



**Global Migration Group (GMG)**  
**Working Group on Data and Research**  
Terms of Reference

## **Introduction**

The GMG Working Group on Data and Research (Working Group) seeks to strengthen the evidence base for informed policy-making, programme implementation and evaluation in the field of international migration and development.

In particular, the Working Group encourages the collection, use, dissemination and analysis of accurate, timely and relevant migration data and promotes policy-relevant research on international migration and development.

The Working Group seeks to enhance coherence within the Global Migration Group (GMG) in the area of data and research and represents the GMG in its interaction with the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) on issues related to data and research, in particular through the GFMD Ad-hoc Working Group on Policy Coherence, Data and Research.

UNDESA and IOM will act as co-conveners of the Working Group.

## **Objectives**

1. Promote the implementation of international standards and share good practices for the collection, use and dissemination of international migration statistics, including the development of quantitative and qualitative indicators on international migration and development;
2. Encourage the undertaking and dissemination of policy-relevant research on international migration and development, particularly from a gender and age perspective;
3. Promote capacity-building activities on data and research, including the organization of training workshops and the preparation of technical training materials and guidelines on collection, analysis and use of migration data for evidence-based policy and programme formulation, implementation, evaluation and assessment;
4. Strengthen coherence among members of the Global Migration Group in the area of data and research by, inter alia, preparing joint outputs and conducting joint capacity building activities on data and research;

5. Act as the GMG focal point for activities related to data and research conducted by the Global Forum on Migration and Development, in particular through its Ad-hoc Working Group on Policy Coherence, Data, and Research.

6. Consider regional and country-specific needs and experiences in the field of migration data and analysis.

### **Working modalities**

1. Participation in the Working Group is open to all GMG members.
2. The Working Group will develop an annual work plan.
3. The Working Group will meet as often as necessary, but at least twice a year.
4. Meetings will be convened in a way that allows the various entities to participate.
5. Minutes of the meetings will be made available to all GMG members.
6. The co-convenors of the Working Group will brief the GMG working-level meeting.
7. The GMG website will be used for sharing and archiving documents and materials.

### **2011 Work plan**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Planning / timelines</b>
Inventory of impact assessment of international migration and development programmes carried out by GMG entities at the country, regional and global level	UNFPA and IOM	IOM/World Bank workshop on Impact assessment of migration policies and practices on development, Marseille, June 2011*
Development and implementation of a common template for migration profiles	DESA and IOM	UNITAR/UNFPA/IOM seminar on Building Migration Profiles, New York, 30 June 2011*
Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report “Migrants Count: Five Steps towards Better Migration Data” (Centre for Global Development, 2009)	DESA	June 2011

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