- *The changes proposed in the international migration recommendations (expert group of the UN)*
- *Adding mobility as new topic*

The scope of TF7 - Migration and Mobility

This Task Force will review all of Chapter XI, Migration: The scope of TF7:

- a) Population groups relevant to international migration, and the concepts, definitions and classifications used to identify members of these groups;
- b) Core and non-core topics related to international migration;
- c) Population groups relevant to internal migration, and the concepts, definitions and classifications used to identify members of these groups;
- d) Core and non-core topics related to internal migration;
- e) Mobility: the Task Force should consider whether the sections on internal migration should be expanded to include recommendations relating to the measurement of short-term movements falling under the heading of mobility;
- f) Refugees, asylum seekers and internally-displaced persons: the Task Force should ensure that this section is aligned with recent developments in producing statistics on this topic, for example by consulting with staff working with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Revising 1998 Migration Statistics

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Items for discussion and decision: migration statistics

The present report is submitted in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2020/211 and past practices. It sets forth recent work undertaken by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics in 2019 and 2020 to fulfil the requests of the Statistical Commission contained in its decision 50/117. In particular, the report covers: (a) the main findings of the global consultation conducted to gauge concepts, definitions and data sources used by countries; (b) the key elements of the proposed revised overarching conceptual framework and accompanying definitions on international migration and mobility; and (c) other work including capacity development, data and indicators work, and early preparations for the third International Forum on Migration Statistics. The report also provides information on the plans and priorities for the Statistics Division and the Expert Group.

- ✓ Definition of “usual residence”: moving from “spends the daily period of rest” to **duration-of-stay criteria or the intention concept.**

Adopting the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing censuses*.

- ✓ Definition of “international migrants”: moving from the Long/short concept to **changing country of residence and establishing a new residence in another country.**

- ✓ Distinguishing between Migration and Mobility: **Emphasizing the impact of temporary migration on economic and social setting.**
- ✓ Alignment of the measurement of resident populations with the measurements of migration flows: emphasizing the need for alignment between the flows and the usual residents (stock).

- ✓ The coherence between international migration (flows) and immigrant population (stock): **achieving coherence between flows and stock by reconciling the demographic components of change.**
- ✓ Base populations for purposes of measuring migration and temporary mobility: from usual resident to base populations include two groups: resident population and temporary (non-resident) populations.

The proposed new recommendations encourage the countries to collect data on temporary populations alongside the Usual Resident population.

Terms: *Temporary populations, Non-resident populations, Present populations, Population to serve*

How to deal with these changes in the censuses?

✓ Adding mobility as a new topic:

✓ We are aware of the importance and the contribution made by the data collection on mobility to economic and social issues.

✓ We continue to collect the data according to the definition of the usual residence. Data on the temporary population (non-usual residents) will be collected and disseminated alongside the usual resident population.

✓ Core topic vs. non-core topic: members of the TF agree to add mobility as non-core topic, but some members thought that maybe it should be added as a core topic.

✓ Core topic vs. non-core topic (con.):

- ✓ Encourage countries to collect data on mobility, but leave it to the country to decide whether to collect this data and for which groups to collect it (as the country needs).

✓ Mobility of usual residents vs. mobility of non-usual residents:

- ✓ Encourage countries to collect temporary mobility also among usual residents population.
- ✓ Adding questions about their temporary movements to other countries.

✓ Highlight the challenges and difficulties in collecting Data

✓ Highlight the differences between census methodologies (Admin vs

Traditional, and others)

Thank you for
your attention