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Volume One: Migration Management Foundations

Introduction

Volume One is intended to increase awareness of the complexity of migration phenomena and the wide range of policy responses that can be considered in a comprehensive approach to migration management. A foundation must be guided by the structure that is planned to be built on it. An adequate foundation for migration management will include a description of migration phenomena that is enriched by contributions from several perspectives, including law, State authority, migrant rights, and international cooperation and practice. The way that terms and concepts are chosen, perceptions interpreted, and legislation developed provides the basis for practice by policy makers and practitioners.

Volume One provides basic information and principles for migration management. The ten Sections provide essential information that ranges across disciplines, history, concepts, and practice. The first Section, *Terminology*, is an important prerequisite for this course. Here, basic terms and concepts used in the field of migration are identified and explained with respect to underlying perspectives. In addition, the *Glossary* provides a complete listing of all terms and concepts used in the Course. Section Two, *A Conceptual Model for Migration Management*, presents a model of migration management in a visual flowchart that provides the framework for the foundations, policies, and operational activities discussed in the three volumes of this course. This model helps locate the content of each Section in all three volumes in the field of migration management, and it should be studied as an important foundation for the entire course.

Section Three, *Migration and History*, puts terminology in a historical context, and discusses the effects of migration on history and history on migration. Sections Four, Five, Six, and Seven develop a balanced consideration of the interests of migrants and States in the context of international law and international cooperation.

Sections Eight and Nine explore the legislation and administrative structures that can be developed for effective migration management. Section Ten, *Managing Perception*, concludes Volume One with a discussion of the significance of information management challenges and opportunities in the field of migration.