

## SIDE EVENT

### “Enhancing migration data and evidence-based policy making in Africa: recent initiatives and next steps”

On Thursday 26th August 2021—11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
(Morocco Time)

#### Brief background

Accurate, reliable and timely data that are disaggregated by sex, age, migration status, and other characteristics are vital for informed public discourse on migration and the formulation of evidence-based and migrant inclusive policies. Data is also necessary to monitor progress towards the achievement of the GCM objectives on the continent, and of the migration related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with its imperative of leaving no one behind.

#### Side event objectives

This event aims to provide an overview of recent initiatives and share lessons learned that contribute to accelerate the successful implementation of Objective 1 and Objective 3 of the GCM in Africa, thereby informing the discussions and outcomes of the Continental Review Conference.

This Special Session will be organized over Zoom

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Interpretation will be available in EN FR AR

#### Facilitator

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#### Speakers

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Mr **Diego Iturralde**, Chief Director: Demography and Population Statistics, Statistics South Africa  
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