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Concept Note and Agenda

THAMM

● Towards a Holistic Approach to Labour Migration Governance and Labour Mobility in North Africa

## Launch Event

# Diagnostic study on labour migration data collection mechanisms in Egypt

Conrad Hotel (The Nile Ballroom)

Cairo, Egypt

28 August, 2023

## Background

Under the ILO's Action from the "Towards a holistic approach to labour migration governance and labour mobility in North Africa" (THAMM) programme in Egypt, funded by the European Union (and specifically the third Specific Objective (SO3) "**Migration related knowledge and data management in the field of legal migration and mobility is improved**"), CAPMAS as lead of SO3 and the ILO embarked on developing a diagnostic study on the "labour migration data collection mechanisms" in Egypt. ILO has conducted similar diagnostic studies globally and specifically in North Africa under other development cooperation projects (in Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia, in 2019)<sup>1</sup> with a view to supporting harmonization of labour migration data as per the 20<sup>th</sup> **International** Conference of **Labour** Statisticians (ICLS) guidelines concerning statistics of international labour migration,<sup>2</sup> as well as the emergence of national and regional integrated information systems on labour migration. This approach continues to be supported by the ILO across North Africa through the AMEM and THAMM projects.

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<sup>1</sup> These reports can be found here [https://www.ilo.org/africa/technical-cooperation/WCMS\\_710413/lang--fr/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/africa/technical-cooperation/WCMS_710413/lang--fr/index.htm) together with a regional conference report on the topic held in 2019 [https://www.ilo.org/africa/technical-cooperation/WCMS\\_761185/lang--fr/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/africa/technical-cooperation/WCMS_761185/lang--fr/index.htm)

<sup>2</sup> The Guidelines can be found here [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---stat/documents/meetingdocument/wcms\\_648922.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---stat/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_648922.pdf)

The main objective of the diagnostic study is to conduct an assessment (diagnosis) and evaluation of the existing statistical and administrative data sources related to labour migration. This study seeks to identify strengths and weaknesses in data collection mechanisms and processes. By analyzing the data sources, the objective is to enhance international comparability of labour migration data and improve the overall quality and reliability of the information. Furthermore, the study aims to foster the development of a national labour migration integrated information system. This system is designed to create a coordinated network of institutions, individuals, and data sources, all working together to improve the production, analysis, research, and dissemination of labour migration-related information. Such a system facilitates better decision-making, policy formulation, and implementation in the context of labour migration.

Drawing on the methodology developed for these previous diagnostic studies and on international benchmarking, the study was conducted by Dr. Ali Rashed, an external consultant with expertise in Egyptian statistics, under the supervision of Mr. Yacouba Diallo, ILO Senior Labour Statistics Specialist, Ms. Nadia Touhiri, Regional Labour Statistician, Ms. Elisa Benes, Senior Labour Migration Statistician and Ms. Isabelle Kronisch, ILO Labour Migration Specialist. The study was conducted over three phases as follows:

1. The first phase which included a desk review of labour migration data sources (stock and flow, administrative and statistical sources), identifying the partners of CAPMAS, as well as identifying potential sources of labour migration data, and designing tools required for data collection. This phase lasted from June 2021 to August 2021.
2. The second phase included preparation for the study activities. These activities included collecting the data required for the study, conducting in-depth interviews, writing reports, and submitting a draft final report for the diagnostic study. This phase lasted from September 2021 to December 2021.
3. The third and final phase, which included producing a report on the study showcasing the outputs, identifying labour migration indicators that are in line with international standards, formulating recommendations and lessons learned, and consulting with partners. This phase lasted from January 2022 to March 2022. A workshop to share the study results with national partners was held in March 2022, and the input by the partners was taken into account into the revised version of the study.

The report has laid out a set of general and specific recommendations for labour migration data producers and users. In the general recommendations, the wording of each recommendation and the main institution/national partner that could build on this recommendation were listed. This is in addition to a set of special/specific recommendations, which are related to the type of international migrant. These recommendations were made for each of the national partners.

## Objectives of the Launch Event

In an effort to increase visibility around the study, the purpose of the launch event is to present the study and its main findings to all the national partners that participated in the study and to all stakeholders who are concerned with the labour migration data in Egypt. The launch event will also serve to engage partners and stakeholders on key recommendations and steps forward on the question of forming an action plan based on the key recommendations to be endorsed by the GoE.

The launch event will be an opportunity to present the Arabic translation of the 20<sup>th</sup> ICLS guidelines (2018) concerning the statistics of international labour migration. The Arabic translation was carried out as a result of a webinar held in December 2021 by the ILO to sensitize the national partner on the guidelines. The translation of 20<sup>th</sup> ICLS guidelines concerning statistics on international labour migration into Arabic comes as a significant achievement under the THAMM programme. This accomplishment is expected to benefit Arabic speaking countries by aiding them in the development of their national statistical system by collecting comparable statistics on international labour migration. These guidelines serve as a main reference document for evaluating the national labour migration data collection mechanisms and processes during the diagnostic study in Egypt. Their adoption and implementation will support the improvement and standardization of data collection practices on labour migration in the Arab speaking countries.

## Course of the event

The launch event is an official ceremony attended by national representatives and taking a face-to-face format. In addition to this, a virtual connection of the event shall be made available to allow other stakeholders to attend the event remotely.

The event is expected to take the below course:

- Opening remarks from the national lead and representatives of the donor and ILO;
- Introductory presentation on the 20<sup>th</sup> ICLS Guidelines, emphasizing the availability of the Arabic version, which has been elaborated under the THAMM project;
- Overview about the diagnostic study and its main findings
- Open discussion around a coordinated way forward;
- Q&A session; and
- Reception

## Target Audience

The meeting shall include representatives from the national partners consulted for the study, as well as the donor (EU), the Implementing Agencies (IAs), and NSOs from the THAMM partner countries: Morocco and Tunisia. Below is a proposed list of the entities to be invited:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Labour
- Ministry of State for Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs
- The National Coordinating Committee for Combating and Preventing Illegal Migration and Trafficking in Persons
- Ministry of Social Solidarity
- Ministry of Education and Technical Education
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- National Organization for Social Insurance
- European Union Delegation (EUD) to Egypt
- IOM
- GIZ
- UN-mixed migration working group members
- Synerjies Centre
- Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies at the AUC
- Independent experts
- Haut-Commissariat au Plan (Morocco)
- Institut National de la Statistiques (Tunisia) & Conseil National de la Statistique (Tunisia)

### Date and Venue

The launch event will be held on Monday, **28 August, 2023** at the Conrad Hotel, Nile Ballroom (1191 Corniche El Nil) in Cairo, Egypt. The main language of the event is AR, however simultaneous ENG/AR will be available. The below zoom link is available for participants wishing to participate virtually, as follows:

- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86252650788>
- Meeting ID: 862 5265 0788

### The Agenda

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session</i>
<b>09:30-10:00</b>	Registration and refreshments
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>General Mr. Khairat Barakat</b>, President, CAPMAS</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Graziella Rizza</b>, Head of sector in charge of Migration, Security, Governance, Gender and Civil Society, European Union Delegation to Egypt</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Eric Oechslin</b>, Director of the DWT for North Africa &amp; Country Director for Egypt and Eritrea, ILO</li> </ul>

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session</i>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Group Photo and Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00-11:45</b>	<b>Introducing the 20th ICLS guidelines concerning the statistics of international labour migration with focus on the availability of the Arabic version of the guidelines</b> <b>Ms. Nadia Touhiri</b> , Regional Labour Statistician, ILO Regional Office for Africa RO-Africa
<b>11:45- 12:45</b>	<b>Presentation and Discussion of the diagnostic study and its main findings</b> <b>Dr. Ali Rashed</b> (virtual), ILO consultant
<b>12:45-13:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>13:15-14:15</b>	<b>Open discussion- a coordinated way forward</b> <b>Facilitated by: Dr. Soheir Metwally</b> , Head of the Migration Data Analysis Unit, CAPMAS, <b>Ms. Nadia Touhiri</b> , Regional Labour Statistician, ILO Regional Office for Africa RO-Africa and <b>Ms. Aurelia Segatti</b> , ILO THAMM Regional Programme Manager
<b>14:15-15:30</b>	<b>Reception</b>