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The Future of Migration: Building Capacities for Change

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- Character of the report
- Aims and objectives
- Capacity-building
- Core capacities
- Next steps



Character of the report

- Future-oriented
- Complementary to existing initiatives
- Focus on capacity-building
- Global perspective



Aims and objectives

- An ‘inventory’ of activities required for coping with likely changes in international migration
- Review of existing activities and identification of effective practice
- Policy recommendations to states, civil society, and international organizations



Capacity-building

- ‘The process of strengthening the knowledge, abilities, skills, resources, structures, and processes that states and institutions need in order to achieve their goals effectively and sustainably, and to adapt to change’
- To promote humane and orderly policies for the movement of people



Capacity-building contd.

- A growth area...but...
- Narrowly focused
- Geographically uneven
- Short-term
- Lack of a comprehensive approach



Core capacities

- Enormous divergences in existing capacities
- ‘One-size-fits-all’ approach is inappropriate
- Not prescriptive
- A tool for self-evaluation against future risks



Core capacities contd.

- Labour mobility
- Irregular migration
- Migration and development
- Integration
- Environmental change
- Migration governance



Migration governance

1. Developing a national migration policy
2. Strengthening migration management at the national level
3. Coordinated policy-making and implementation
4. Generating better data and research
5. Policy evaluation
6. Developing urban governance
7. Engaging the private sector
8. Enhancing the role of civil society
9. Effective RCPs
10. Addressing the need for more coherent global governance



Next steps

- A more rigorous analysis of core capacities
- A more systematic overview of existing capacities worldwide
- An assessment of current capacities
- Identifying priorities
- Implementation, enforcement, monitoring and evaluation