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Dear Mr. S Irudaya Rajan,

International migration in all its dimensions has become a policy priority for many countries. While progress has been made in collecting, analysing and disseminating data on migrants and migration in recent years, the supply of statistics has not kept pace with the demand. Indeed, basic data on the stocks, flows and characteristics of international migrants as well as on the causes and impacts of international migration remain scarce in many countries.

To address the need for accurate, up-to-date and disaggregated international migration statistics, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) have already organised three editions of the **International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS)** since 2018. The fourth edition, which is scheduled to take place in Malmö, Sweden, from 16 to 18 June 2025, will again bring together producers, analysts and users of international migration statistics interested in measuring international migration and its impacts in all its dimensions.

We are very grateful for your much appreciated contribution to the Scientific Committee of the IFMS 2023. We would be honoured if you would accept again to be a member of the IFMS 2025 Scientific Committee. As in previous editions, the Scientific Committee will be composed of representatives of each organising body and of partner organisations as well as renowned international experts in the field of migration and statistics. The Committee will play a key role in developing the programme and contributing to the call for papers and sessions by selecting the best and most innovative contributions.

The first meeting of the Scientific Committee will be organised remotely around mid-October. Paper selection will take place in late 2024 / early 2025 and will be followed by a second remote meeting to discuss paper and session selections. Your role will be to evaluate responses from the call for papers and sessions (about 15) and helping IOM, UNDESA and the OECD to set up the programme.

Please inform Estrella Lajom at [IFMS2025@oecd.org](mailto:IFMS2025@oecd.org) whether or not you accept the invitation to contribute to this major initiative by joining the IFMS Scientific Committee. Please use this email also for further communication and any questions you may have.

We hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to receiving confirmation of your interest by 2 October 2024.

Sincerely yours,

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