

OECD-IOM-UNDESA International Forum on Migration Statistics 15-16 January 2018, Paris

Call for papers & parallel sessions

Deadline for submission: 30 June 2017

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The International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS-2018)

The **IFMS-2018** aims to mobilise expertise from a wide range of disciplines – such as statistics, economics, demography, sociology, geospatial science, and information technology – that can contribute to improve global understanding of the migration phenomenon. It will explore innovative ways to measure population mobility and generate timely statistics and aims to create synergies between different actors and perspectives, with representatives from 'origin', 'transit' and 'host' countries of migrants. The Forum will also provide a unique opportunity for policy-makers to get in direct contact with migration data experts and to use their expertise to feed policy evaluations and identify best policy options.

The Forum will be organized around the following five themes: (i) **Migration measurement** (concepts, definitions, disaggregation by migratory status, etc), (ii) **Innovation and synthesis of data sources** (new sources and approaches to migration data collection, the needs for real-time data, etc.), (iii) **Understanding migration through data** (gap in migration statistics, data to address policy concern, etc, (iv) **Cooperation and data governance** (e.g. stakeholder coordination, data sharing/exchange, etc), and (v) **Capacity building** (e.g. strategies to enhance institutional capacity, data literacy, use of statistics, etc).

Specific topics and applications could include *inter alia* (i) global, regional or national monitoring of migration flows and stocks, (ii) identification of migrants' characteristics or behaviours, (iii) analysis of public opinion on migration, (iv) evaluation of the economic and social impact of migration and remittances in origin, transit or destination countries, (iv) the measurement of integration and well-being outcomes of immigrants and their children or (v) measurement of SDG indicators related to migration and migrants and contribution to the Global Compact on Migration.

The Forum will take place over two days, at the OECD Headquarters in **Paris from 15 to 16 January 2018**, with a mix of plenary and parallel sessions. It is expected that there will be around 400 participants. Depending on the interest expressed and the feedback received, the International Forum on Migration Statistics may become a regular event in the future.

How can I contribute or participate?

The IFMS-2018 will include between 15 and 20 parallel sessions, each lasting 90 minutes, in addition to plenary sessions with high-level experts. You can contribute in two ways:

- **Propose to organise a session** as individual expert or institution. If selected by the programme committee, session organisers will take complete responsibility for selecting, inviting and briefing panellists/presenters in their session.
- **Submit a paper or a report** that makes a contribution to improving the measurement of migration and its impacts. If selected by the programme committee, the paper will be incorporated in one of the parallel sessions built from individual contributions.

Participation in the Forum is free of charge but participants are expected to cover their costs. A limited number of grants will be available strictly reserved for participants from developing countries.

The Forum will be held in English with interpretation in French available only during plenary sessions.

How will the selection be made?

Proposals will be assessed by the programme committee on the following criteria:

- Full application according to the submission guidelines
- **Importance** of the topic to advancing the statistical agenda on migration and its impacts
- **Credential** and experience of the session organiser and panellists (session) or of presenter (paper)
- Adequacy of available experience and knowledge on the topic allowing exploration of the proposed issues in sufficient detail and with reference to **concrete examples**
- **Complementarity** of the topic with other accepted session proposals, to allow for a diverse and well-balanced programme.

All proposals will be reviewed by programme committee of the IFMS-2018 and candidates will be informed by mid-July 2017 of whether their proposal has been selected.

Who are the members of the programme committee of the IFMS-2018?

- > **Mr. Aderanti Adepoju**, Professor/Chief Executive, Human Resources Development Centre, and Coordinator, Network of Migration Research on Africa, Lagos, Nigeria
- > **Ms. Marie H el ene Amiel**, Inspectrice g en erale de l'Insee, Chef du d epartement des statistiques, des  tudes et de la documentation, Minist ere de l'int erieur, France
- > **Ms. Maruja M.B. Asis**, Director of Research and Publications, Scalabrini Migration Center, Philippines
- > **Mr. Massimo Livi-Bacci**, Professor of Demography, Emeritus University of Florence, Italy
- > **Mr. Douglas S. Massey**, Professor, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, United States
- > **Ms. Ann Singleton**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Poverty and Social Justice, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, United Kingdom
- > Representatives from partner organizations: OECD, IOM, UNDESA, UNECE, Eurostat, ILO, UNHCR, UNODC, World Bank

Submission Guidelines

Session and paper/report proposals must be submitted to IFMS2018@oecd.org by 0h00 (**Paris time, GMT+1**) on **1 July 2017**.

Session proposals must include the following elements (please use the attached submission form or a similar format):

- Theme area
- Session title
- Summary of the subject and the premise in no more than 500 words
- A list of suggested panellists/presenters, the focus of their presentation and whether or not they are confirmed. Sessions should aim for 4-5 panellists/presenters to allow for a breadth of perspectives, while still ensuring that the session can go ahead if one or more contributors withdraw.
- Name, professional affiliation, address, telephone, and email address of session organiser/chair
- A current CV of the organiser/chair of the session (1 page)
- Whether the organisers plan to make an application to sponsor the participation of a panellist from a developing country (with the city of departure and the name of the person) and how the organisation of the session will be adapted should this support not be available.

Paper proposals must include the following elements (please use the attached submission form or a similar format):

- Theme area
- The full paper or report attached
- A short presentation of the contribution of the paper/report to the measurement of migration phenomena and its value added (no more than 500 words)
- Name, professional affiliation, address, telephone, and email address of the person who will make the presentation
- A current CV (1 page)
- Confirmation that the presenter will be able to cover his/her cost to attend the IFMD-2018 in Paris or an application for an individual grant (with the city of departure)

i Please note that participants are normally expected to cover their costs and that only a limited number of grants will be available strictly reserved for participants from developing countries.

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Session or paper title:

Theme of the contribution: Migration measurement Innovation and synthesis of data sources
 Understanding migration through data Cooperation and data governance Capacity building

Short description of the proposed session or paper (500 words)

Panellists & chair (name, affiliation and topic)

Chair. _____

1. _____

Confirmed

2. _____

Confirmed

3. _____

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4. _____

Confirmed

5. _____

Contact details:

Institution responsible for the organisation of the session :

_____ N/A

CV of the session organiser or of the author of the proposed paper/report attached

Paper attached

[name]

[Professional affiliation]:

[Telephone]

[e-mail address]

Submit an application for the travel grant for the following person :

Name :

Nationality :

City of departure :

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