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Welcome

- Frank Laczko, Director, IOM's GMDAC
- Ulrich Weinbrenner, General Director for Migration, Refugees, and Return Policy, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building, and Community (BMI), Federal Republic of Germany
- Stephen Quest, Director General of the Joint Research Centre, European Commission (**video message**)
- Raphaela Schweiger, Program Director Migration, Global Issues, Robert Bosch Stiftung
- Dario Tarchi, Head of the Demography, Migration and Governance Unit at the EC Joint Research Centre
- Leila Ben Ali, Head of Statistics Division, African Union Commission, Interim Head of the African Migration Observatory

9:30–10:15

What data for what policy purposes?

Understanding the demand side for data is essential to developing suitable data innovation initiatives and programmes in migration policy. Which policy questions in Africa and Europe are currently left unanswered by traditional data? What are policy priorities towards new data in migration statistics? This session will explore and outline the prevalent information gaps in migration policy across African and European countries.

Discussants:

- Lucy Daxbacher, IGAD and AU Labour Migration Advisory Committee
- Mehari Taddele Maru, Migration Policy Centre
- Stefano Iacus, European Commission's JRC
- Rifat Hossain, Normative Research and Evidence Gathering Health & Migration Programme, WHO
- Tim Breitzkreuz, German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)

10:15–11:30

Moderator:

Sara Grubanov Boskovic, European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Q&A

Coffee break

11:30–11:45

Focus session:

Opportunities and challenges of forecasting methodologies in migration-related policymaking

Many EU countries have significantly invested in methodologies to forecast or anticipate future migration movements, to increase preparedness of reception and asylum systems and proactively inform policy. At the same time, migration is a complex, multidimensional phenomenon and making accurate predictions is a difficult endeavour. Which approaches and methodologies have proved informative in answering specific policy questions? What should and should we not expect from forecasting methodologies? This session will discuss the opportunities and challenges of forecasting methods in migration policy.

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Conversation between:

- Jakub Bijak, University of Southampton
- Teddy Wilkin, European Asylum Support Office

Moderator:

Helga de Valk, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI)

Lunch break

12:15–13:30

Harnessing data innovation for migration policy

The development of data innovation initiatives and programmes in migration policy does not start from zero. A variety of good practices have demonstrated how new data sources complement traditional data in informing migration-related policymaking. Which data innovation projects are most relevant for the African and European contexts and could be replicated across countries and regions? This session will highlight existing data innovation practices and reflect on their potential for migration-related policymaking in Africa and Europe.

Discussants:

- Wole Ademola Adewole, Flowminder, and Jibril Fuseini, Ghana Statistical Service
- Marzia Rango, IOM's GMDAC
- Emilio Zagheni, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
- Andy Tatem, WorldPop, University of Southampton

13:30–14:45

Moderator:

Niklas Sievers, IOM's GMDAC

Q&A

Focus session:

Ethical principles and fundamental rights considerations in data innovation for migration policy

New data comes with new challenges. Individuals share unprecedented amounts of personal information via new technology, such as smartphones and social media. Are the existing normative standards still fit to guarantee fundamental rights in the changing landscape of the digital sphere?

14:45–15:15

Conversation between:

- David Reichel, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
- Ana Beduschi, University of Exeter

Moderator:

Tuba Bircan, Vrije University Brussels

Coffee break

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The governance of data innovation in Europe and Africa

In most cases, developing data innovation initiatives is a multi-stakeholder effort of partners in the public, private, and civil sectors. What are the incentives and obstacles for all sides involved, and how can we create functional ethical and regulatory frameworks to facilitate collaboration? This session will discuss lessons learned and outline key governance principles to facilitate cross-sectoral data partnerships and guarantee security, privacy, and ethical standards.

Discussants:

- Nuria Oliver, Vodafone/Data Pop Alliance
- Alex Pompe, Meta
- Davis Adieno, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Alessandra Righi, Istat's Centre on Trusted Smart Statistics
- Eduardo Zambrano, IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)

15:30–17:00

Moderator:

Stefaan Verhulst, GovLab, New York University

Q&A

Focus Session:

Applications of artificial intelligence in migration policy

Machine-learning and artificial intelligence technologies have increased the volume and velocity with which data from various data sources can be analysed, offering an enormous potential to inform policies and programmes related to migration, while generating new risks related to automated decision-making. This session will focus on the potential, caveats, and risks of applications of AI methods to inform migration policy.

Conversation between:

- Tim Breitzkreuz, German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)
- Dominik Hangartner, Immigration Policy Lab, ETH Zurich
- José María Tárraga and Gustau Camps, Image Signal Processing, University of Valencia

17:00–17:45

Moderator:

Jessica Bither, Robert Bosch Foundation

Closing Remarks

Frank Laczko, IOM's GMDAC

17:45–18:00

