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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; and
- Succinct 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.

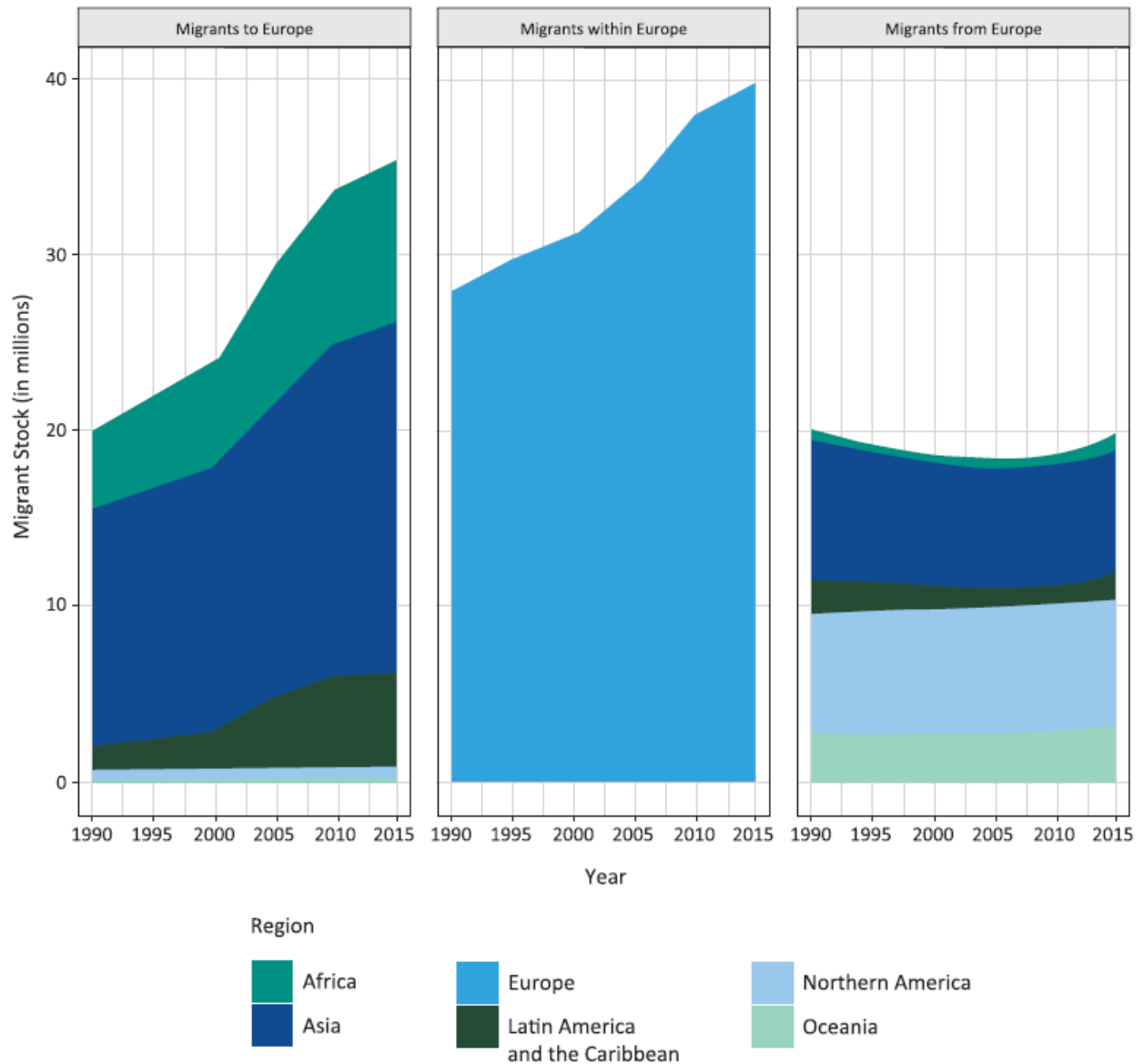
“Key features and recent developments” are presented at the subregional level, and provide information on migration patterns from, within and to the subregions. Beyond this, information is provided on the particular features of migration each subregion, such as:

- Labour migration and remittances
- Intra-regional migration
- Irregular migration
- Migrant smuggling and human trafficking
- Internal and international displacement
- Integration

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, differences can have implications for applying good practices and in ensuring that governance approaches are tailored to meet regional dimensions. Similarly, growing complexities in migration dynamics create direct challenges for national regulators and have important implications for the most effective forms of governance and cooperation between countries.

SNAPSHOT OF MIGRATION DYNAMICS IN EUROPE, ASIA AND AFRICA

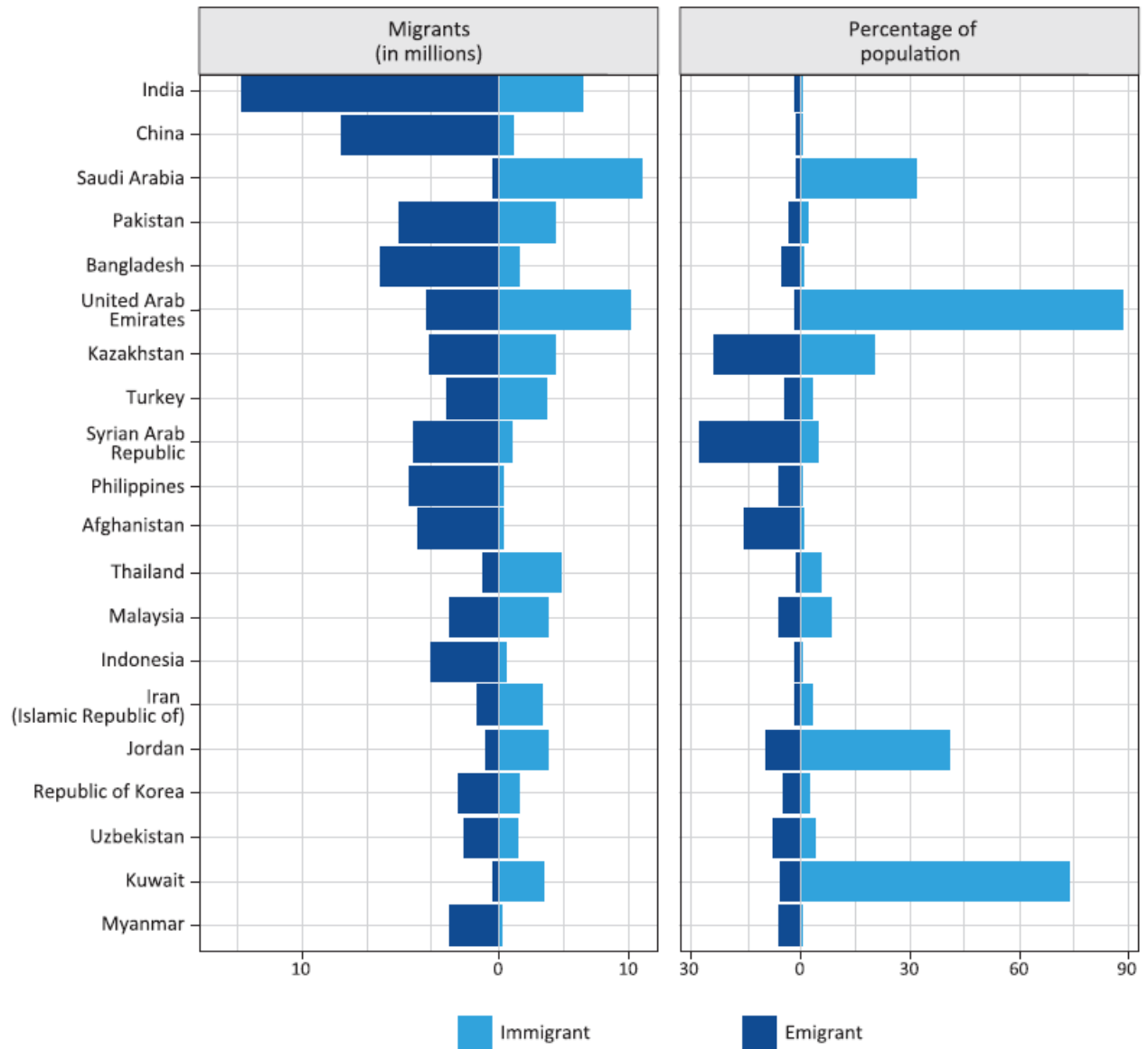
Migrants to Europe, within Europe and from Europe between 1990 and 2015



The figure above shows the number of migrants born in other regions and residing in Europe, the number of migrants born within Europe and residing outside their country of birth but are still within Europe, and the number of migrants born in Europe and residing outside the region. One third of the world's international migrants (75 million) lived in Europe in 2015.



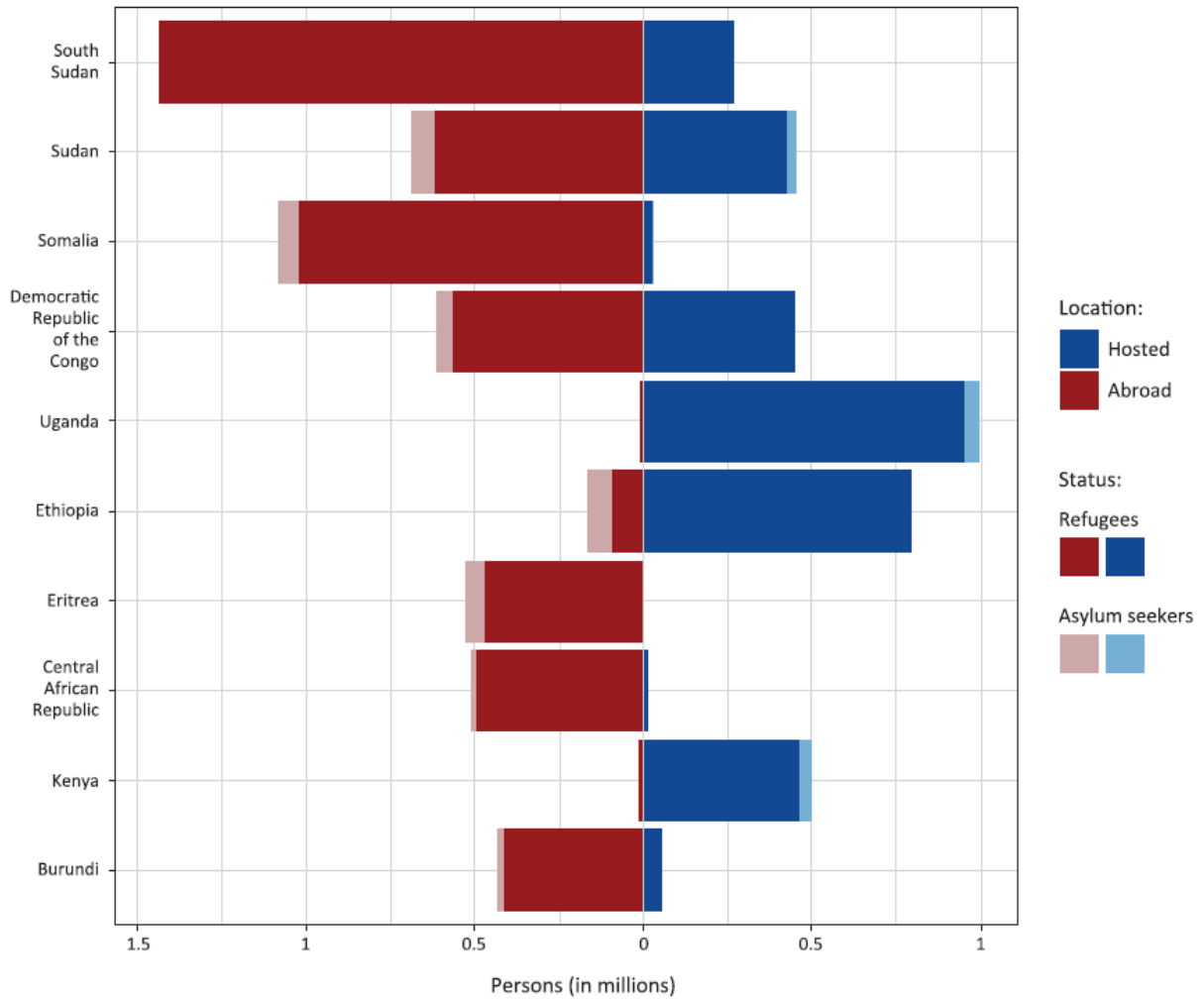
Top 20 Asian migrant countries in 2015



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 2015.



Top 10 African countries by total Refugees and Asylum Seekers in 2016



The figure above shows the top 10 countries in Africa, ranked by the combined total of refugees and asylum seekers both hosted by and originating from a given country. Several countries are both origin countries of significant numbers of refugees, as well as host countries of refugees.

To read the report, please go to <https://www.iom.int/world-migration-report-2018>

