“An Evidence-Based Path Towards Achieving Global Commitments: IOM Migration Governance Indicators for Well-Managed Migration Policies” on 17 July 2019 was a side event to the High-Level Political Forum. The forum was convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and included a three-day ministerial meeting.

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This was a discussion of migration governance indicators (MGIs) from a global perspective. Speakers were from Canada, Kuwait, and Dominican Republic.

Migration has many intersections with the SDGs. I asked a question at this forum about nursing and its potential to assist with migration issues. This opened a discussion in the room about nursing, nursing brain-drain, and the importance of both for these countries. We further discussed how countries are tapping nursing resources or not, as part of the solution to migration issues. Nurses are working with migrant populations on a regular basis. Although many nurses have learned about vulnerable populations, they may not see the importance of proactively advocating for immigrants. As the moderator of this session stated: Climate change is affected by and made worse by large migrations as are migrations affected by climate changes. Nurses can be in the forefront of the migration topic in order to proactively address the potential issues that arise from migration.