

Migrants by origin and destination: The role of South-South migrationⁱ

1. South-South migration is almost as common

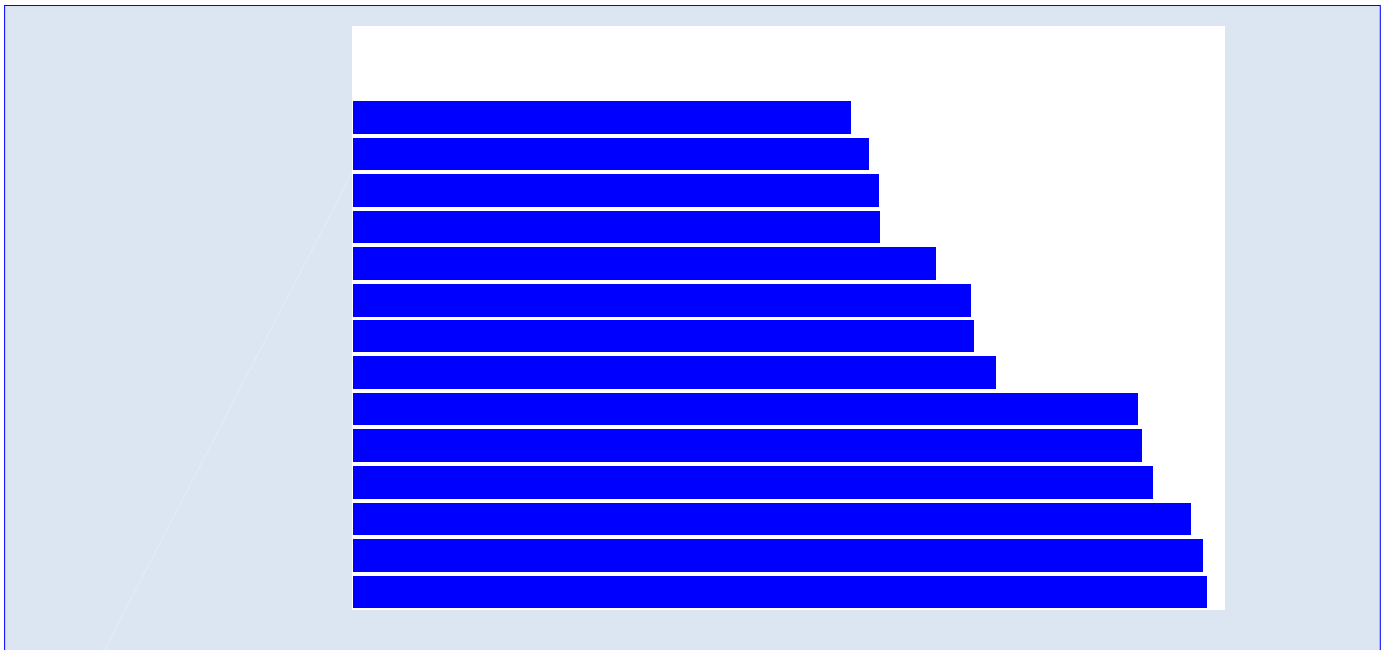
5. ... the majority of migrants, born in the South, resides outside their immediate region of birth

- **In 2010, most international migrants born in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and Oceania resided outside their region of birth.**

More than 90 per cent of all international migrants born in the Caribbean, Polynesia, Central Asia, Central America, Melanesia and Northern Africa lived

outside their region of origin. In contrast, less than 60 per cent of all international migrants born in Southern Asia, Eastern Asia and Western Asia lived outside their region of origin. Western Africa is the only region in the global South where the majority of international migrants (76%) is residing within their region of birth (figure 4).

Figure 4: Percentage of international migrants living outside their region of birth, 2010



the Caribbean (0.4 million) and Oceania (34,000) (figure 5).

10. ... they generally constitute a small fraction of the total migrant stock

- **In 2010, refugees constituted some seven per cent of the global migrant stock.** In 2010, Asia hosted 61.3 million international migrants, 10.7 million of whom were refugees (17.5%). In Africa, the refugee stock was estimated at 2.4 million persons in 2010, 12.5 per cent of all international migrants