

Key migration trends and drivers in the Arab region

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The Arab region is a region of **net in-migration**...

...and more Arab migrants **stay in the Arab region** than leave it...

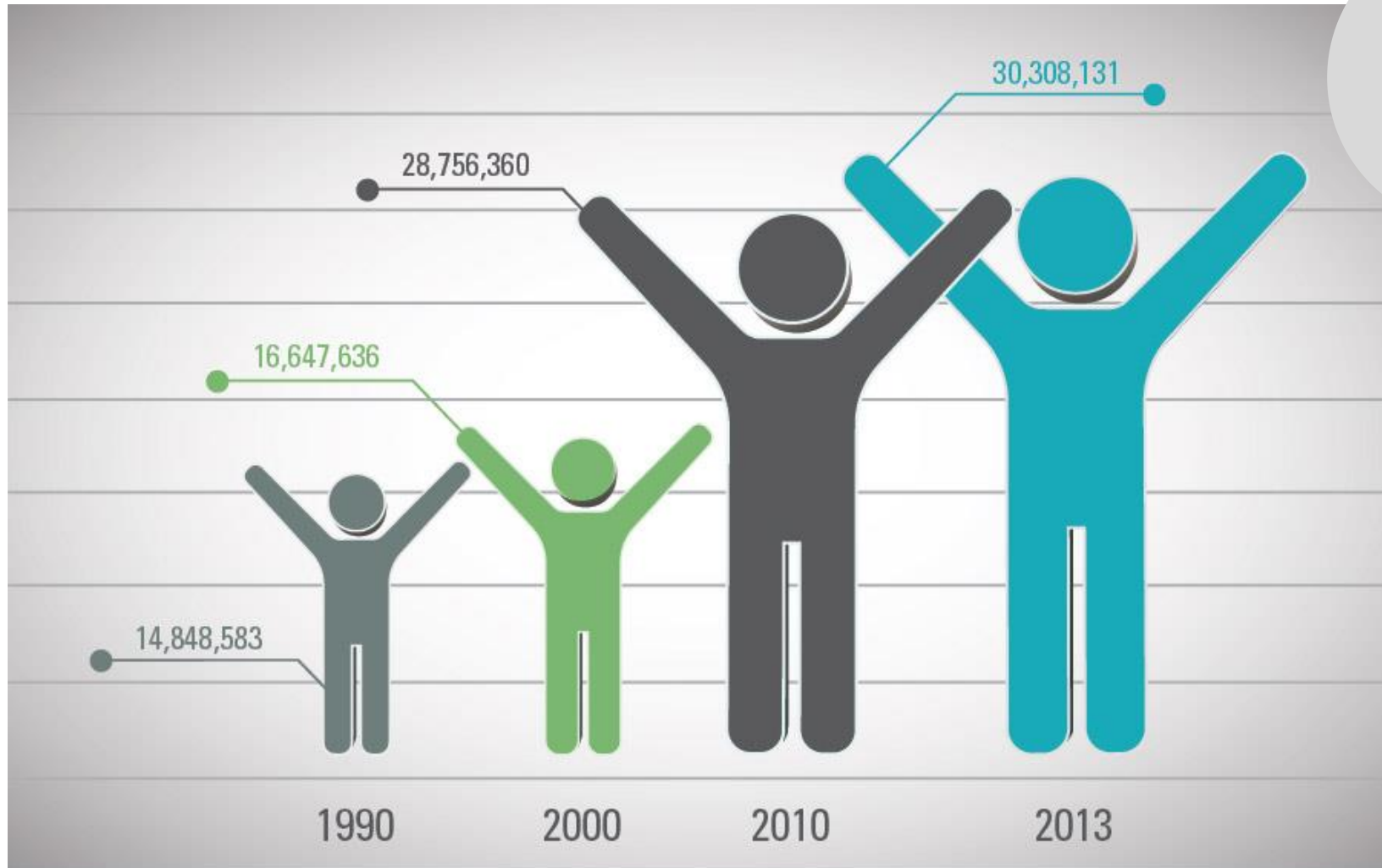
...Migrant stocks in the Arab region have **more than doubled** since 1990 -- much greater than growth globally.

...The proportion of **female migrants** is below global average

... The Arab region is the world's largest producer of **refugees and displaced persons**.

...Patterns and types vary significantly **by sub-region**.

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2015:
34.77
million

International migrant stock in Arab countries
1990-2013
Source: UN-ESCWA and IOM 2015 Situation Report on
International Migration

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MENA as a region of origin	MENA as a region of destination
23.9 million people from MENA lived outside their country of birth (2015).	34.7 million international migrants in MENA (2015), constituting an average of 8% of the total population.
Migrants from MENA countries account for 10% of global international migrant stock.	The majority of international migrants in MENA countries comes from Asia. Top origin country: India.
53% of international migrants originating in the MENA region remain in the MENA region.	36% of international migrant stocks in MENA are from other countries in the MENA region. 64% come from countries outside the region.
Top origin countries: Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Morocco.	Top destination countries: Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon.

Addressing drivers of migration



Labour mobility



Forced migration



Mixed migration

Addressing drivers of migration

1. Reducing drivers of irregular and forced migration...
 - Address structural conditions: peace and security, development and equality, human rights
 - Address local conditions: livelihoods, resilience
 - Address protection needs: safe access to asylum and durable solutions

Addressing drivers of migration

2. Creating opportunities for safe, regular and orderly migration...

- Open accessible channels (labour mobility, student migration, family reunification...)
- Create partnerships to bridge labour market and demographic challenges in all countries
- Ensure comprehensive and rights-based approaches (skills, recruitment, inclusion, circulation...)

Positive contributions of migrants

- Labour and skills
- Innovation, entrepreneurship and trade
- Consumer demand
- Expatriate contributions
- Post-crisis reconstruction
- Social and financial remittances



Concluding remarks

- Expand avenues for safe, orderly and regular migration
- Improve public perceptions of migrants and refugees including through migrant integration and social cohesion
- Factor migration into development planning, including through implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Protect the human rights of all migrants
- Manage migration in crisis situations
- Enhance the evidence and knowledge base
- Promote policy coherence and international cooperation



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