



Brainstorming session for a possible project on data on diaspora human capital

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What data do we need on diasporas?

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Diasporas and sustainable development

- Transnational communities and diasporas: **contributions to sustainable development across countries and sectors**
- **Increasing policy recognition**
 - GCM objective 19
 - Agenda 2030
 - Migration policy framework for Africa
 - EU Communication on attracting skills and talents to the EU
 - Diaspora engagement strategies
 - Bilateral labour migration agreements and partnerships



The need for diaspora data

Data needs for evidence-informed policymaking and programming

Scarce availability of diaspora data

Lack of information regarding the number of diaspora members, and their diversified characteristics and needs

Dublin Declaration (2022) calling to improve data on diasporas

Diasporas' human capital and talents

- **Diasporas' human capital** includes diasporas' skills, knowledge and experience
- Diasporas' human capital and talents are key for their contributions to **sustainable development**
- They are also key for contributions to specific sectors such as **health** (SDG3), **education** (SDG4), **work** (SDG4), and **environmental protection** (SDG13), as well as for **international partnerships** (SDG17).
- **GCM objective 19** calls to “invest in research on non-financial contributions of migrants and diasporas (...) such as knowledge and skills transfer, social and civil engagement, and cultural exchange”.

Data on diaspora human capital: main challenges

Data on diaspora human capital are still not quantified internationally

No international guidelines or toolkits have been developed yet

Consequences for states' capacities to collect, process and analyse these data, and for their ability to adopt evidence-informed strategies and measures to engage with transnational communities

Needs include:

Developing member states' capacities with regard to diaspora data

Developing a tool to quantify data on diaspora human capital

Exploring the role of data on diaspora human capital for as health (SDG3), education (SDG4), work (SDG4), and environmental protection (SDG13), as well as for international partnerships (SDG17)

Providing advice to member states on the use of data on diaspora human capital for national and international policymaking and programming

Needs emerging from this School/1

- Data and evidence on:
 - diasporas and their characteristics (including South-South diasporas)
 - diaspora skills and knowledge
 - diaspora contributions to domestic processes such as development
- Diaspora data for/to
 - SDG reporting
 - inform diaspora engagement
 - Inform the facilitation of diaspora transfers, including transfers of skills and knowledge
- Mechanisms to ensure that diaspora data and evidence are transmitted to policy processes

Needs emerging from this School/2

HOW TO

estimate informal transfers?

quantify transfers of human and social capital?

Overcome issues of trust (diaspora-governments)?

Define diasporas?

Combine different sources of data?

Ensure diaspora participation in development processes?

Ensure data sharing and dissemination?

Establish international partnerships?

Interesting approaches emerging from this School/1

ON DATA COLLECTION

Data collection through multiple channels (for ex. voluntary online registration, diaspora associations, local authorities, professional associations)

Diaspora mappings regarding specific sectors (for ex. health sector)

International cooperation

(International) whole of society approaches

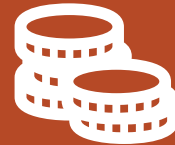
Using data collected in countries of destination



Interesting approaches emerging from this School/2



Cooperation between data users and producers (for ex. diaspora institutions and INS)



Exploring economic, human and social capital



Channeling diaspora expertise for humanitarian responses

Break-out groups

1. **Who is working** on diaspora human capital and related data in your country?
2. **What is being done** in terms of policy initiatives, data and institutional mechanisms regarding data on diasporas and their human capital in your country?
3. **What are needs and priorities** for your countries and institutions regarding data on diasporas and their human capital?
4. **Which actors and institutions** are important?

Coffee break

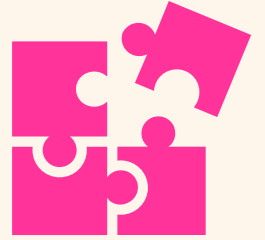


Outcomes of discussions

- Rapporteurs of the break-out groups



IOM proposed response



1. Member state capacity development

- Developing national capacities, through existing IOM training material, such as the IOM Diaspora Mapping Toolkit and the guide Contributions and Counting: Guidance on Measuring the Economic Impact of your Diaspora beyond Remittances, as well as through the development of toolkits and training material on data on diaspora human capital specifically.

2. Diaspora human capital data for policy

- Developing a system to quantify data on diaspora human capital.
- Developing policy reports and policy guidelines on the role of data on diaspora human capitals for achieving SDGs 3 (health), 4 (education), 8 (work), 13 (environmental protection) and 17 (partnerships and institutions)
- Improving dissemination of available diaspora data.

Wrap-up



Thank you!

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