

Infosheet No 3

MIGRATION AND MIGRANTS: REGIONAL DIMENSIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS

This chapter focuses on key regional dimensions and developments and seeks to assist migration policymakers, practitioners and researchers in making better sense of international migration by using a geographic perspective to present regional migration overviews. The discussion focuses on six world regions, namely Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Northern America, and Oceania. For each of these regions, the analysis includes:

- An overview and brief discussion of key statistics
- Descriptions of “key features and developments” in migration in the region, based on a wide range of data, information and analyses, including from international organizations, researchers and analysts.

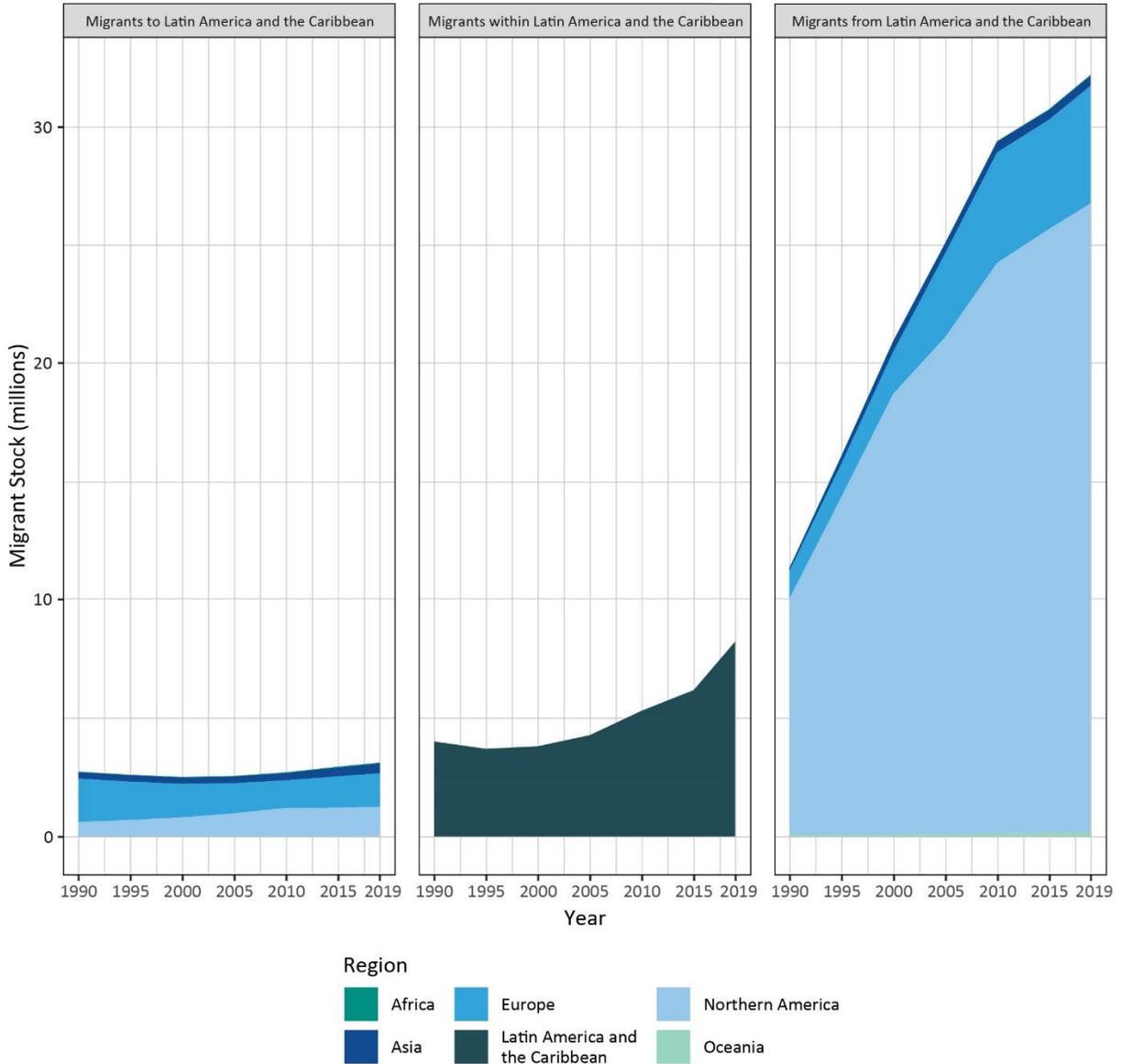
“Key features and recent developments” are presented at the subregional level, and provide information on migration patterns from, within and to the subregions. Beyond this, information is provided on the particular features of migration, such as:

- Labour migration and remittances
- Intra-regional migration
- Irregular migration
- Internal and international displacement
- Integration
- Student migration
- Demographic trends

Overall, the chapter illustrates important differences across regions and sub-regions, as well as growing complexities in migration dynamics around the world. These differences and complexities raise important issues and challenges for national and global policymaking. For example, growing complexities in migration create direct challenges for national systems and have important implications for the most effective forms of governance and cooperation between countries, especially within regions and subregions but also across different regions.

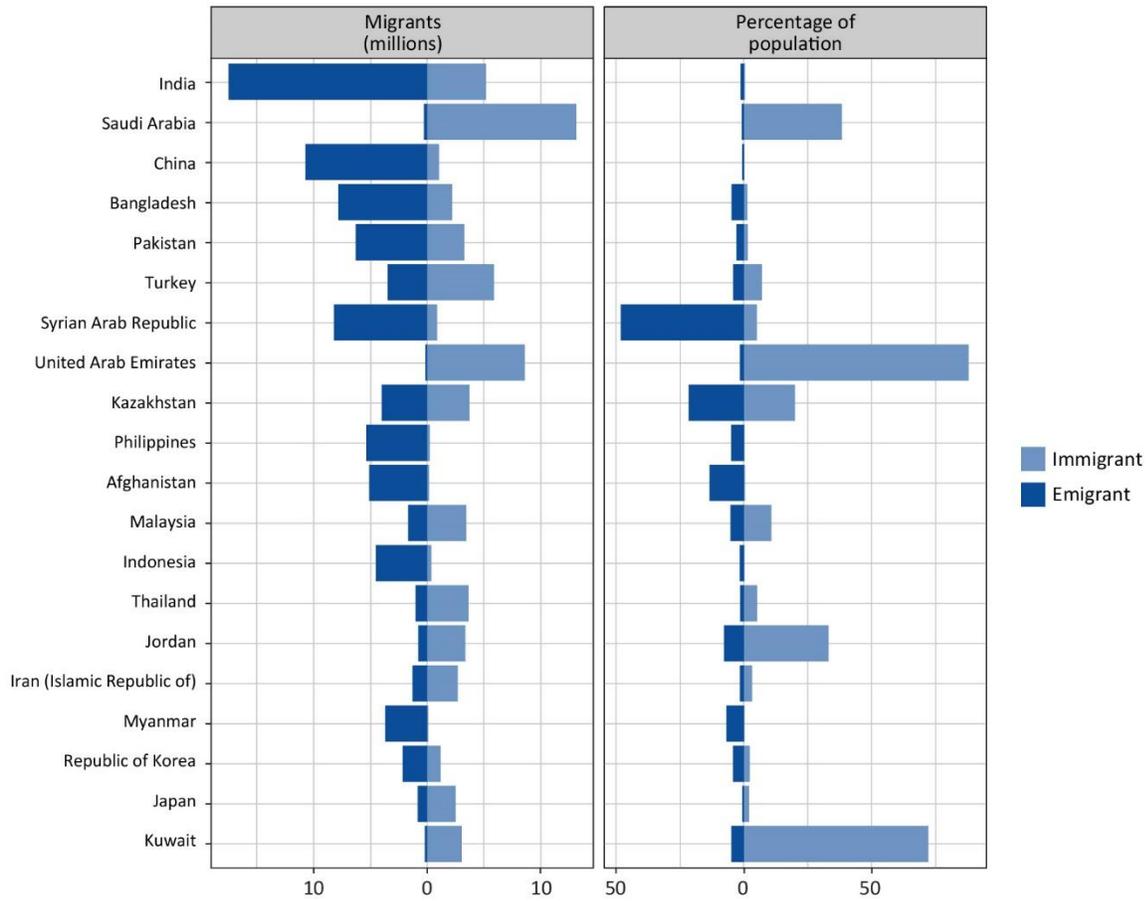
SNAPSHOT OF MIGRATION DYNAMICS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, ASIA AND AFRICA

Migrants to, within and from Latin America and the Caribbean



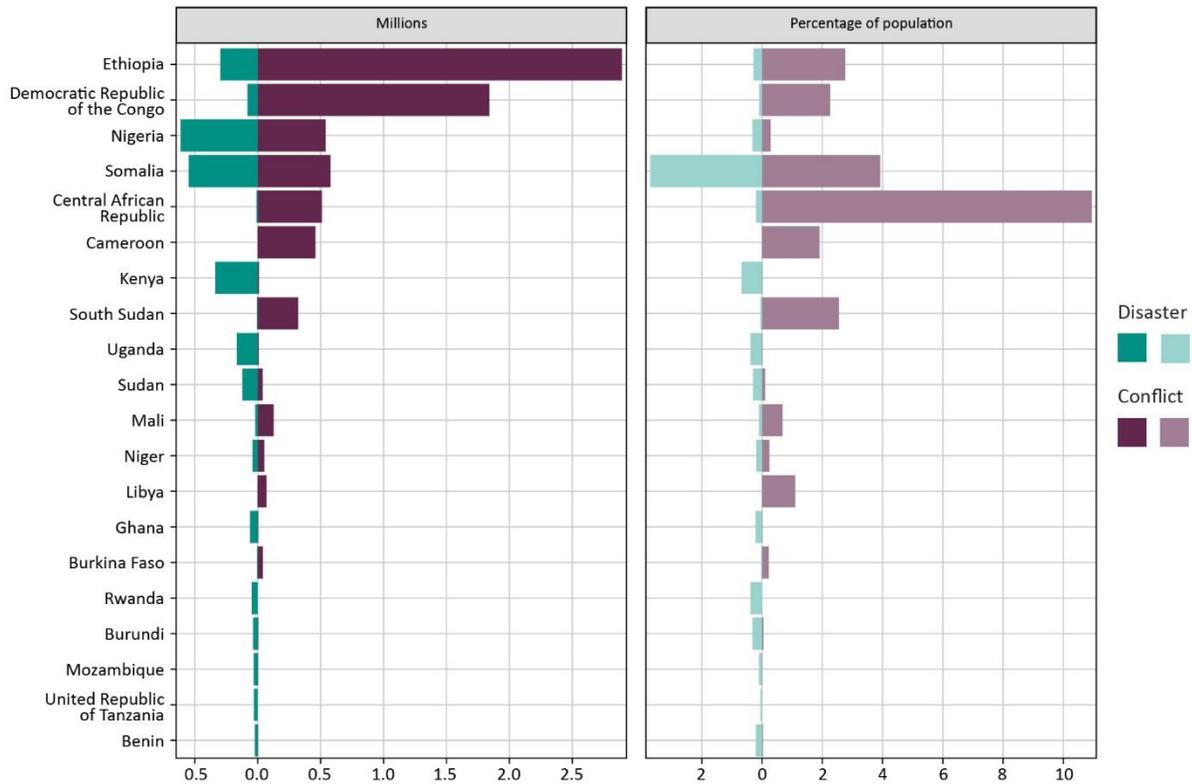
The figure above shows the number of migrants born in other regions and residing in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), the number of migrants born within LAC and residing outside their country of birth but are still within LAC, and the number of migrants born in LAC and residing outside the region.

Top 20 Asian migration countries in 2019



The figure above shows the top 20 countries in Asia, ranked by the number of foreign-born migrants residing in each country (immigrants) and by the number of people born in each country who were residing outside their country of birth (emigrants) in 2019.

Top 20 African countries by new internal displacements (disaster and conflict) in 2018



The term “new displacements” refers to the number of displacement movements that occurred in 2018, not the total accumulated stock of IDPs resulting from displacement over time. New displacement figures include individuals who have been displaced more than once and do not correspond to the number of people displaced during the year.

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