Fundamentals of National Migration Governance: IOM’s approach, programs and tools

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Introduction

- Migration is a human undertaking aimed at meeting desires and aspirations influenced by societal factors and forces
- But, simultaneously, migration is a complex and multi-layered State-run phenomenon shaped by geopolitics, socio-economic forces and cultural realities (origin and destination countries)
- At the national level, States are facing many challenges in governing migration
  - Drawing a balance between maximizing economic gain, protecting citizens (home/abroad) and maintaining State security
  - Managing tensions between States sovereignty/national interest of States and the universal human rights of citizens/non-citizens
  - Accommodating/adapting international legal norms/practices in governing migration and human mobility
  - Capacity and resource constrains
Fundamentals of National Migration Governance

- Human Rights of Migrants
- Legal and administrative processes
- Consultation and Ownership
- Migration and Development Nexus
- Evidence-based Policy Making
- Linkages with other sectors
Process of National Migration Governance

- National migration trends and patterns: regional and international forces and factors
- Statistics
- National Migration Policy, Strategy & Action Plan
- National laws and procedures
- Administrative structures, human and technological capacity, interagency collaboration, resources
- Operational capacity, enforcement and impact evaluation
- National legal instruments, administration and institutions
- International and regional policies/agreements, instruments
IOM’s Approach to Migration Governance

IOM “working definition” of governance

“System of institutions, legal frameworks, mechanisms, and practices aimed at regulating migration and protecting migrants. Used almost synonymously with the term “migration management”…”

(IOM Glossary on Migration, 2nd edition, 2011)
IOM’s Programmes in Migration Governance

- Migration & Development
  - RCPs, IDM and Global Initiatives
- Policy, Research and Law
- Regulating Migration
- Reparation Programmes
- Resettlement, Movement, Emergency & Post-Crisis
- Migration Health
- Facilitating Migration
IOM’s Tools for Enhancing National Governance

“Essentials of Migration Management” – A Guide

- Capacity building tool for effective migration management
- Comprehensive overview of migration management
- Establishes links between migration and other disciplines
- ForMigration and other government officials, migration policy makers or practitioners, social science professionals and experts, academics/students and journalists
IOM’s Tools for Enhancing National Governance

“Training Manual on Labour Migration”

• Comprehensive training modules that encourage trainees to think critically about labour migration

• Helps developing efficient, well-adapted response programmes and policies that fit specific requirements and objectives

• For all government structures, civil society, private sector, and international organizations involved in labour migration management
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“Training Manuals for Border Management”

- Passport examination procedure manual
- Essentials of migration practice
- Extensive training programmes delivered by experienced immigration management practitioners and trainers, notably at IOM’s African Capacity Building Center
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“International Migration Law Course”

• Annual Course on International Migration Law designed for governments officials, academia and representatives of international and non-governmental organizations

• In collaboration with the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) in Sanremo

• Key objective of this Course is to raise awareness of the governments officials and those working on managing migration within the rule of law
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“Migration Profile” – A capacity building tool

• Migration Profile can support policy development through:
  – Improving access to and availability of migration data and research
  – Identifying data/research gaps and promoting information-sharing at national and regional levels.
  – Promoting discussion on migration policy, coherence and coordination involving a large range of ministries
  – Deepen understanding of the policy option and information needs
  – Increased capacity building, monitoring and evaluation, strengthened government ownership, long term sustainability, sharing of lessons learned and improved technical guidance
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IOM “World Migration Report and other Research”

- Building an open, balanced and comprehensive migration discourse
- Enhancing policy and programmatic capacities
- De-politicizing the debate and directly addressing issues of concerns
- Assisting to build partnerships
IOM’s Programme for Enhancing National Governance

IOM Development Fund

Developing Capacities in Migration Management

• IOM Development Fund, established in 2001, provides support to IOM developing Member States and to Member States with economies in transition for the development and implementation of joint government-IOM projects to address particular areas of migration management, particularly in the field of capacity building.
Way Forward

- Fundamental shift in linking migration with development
- An integrated, balanced and pragmatic approach to govern migration at national level:
  - A “whole-of-government” process
  - A “whole-of-society” approach
  - Promote greater coherence between migration and development
  - Migrant-centric approach
  - Public education and public information
  - National legislation that facilitates regular migration and discourages irregular migration
  - A collaborative framework
Thank you