

A Common Set of Indicators for Migration Profiles: A GMG Proposal



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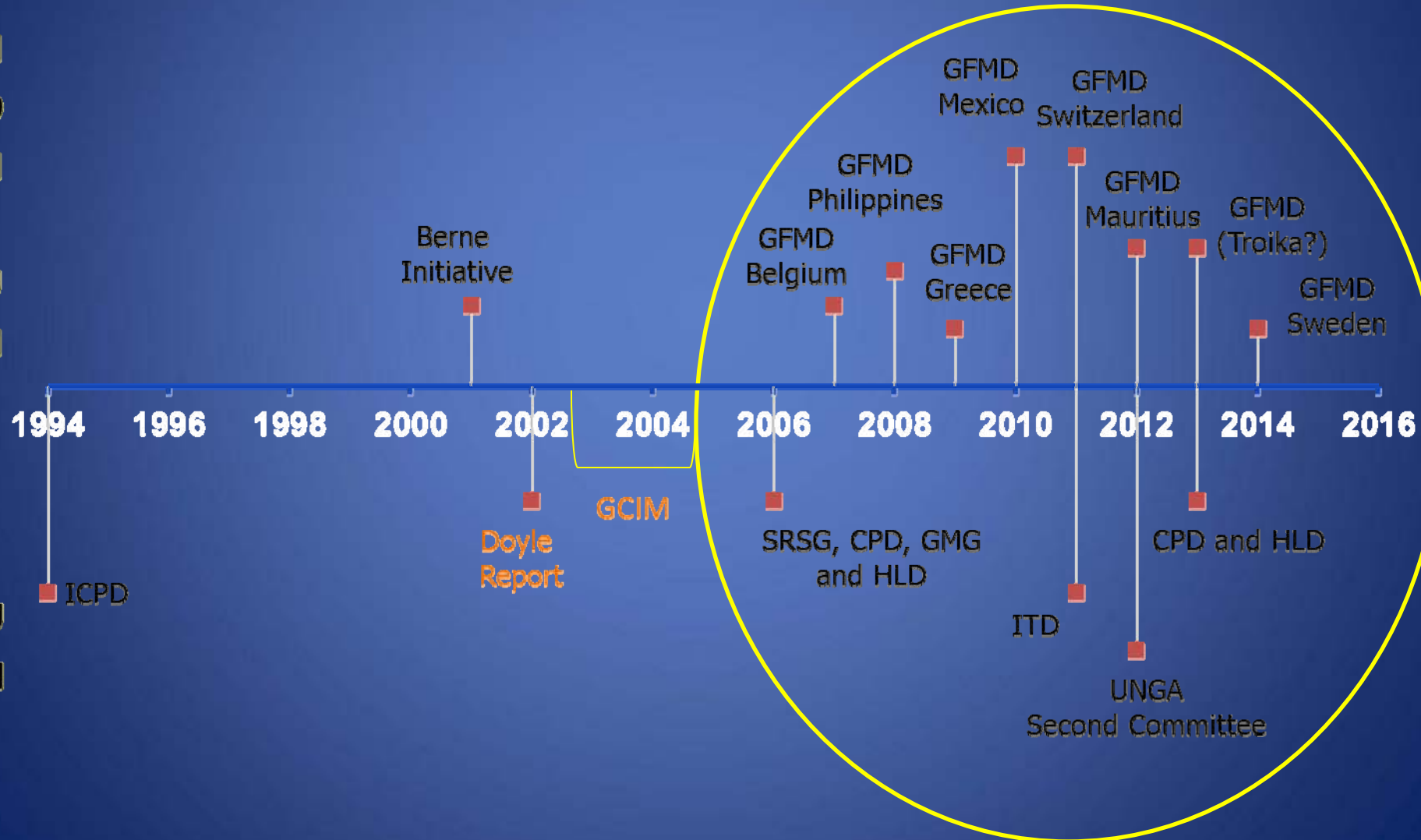
Presentation overview

- Context: International migration and development at the United Nations
- Proposal: a common indicator set for Migration Profiles
- Migration data and emergency response: possibilities and limitations

International migration and development at the United Nations

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2013 High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development process (UNGA resolution 65/170)

- Resolution on theme and modalities: UNGA 67th session (Oct 2012)
- Regional commissions and other relevant entities (IOM, etc.): regional preparations
- High-level Dialogue: Sep (?) 2013
- Resolution on HLD outcomes and future (?)

Common set of indicators

- **Why?**
 - Allows for comparing Migration Profiles
- **What?**
 - Standard format
 - Global coverage
- **How?**
 - Through website

Which indicators? (Examples)

- **Population:**
 - Population size
 - Population changes
- **International migration:**
 - Migrant stocks (total, age and sex, origin)
 - Migration flows (origin and destination)
- **Development:**
 - GDP, Human development index
 - Remittance flows

Data sources: strengths and weaknesses

	Population census	Administrative sources	Surveys
Comparability	+	-	+ / -
Costs	-	+	-
Frequency	-	+	-
Policy relevance	+/-	+	+

Migrants Count: Five Steps Toward Better Migration Data

- Published by the Center for Global Development in Washington DC (May 2009)
- Endorsed by both the GFMD and the GMG
- A simple guide to capacity building in the area of migration data
- <http://www.cgdev.org>

The five steps to improve migration data in the long term, with existing institutions and at low cost are ...

- Ask basic census questions – country of birth, citizenship, previous residence by age and sex – and tabulate and disseminate the answers
- Compile and release existing administrative data
- Centralize labour force surveys
- Provide access to microdata
- Include migration modules on more existing household surveys

Build capacity to collect and disseminate data

How can migration information facilitate emergency response?

- Invest in registration (before departure in home country, after arrival at destination)
- Exchange information with host country
- Share good practices and lessons learnt
- Recommend as a theme for 2013 HLD

Thank you!

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