

KNOMAD
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Thematic Working Group 8: Demographic Changes and Migration

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I. Objectives

Key Objective – to analyze and promote a better understanding of the linkages between demographic changes and migration, focusing on development implications for migrant sending, transit and receiving countries for informed migration policy that will maximize the benefits and minimize the costs of migration to countries of origin, transit and destination as well as to the migrants themselves.

II. Work Program

The Chair and Co-Chair prepared the work plan for a range of activities including preparing papers on key topics related migration and demography, and arranging seminars bringing together experts in this very specialized and technical field. Efforts are being made to ensure adequate representation from around the world in both the preparation of outputs and sharing of ideas at the seminars.

The first working paper is under preparation, and a joint workshop with the UN Population Division is planned for April 29, 2014. Additional consultants to undertake further research and analytical work have been identified and are being processed.

Key challenges include engaging relevant experts and the limited availability of data.

III. Synergies with Other Thematic Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Themes

There are potential areas of collaboration between Thematic Working Group 8 and a number of other Thematic Working Groups, especially data and policy and institutional coherence, as well as the Cross-Cutting Themes of Gender and Capacity Building.

IV. Building / Expanding the Thematic Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Themes

The seminar on April 29, 2014 will be used also to build the working group, and will be a good opportunity to explore collaboration with other institutions, and develop connections with existing processes at the global, regional and national levels.

V. Next Steps

Process two additional consultants (including terms of reference) – April 2014.
Seminar/workshop on methodology of migration projections and availability of data - April 29, 2014.
Hold KNOMAD Seminar on Migration and Demography at the World Bank (May 1 or 2, 2014).
Make available first of three papers – June 2014.