Regional Training Workshop on International Migration Statistics  
Cairo-Egypt, 30 June – 03 July 2009

Organization of Work

Day one: Tuesday, 30 June 2009

08:30 – 09:30  Registration of participants
09:30 – 10:30  Opening of the meeting

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee break

11:00 – 11:15  Adoption of the agenda and announcements

THEME I: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT: 
IMPLICATIONS FOR DATA COLLECTION

11:15 - 12:15 Chair: Ms. Fathia AbdelFadil (ESCWA)  
- Features of international migration in the Arab countries and related policies, Mr. Frederico Neto (ESCWA)  
- International migration and development at the United Nations, Mr. Bela Hovy (DESA)  
- Migration statistics: Policy and development, Ms. Ann Singleton (consultant)

12:15 - 12:45  Discussion

12:45 - 13:45 Chair: GCC country  
- Migration and development in GCC, Mr. Mohammad Al-A’aal Saleh (expert)  
- Youth, migration and development: Opportunities and challenges – Dr. Magda Al-Imam (ALO)  
- Country presentations: Bahrain, Jordan, Syria

13:45 - 15:00  Lunch break

15:00 - 15:30  Discussion
THEME II: INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND METHODOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

15:30 – 16:30 Chair: Ms. Ann Singleton
- The United Nations recommendations on migration statistics and population censuses: Key concepts and definitions, Mr. Bela Hovy (DESA)
- Towards the implementation of the international migration recommendations at the regional level: The MEDSTAT experience, MEDSTAT (Mr. Gianbattista Cantisani).

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 17:15 Coffee break

17:15 – 18:30 Chair: Jordan
- Developing comparable, harmonized statistics on international migration. What are the challenges and what is possible, Ms. Ann Singleton (consultant)
- Country presentations: Iraq, Oman, Sudan

18:30 - 19:00 Discussion

Day Two: Wednesday, 01 July 2009

THEME III. MEASURING MIGRATION USING DIFFERENT DATA SOURCES

09:00 - 10:30 Chair: GCC country
- The 2010 population and housing census: Key suggestions for the Arab world, Mr. Michel Poulain (MEDSTAT)
- Using a migration module in the population census: The Algerian experience (Algeria) Mr. Omar Benbella (MEDSTAT).
- Results from the ESCWA questionnaire / Censuses, Ms. Fathia AbdelFadil (ESCWA)
Tour de table

10:30 - 11:00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:15 Chair: Mr. Bela Hovy
- Methodological aspects of measuring labour migration, Mr. Ayman Zohry (MEDSTAT)
- International migration module for household surveys, Mr. Samir Farid (MEDSTAT)
- Country presentations: Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, & Yemen.

12:15 - 13:00 Discussion
13:00-14:30  **Lunch break**

14:30 – 15:30  **Chair: Palestine**
- Results from the ESCWA questionnaire / Administrative records, *Ms. Fathia AbdelFadil (ESCWA)*
- Migration data sources – lessons learnt from MEDSTAT II
  i. Border crossing registration, Mr. Gianbattista Cantisani (*MEDSTAT*)
  ii. Using border crossing data in Lebanon, Ms. Lara Badre (*MEDSTAT*);
15:30- 16:00  Discussion

16:00-16:15  **Coffee Break**

16:15 - 17:00  iii. Residence permit register and other administrative records, Mr. Michel Poulain (*MEDSTAT*)
  iv. Using residence permit data in Morocco, Ms. Bouchra Bouziani (*MEDSTAT*)
17:00-17:30  Discussion

**Day Three: Thursday, 02 July 2009**

**THEME IV. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION DATA: CHALLENGES IN COMPILATION AND DISSEMINATION**

09:00- 10:30  **Chair: Prof. Jeronimo Cortina (expert)**
- Status of international migration statistics in ESCWA region, *Ms. Fathia AbdelFadil (ESCWA)*
- Closing the gap: Lessons from the United Nations, *Mr. Bela Hovy (DESA)*
- Closing the gap: Experiences from Europe, *Ms. Ann Singleton (consultant)*
  Tour de table
10:30– 11:00  Discussion

11:00– 11:15  **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:15  **Chair: Arab Labour Organization, Ms. Iman Abdel Maqsoud**
- Working group 1: Improving information exchange between NSOs and national ministries
- Working Group 2: Improving data quality, comparability and standardization
12:15- 13:00  Reports of the working groups
- Rapporteur Working Group 1: *Ms. Ann Singleton (consultant)*
- Rapporteur Working Group 2: *IOM*
13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

THEME V. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION STATISTICS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

14:30– 15:30 Chair: Michel Poulain
- Data needs for migration policy in GCC – Mr. Mohammad Al-A’aal Saleh (expert)
- The need for household surveys to study the dynamics of international migration in the Arab region, Mr. Samir Farid (MEDSTAT)

15:30- 16:00 Discussion

16:00- 16:15 Coffee break

16:15- 17:15 - Using household surveys to study the economic and social implications of migration – Prof. Jeronimo Cortina (expert)
- The demography of forced displacement: Implications for migration statistics, UNHCR
- Data needs to support effective migration policies (wrap-up), Ms. Ann Singleton (consultant)

17:15- 18:00 Discussion

Day Four: Friday, 3 July 2009

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

09:00 – 10:00 Chair: Ms. Fathia AbdelFadil (ESCWA); Mr. Bela Hovy (DESA)
Tour de table:
- Priorities in data collection and dissemination
- Priorities in capacity building
- Implementation benchmarks and timelines.

10.00 – 12:00 Conclusions and recommendations