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Migration in the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda

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OVERVIEW

I Global Migration Trends

II Migration Promotes Development

III SDGs to Unlock Migration's Development Potential

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I. GLOBAL MIGRATION TRENDS

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1 in 7
ARE MIGRANTS
232 million international migrants
+ 740 million internal migrants
1 billion migrants
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Drivers of Large-Scale Migration

DEMOGRAPHY North – ageing, South – youthful

DEMAND labour shortage vs. labour surplus

DISPARITY increasing – economic, social

DISTANCE shrinking – budget transportation

DIGITAL REVOLUTION instant information

DISASTERS natural & human-made, rapid & slow onset

DESPERATION migration

DREAMS life with dignity & prosperity

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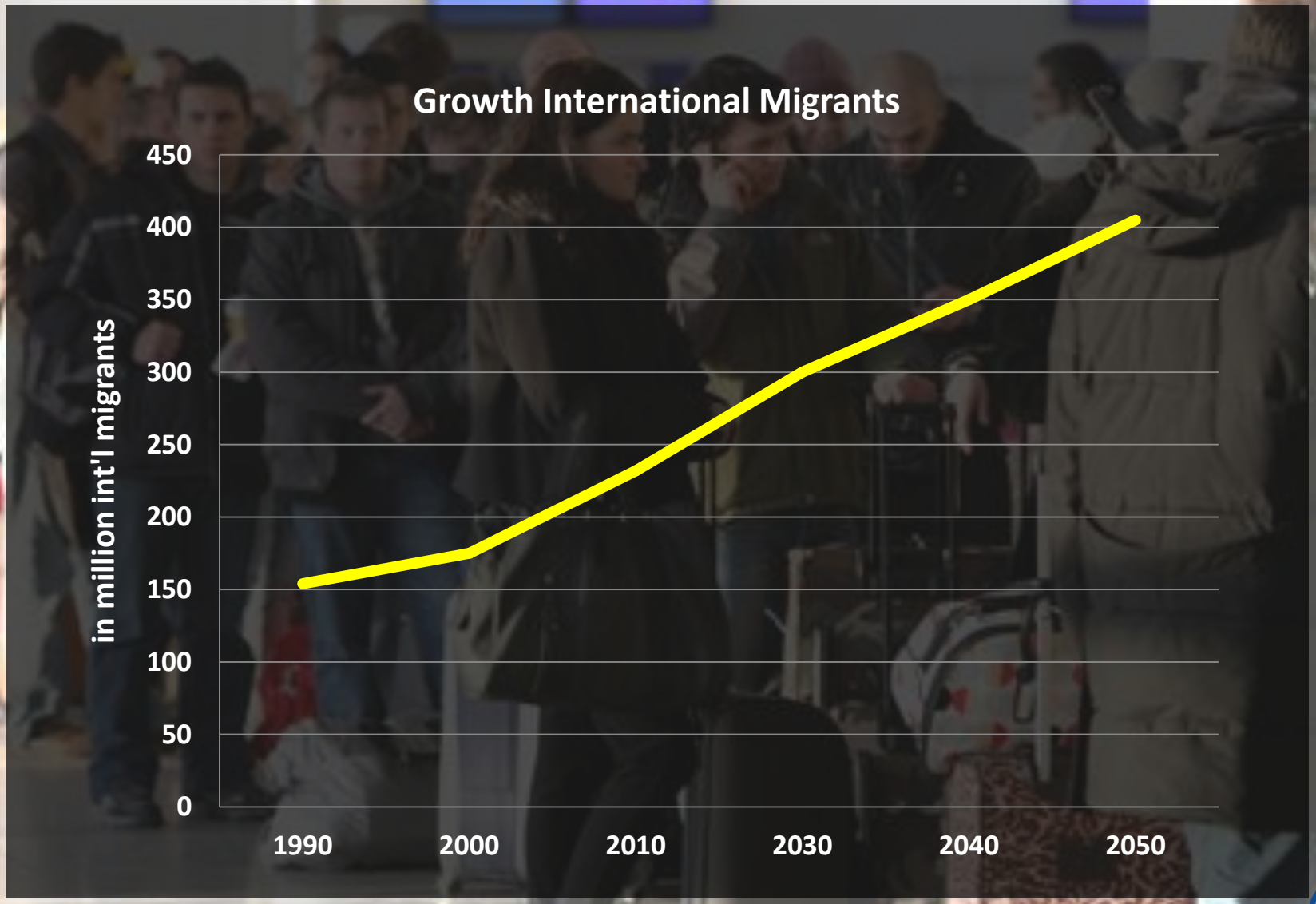

Source: UN DESA (2013) and IOM WMR

A WORLD ON THE MOVE:
UNPRECEDENTED
HUMAN MOBILITY
forced & voluntary
DISASTERS
political, natural & climactic change
ANTI-MIGRANT SENTIMENT
fear-driven policies
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POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUES TO MANAGE:

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

POST-9/11 SECURITY CONCERNS

PERCEIVED THREATS TO IDENTITY

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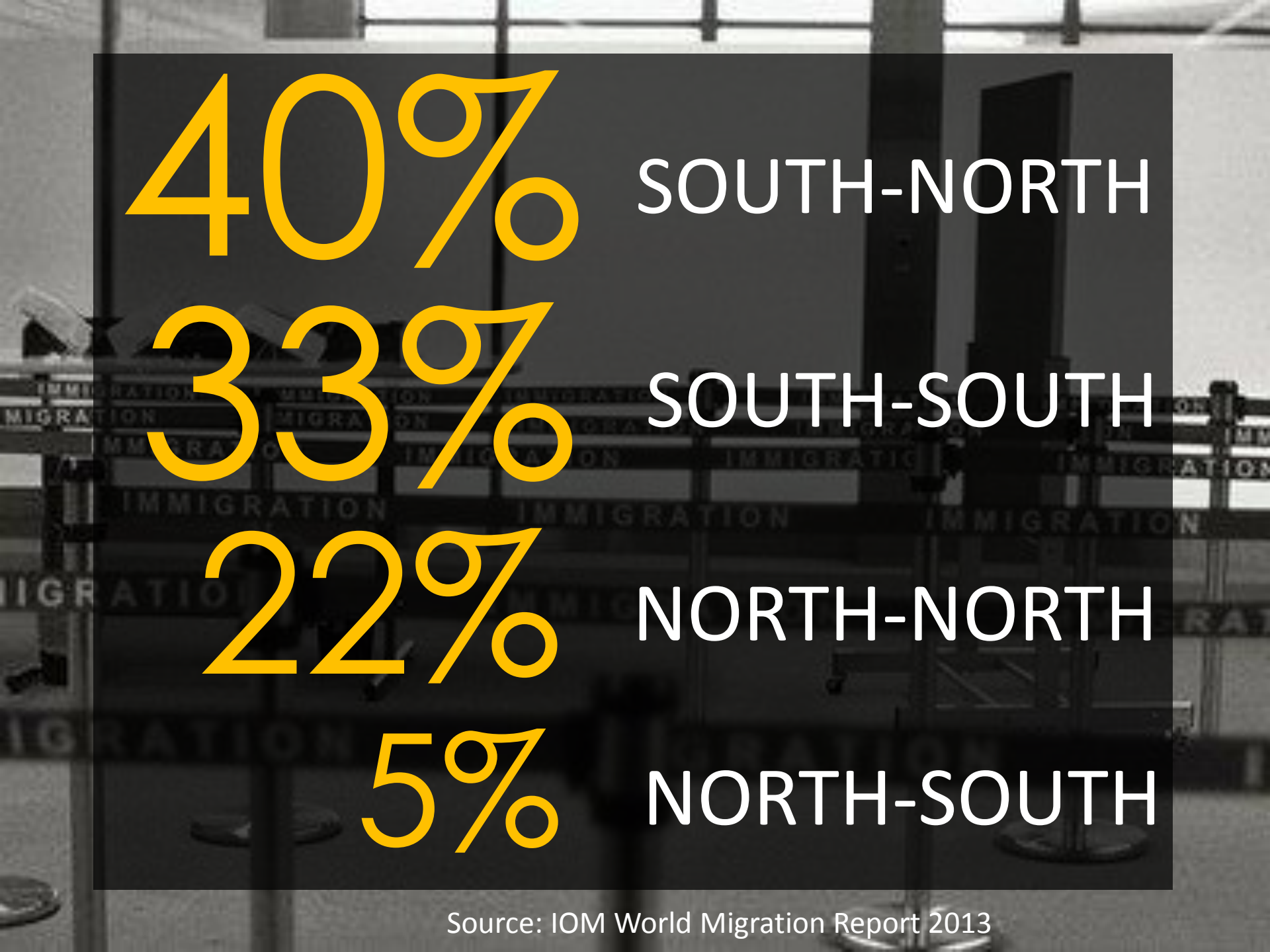
Source: UNDESA (2011)
The world's population is
52%
URBAN
67%
BY 2050
Source: UNDESA (2011)

Source: UNDESA Migration Report (2013)



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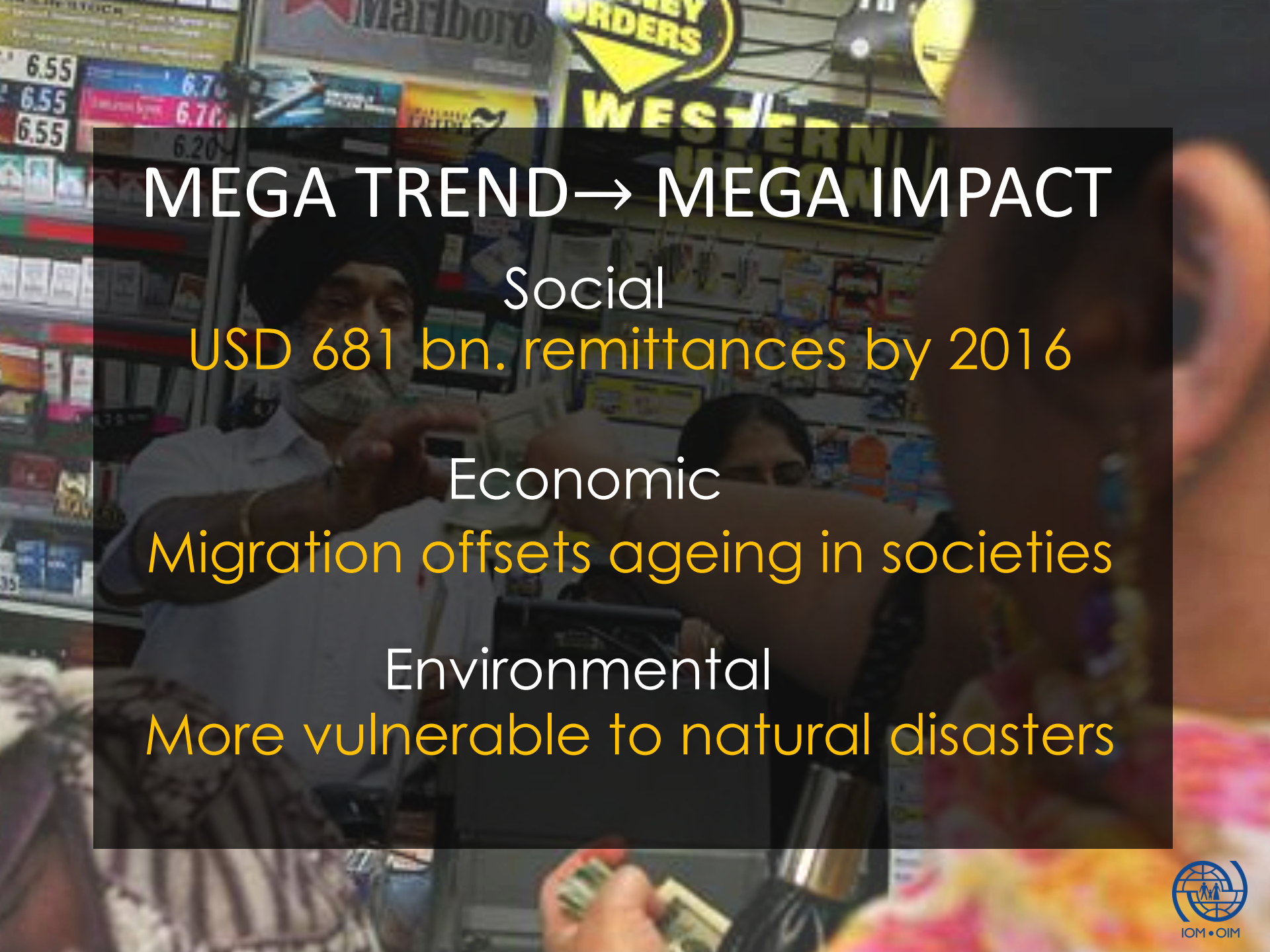

MEGA TREND→ MEGA IMPACT

Social

USD 681 bn. remittances by 2016

Economic

Migration offsets ageing in societies

Environmental

More vulnerable to natural disasters

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II. MIGRATION PROMOTES DEVELOPMENT

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MIGRATION'S MULTIPLE IMPACTS

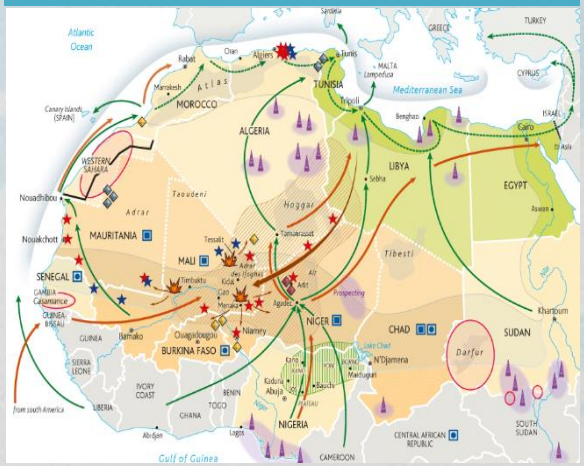
HOUSEHOLD

- Increases incomes
- Boosts health & well-being
- Promotes school enrolment

NATIONAL

- Boosts national credit ratings
- Makes labour markets more efficient

REGIONAL/GLOBAL



- Addresses global talent & labour shortages
- Highlights need for increased collaboration among countries

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MIGRATION IS TRANSFORMATIVE

ECONOMIC

- Alleviates poverty
- Increases trade
- Stimulates innovation

SOCIAL

- Raises rights issues
- Empowers women

ENVIRONMENTAL

Increases resilience through

- Remittances
- Rlanned mobility

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RISKS TO MIGRANTS = RISKS TO DEVELOPMENT

FORCED DISPLACEMENT

- 143 million displaced 2008-2012 by natural disasters

VULNERABILITY

Few legal migration options

- Increases "desperation migration"
- Strengthens smugglers & traffickers

EXPLOITATION

- Shady recruiters take abusive fees
- Employers take passports as "security"

HIGH-ROAD SCENARIO for M&D

1. Integrate migration into **development planning & coordination**
2. Strengthen inter-governmental **dialogue and collaboration**
3. Improve **public perceptions** of migrants' contributions
4. Protect the **human rights of all migrants**
5. Lower **costs of remittances**
6. **Engage diaspora**: promote "social remittances" and investment
7. Assist **migrants in crises**
8. Enhance data for **evidence-based policy-making**

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III. SDGs to UNLOCK MIGRATION'S DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

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TARGETS THAT TRANSFORM

"By defining our goal more clearly,
by making it seem more manageable
and less remote,
we can help all people to see it,
to draw hope from it and
to move irresistibly towards it."

John F. Kennedy, June 1963 on setting goals for Nuclear disarmament

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KEY CRITERIA FOR P-2015 TARGETS

1. Universal: applicable to all countries
2. Support migrants' well-being
3. Integrate all 3 dimensions of Sustainable Development
4. Measurable world-wide with disaggregated data
5. Broad public resonance & legitimacy

Adapted from:
Proposed Criteria for the Assessment of the Transformative Nature of Targets of the SDG Framework (UNTT, April 2014)

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MIGRATION ELEMENTS for P-2015

1. Global partnerships: key to integrating migration
2. Protect migrant workers' rights
3. Lower human and financial costs of migration
4. Increase diaspora investment and engagement

Adapted from: OWG 11 "Focus area" working document

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CONCLUSION: LARGE SCALE MIGRATION IS

1. **Inevitable** – demographics
2. **Necessary** – development and growth
3. **Desirable** – if well-governed:
   a. **Reduce** forced and irregular migration
   b. **Facilitate** regular migration
   c. **Protect** the rights of all migrants

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MIGRATION for Post-2015

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