

## Migration and Development Seminar Series

# ***Migration Profiles: Developing evidence-based Migration and Development policies***

30 June 2011

United Nations Headquarters, New York, Conference Room A (NLB)

### **Background**

---

The international workshop on “Migration Profiles: Developing evidence-based Migration and Development policies”, is one of the thematic workshops to be carried out within the framework of The Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) 2011, chaired by the Swiss Government. GFMD 5 will provide space for a series of smaller, focused and action-oriented meetings around the world, in support of the Chair’s flagship theme ‘*Taking action on Migration and Development – Coherence, Capacity and Cooperation*’. Cluster III of the GFMD Thematic Work Programme, focuses on processes and tools, which can promote an evidence-based approach to policy-making.

The Migration Profile concept, which was first proposed by the European Commission in 2005, has evolved in recent years into a process and tool to promote policy coherence on migration and development, and an evidence-based approach to policy-making, involving a broad range of stakeholders. Governments are increasingly recognizing Migration Profiles as a key tool for such policies, as recommended at the 2010 GFMD Puerto Vallarta and earlier discussions, inter alia in the context of the GFMD Working Group (WG) June 2010 seminar held with governments and other actors in Vienna. Further, the GFMD WG on Policy Coherence, Data and Research has also been consistently supporting the conceptual development and implementation of migration profiles.

Migration Profiles provide a framework for aggregating in a structured and systematic manner existing data and information from international, national and regional sources. To date, more than 70 migration profiles have been prepared, but there is a lack of a common understanding of what a migration profile exercise entails, and how preparing a migration profile can contribute to capacity-building and greater policy coherence.

The overall objective of this seminar is to highlight the importance of data and research for evidence-based policy making and present Migration Profiles as a capacity building tool for strategic policy planning. The New York workshop will provide an opportunity for policy-makers from different regions in the world to raise awareness, develop in-depth knowledge and suggest improvements with regard to Migration Profiles. Countries which have already conducted a Migration Profile exercise will share their experiences with those countries interested in preparing one.

The workshop will focus on a number of key issues such as:

1. Are Migration Profiles useful?
2. What kind of information should be included in a Migration Profile?
3. What is the process required to prepare a Migration Profile? Who should participate in a Migration Profile exercise?
4. To what extent can Migration Profiles contribute to policy development and greater policy coherence, and enhance the evidence base - including capacity building - on migration and development?
5. How can Migration Profiles become a tool that is owned by implementing governments and other stakeholders and regularly updated by them?
6. What areas and key issues may be included to further develop the MP framework and what opportunities international cooperation offers to the MP initiative?
7. To what extent could Migration Profiles be used to assess the impact of migration on development, and thus help to mainstream migration into national development plans?

## **Outcome**

---

In addition to a report of the discussions, a compilation of lessons learned and suggestions for possible improvement will be prepared and shared with key stakeholders currently implementing a MP exercise or planning to do so.

Government representatives will become more familiar with the Migration Profile concept and will be able to assess if there is a need and interest by their national government in producing a Migration Profile for their country in the near future.

## **Meeting Format**

---

The briefing is structured as a face to face event, benefiting from the contribution of renowned experts from governments, the Global Migration Group, civil society and academia. The workshop would help governments involved in a Migration Profile exercise to share their experience with others. Following the presentations, participants will have the opportunity to engage in in-depth discussions with the speakers.

## **Target audience**

---

The seminar is intended for the diplomatic community residing in New York with an interest in policy development and strategic planning. While the majority of the participants will be representatives from the diplomatic missions, the seminar remains open to other stakeholder such as other international agencies, civil society, academia, the private sector and other partners.

## **Registration and contact**

---

Participants are requested to register online at <http://www.unitar.org/event/new-york>  
For queries please contact Mr. Pierpaolo Capalbo at: [pierpaolo.capalbo@unitar.org](mailto:pierpaolo.capalbo@unitar.org)

**Registration deadline: 23 June 2011**

## Agenda

Day 1	
09:00-9:30	<p><b>Welcoming remarks and ice-breaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opening remarks: <b>H.E. Mr. Thomas Gürber</b>, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York</li> <li>▪ Co-Chairs: <b>Mr. Hernan Manzelli</b>, Government of Argentina <b>Mr. Godwin Odei Gyebi</b>, Government of Ghana <b>Mrs. Daniela Morari</b>, Government of Moldova</li> <li>▪ Ice-breaker/Introductions tour de table: <b>Ms. Michele Klein Solomon</b>, Permanent Observer to the UN in New York, IOM <b>Ms. Yvonne Lodico</b>, Head, UNITAR New York Office</li> </ul>
09:30-10:30	<p><b>Setting the scene:</b> <i>This initial session focuses on the importance of data and research for more evidence-based policy making, as well as highlights contributions from past and ongoing Migration Profile initiatives.</i></p> <p><b>Speakers (10 minutes per presentation):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Daniela Morari</b>, Deputy Head of Unit, Political Cooperation with EU, Moldova</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Godwin Odei Gyebi</b>, Demographer, Ghana Statistical Service, Ghana.</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Hernan Manzelli</b>, Ministry of Interior, Argentina.</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Richard Morgan</b>, Chair, Global Migration Group (UNICEF)</li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	<b>Break</b>
11:00-13:00	<p><b>Panel I - Migration Profile as an ongoing process</b> <i>Drawing upon different country experiences, this panel will discuss Migration Profiles as an ongoing process by indicating the different steps and components characterizing a MP exercise and ways to improve it.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Frank Laczko</b>, Head, Migration Research Division, IOM</p> <p><b>Speakers (10 minutes per presentation):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Nino Meskhi</b>, Migration Division Chief Specialist, Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees, Georgia</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Ma. Celeste M. Valderrama</b>, Director of International Labor Affairs Bureau, Department of Labor and Employment, Philippines</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. John Bingham</b>, Head of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission, Civil Society Representative</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why do we need Migration Profiles? What is a Migration Profile? What does the Migration Profile concept entail?</li> <li>▪ How do we prepare a Migration Profile? What are the core steps to follow in a Migration Profile exercise? How do we ensure the participation of local expertise?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How has the Migration Profile concept evolved over time?</li> <li>▪ Extended Migration Profiles: What areas may be further included in the MP framework to enhance its policy use?</li> <li>▪ How do we ensure ownership of the MPs by governments and other stakeholders?</li> </ul>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00-16:00</b>	<p><b>Panel II - Migration Profiles as a capacity building tool promoting policy development and policy coherence</b></p> <p><i>This panel will discuss how Migration Profiles can promote an evidence-based approach to policy making, foster policy coherence and mainstream migration into national development plans in order to ensure and realize a global approach to migration.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Kristof Tamas</b>, Representative of European Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers (10 minutes per presentation):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Roberta Chaves Oliveira</b>, Head, Division of Nationality and Naturalization, Ministry of Justice, Brazil</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Vahid Gahramanov</b>, Head, Migration Policy Department, State Migration Service, Azerbaijan</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Nguyen Thanh Thuy</b>, Head of International Division, Consular Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Jacques Ramirez</b>, General Coordinator, International Studies School, Ecuador (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How have Migration Profiles contributed to policy development and improved policy coherence?</li> <li>▪ How can Migration Profiles become a useful tool for monitoring and assessing the impact of policies and programmes?</li> <li>▪ How have Migration Profiles contributed in better understanding the linkages between migration and development? Have Migration Profiles fostered mainstreaming of migration into development plans?</li> </ul>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>16:30-17:30</b>	<p><b>Conclusions</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Rolph K. Jenny</b>, Principal Adviser to the Swiss GFMD Chair</p> <p><b>Panellists: Government representatives of Argentina, Ghana and Moldova</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What are the key lessons learned from the past Migration Profile experiences?</li> <li>▪ How can Migration Profiles be improved to serve governments as a policy tool?</li> <li>▪ How can Migration Profiles contribute to policy development and enhance the evidence base through capacity building?</li> <li>▪ How can Migration Profiles become a government-owned tool which will be regularly updated?</li> </ul> <p><b>Wrap-up and closing remarks by Dr. Rolph K. Jenny</b></p>