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International Migration in the Vanilla Island: A Data Assessment

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A quick survey of the scientific literature on demography and more specifically on international migration shows the lack of knowledge in the four countries under concern (Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and Comoros). When filling their database with demographic data, international bodies like UN, OECD... face large difficulties and are often forced to use estimates or old figures. The lack of data is evident and if some data is available it is often of poor quality. Nevertheless the topics covered by demographers are crucial and the development of population and migration policies should be based on evidence demonstrated by reliable statistics. In the framework of the Migration Profiles developed for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) we did a large data assessment and considered the potentiality of using administrative databases when statistical data were missing.

About the presenter

Anne Herm is researcher at the Estonian Institute for Population Studies at Tallinn University in Estonia and her PhD thesis (to be presented end of this year) deals with mortality risks by living arrangements. She worked thirty years as responsible for population statistics at the Statistical Office in Estonia and four additional years in Eurostat for international migration statistics. She was involved in several EU-funded projects dealing with international migration. More recently she contributed with Michel Poulain to the Migration Profile in Moldova and four countries of the Indian Ocean (Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and Comoros). Within the Institute of Population Studies in Tallinn she was involved in a research project for the preparation of the 2021 register-based census

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