

## **World Bank– UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement**

### **Terms of Reference for the Strategic Advisory Council**

#### **Background and purpose**

The World Bank (WB) and UNHCR have agreed to establish a Joint Data Center (the “Center”) on Forced Displacement. It was formalized through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in April 2018. The vision of the Center is to enhance the ability of stakeholders to make timely and evidence informed decisions that can improve the lives of those affected by forced displacement. The objectives of the Center are: i) to ensure population and socio-economic data are systematically collected and analyzed; ii) to facilitate open access to forced displacement data; iii) to promote innovation and iv) to strengthen the sustainability of a global data collection system.

The Center will be jointly owned and managed by the WBG and UNHCR with adequate checks and balances in its governance structure. It will be governed by a Management Committee with representatives from both institutions and the Center’s donors. The Management Committee is a decisional body with the aim of taking key operational and management decisions. It will meet at least once a year to approve the annual plan of activities and the annual report. The Center’s governance structure will be supported by a Strategic Advisory Council.

#### **Strategic Advisory Council**

The Strategic Advisory Council will be constituted of stakeholders with participation of member states and other stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, UN agencies, refugee voices, Multilateral Development Banks, academics, data specialists) that can provide advice on the general direction of the Center’s activities. The Strategic Advisory Council is not a decision-making body but a forum for the exchange of experience and ideas and an open space for the provision of guidance, advice and discussion with the Management Committee and the Center.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities of the Strategic Advisory Council**

Provide advice and guidance on the overall direction and strategy of the Center covering strategic, operational or technical issues.

Share experience and expertise with the Center through discussion and information sharing.

Represent the views of their constituency and communicate around actions and strategic issues that may impact them.

Advocate and influence on behalf of the Center.

Disseminate information about the Center’s products and services through their own organizations and networks.

Initiate any other action deemed necessary to support the vision and work of the Center.

#### **Meetings**

The Center's Manager (and or his/her staff) will act as secretary to the Strategic Advisory Council. Meetings will be held at least once per year, preferably in person. A draft agenda and materials will be circulated in advance. A summary of the advice and guidance from the Strategic Advisory Council will be prepared and shared with participants and the Management Committee.