

Key Findings

- While it may seem as if there is an “information overload” when it comes to research about migration, the rapid expansion of disinformation on migration has influenced the public discourse as never before, making it more important than ever to ensure that policymakers have access to rigorous analysis and research.
- As the nature of publishing changes, organizations including those in the United Nations system are using a diverse range of outputs for their research, with data visualization, portals, blogs, webinars, videos and podcasts all helping reach wider audiences.
- Organizations in the United Nations system are uniquely placed to gather data, owing to their presence in the field, as well as their relationship with governmental bodies. The United Nations system also acts as a bridge between the research community and policymakers, allowing for vital cross-fertilization between these two worlds.
- In December 2018, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. The United Nations Network on Migration (UNNM) was also established to ensure coordination between Member States in their implementation of the Global Compact, and the IOM is the coordinator of the UNNM.
- The Migration Network Hub is another vital element of the Global Compact for Migration. Launched in March 2021 it provides a virtual meeting space to create a community where users can share knowledge on migration and identify good practices and initiatives. It hosts a comprehensive Experts Database and key knowledge products, such as the World Migration Report.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has affected resource allocations in the field of research, with many research priorities being shifted to address the consequences of the global pandemic. The United Nations system, as a key producer of knowledge and analysis, has been both impacted by and responsive to these trends.

- Nevertheless, for IOM it is important to recall that alongside its focus on operational delivery, it has always had a strong focus on migration research, right from its establishment in 1951. As highlighted in an article by IOM's Director General, the Organization established the first scientific journal on migration in 1961, which has evolved to become the independently-edited globally focused journal *International Migration*, and continues to be supported by IOM.

Takeaway for Policy

The stigmatization of migrants resulting from misinformation and politicization means we must reflect on how we can provide critical and evidence-based analysis. We encourage policymakers, practitioners, researchers and others to explore and exploit the wealth of written research and analysis on migration with a critical eye. The opportunity to also listen and share knowledge on migration can support new lines of thinking, dispel myths and untruths, and help craft more effective sustainable policy responses that are based on evidence and rigour.



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