

Human Development

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The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has a broad experience in the interlinkages of international migration, human rights and development. For decades, it has been mandated by its Member States to follow up on these issues in the region, particularly by undertaking studies and research, providing training and technical assistance, promoting technical cooperation and capacity building, and generating migration related data and information.

Over the years, CELADE - the Population Division of ECLAC, has produced several studies on migration patterns and trends, has launched and maintained MILA, a major regional data bank on international migration, and has assisted governments in the region in the design and evaluation of policies, regulations, plans and strategies on migration. The role played by ECLAC in the generation of evidence and indicators for the follow up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population, Labor Organization and Migration is well recognized by the United Nations Population Commission and the International Organization for Migration.

A most recent and relevant contribution was the organization of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Preparatory Meeting for the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) on Migration held in August 2017.

The meeting was attended by a wide range of stakeholders from academia from 15 countries of the region, including the Secretary of Labour, Migration and Social Security, special representative of the Secretary of Labour, Migration and Social Security, and Ambassador Juan José G.

on Migration. The results of the meeting constitute an important contribution of the region to the process leading to the Global Compact.

ECLAC provides continuous support to the intergovernmental forums on migration in the region –the South American Conference on Migration and the Regional Conference on Migration and has many