



The Joint Data Center's Strategic Advisory Council Read-out from the second meeting

September 11, 2020


The second Strategic Advisory Council of the World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement was held virtually, on August 27, 2020. It was attended by some 120 participants, including representatives from governments, humanitarian and development organizations, academic institutions, civil society organizations and the private sector¹. The primary objectives of the meeting were to seek the Council's advice and feedback on (1) the Center's current work program; (2) a JDC strategy for 2021-23; and (3) its partnering activities².

The day was opened by the Head of Center, Björn Gillsäter and the Chair of the JDC's Management Committee, Dominique Hyde. Presentations of the Center's operations, strategy development process, and partnership activities, were given by the Deputy Head of Center, Volker Schimmel, and JDC team members; Jeffery Tanner, Natalia Baal, Felix Schmieding, and Domenico Tabasso. Working group discussions on a zero-draft JDC strategy were held among the constituent groups and were chaired by council members; Oscar Valencia from the Colombian Government, Claus Hansen from UNICEF, Philip Verwimp from Universite libre de Bruxelles, and Alesia O'Connor from DARA. A summary of the discussion and key messages from the Council throughout the day was given by the Head of Center, together with Council member and International Rescue Committee representative Farida Bena, to Dominique Hyde and Xavier Devictor, World Bank. The proceedings were moderated by Caroline Sergeant, JDC.

On the JDC work program, Council members noted the progress made since the first Council meeting and congratulated the team for its work, especially in light of the COVID crisis. The Council supports the JDC's focus on achieving high standards for data collection and analysis, fostering innovation, promoting transparency, and ensuring quality

¹ The list of registered participants may be seen in Annex 1.

² The Annotated Agenda of the meeting may be seen in Annex 2.



analysis. Members emphasized the importance of coordinating with other actors to avoid duplication of efforts. Needs assessments and gap mapping exercises were recommended as tools to ensure coherence and identify best practices and methods. Coordination with governments and national ownership were highlighted as key aspects to avoid parallel data collection systems. Council members encouraged the JDC to shape operations around international normative frameworks on protection, standards and solutions.

The Council highlighted the importance of staying operationally relevant and responsive to emerging data needs. The JDC team was encouraged to further leverage partnerships with local institutions, affected populations and other stakeholders to ensure that operations reflect the needs of the data user. In terms of geographical scope, the Council requested clarification on the selection criteria and absence of some countries e.g. Turkey, Afghanistan from the current work program.


On the Center's strategy development, the Council commended the consultative process laid out and expressed support for its development. Members highlighted the complexity of aligning several stakeholder's interests and encouraged the team to reflect this in the final strategy. Members welcomed the opportunity to go into further details of the strategy in the various constituencies' working groups;

The *civil society and private sector* group requested that the strategy should signal a stronger focus on protection and solutions, in addition to socio-economic wellbeing of forcibly displaced persons. Members encouraged further efforts to ensure the voice of the forcibly displaced was reflected and that due consideration be given to gender, age and diversity.

The *academic* group suggested that JDC should focus more on its convening role than engaging directly in research itself, and highlighted the importance of bringing together north-south researchers/institutions with benefits of maximizing the impact of data. The JDC was encouraged to explore future interdisciplinary work on climate-induced displacement, and the root causes of displacement and its prevention.

The *international organizations* working group suggested more clarity on stakeholder engagement and the broad range of micro-level, operational and structural data the JDC can use to achieve its objectives. The group also stressed the importance of defining indicators for success in the strategy, whilst recognizing the wide-reaching challenge of measuring the impact of data.

Finally, the *government* group requested clarity on what long-term data engagement for humanitarian and development purposes will look like and encouraged the JDC to explore



how governments can engage directly with JDC operations, beyond National Statistical Offices.

Overall, the presentation and subsequent discussions on the zero-draft strategy illustrated high interest of stakeholders to engage with the JDC and to find local and global entry points into the JDC's activities. The Secretariat asked for the Council's continued input to the JDC Strategy development process as it remains critical to the Strategy's success.³

On JDC partnering activities, the Council highlighted the added value of partnerships and encouraged the Center to continue to leverage its convening role among partners.

The potential of JDC's work to empower local institutions through academic and capacity-building ties was emphasized (with example of engaging affected persons themselves, in data collection exercises). Moreover, transparent reflection and conversation on successes and failures among partners was encouraged in order to harness operational lessons learned. The Council also recommended to test new methodologies and approaches through various types of partnerships, which may benefit forced displacement research more broadly. Finally, the Council emphasized that the goal of partnerships should always be improved outcomes for affected populations. Members acknowledged that the causal effect of partnering activities can be hard to quantify.

In addition to advice given on JDC operations, strategy and partnerships, some members suggested that further considerations be given to clarifying the membership and role of the SAC and how feedback from the SAC can be integrated into the deliberations of the Management Committee and work of the JDC. The issue of civil society representation in the JDC's Management Committee was raised for consideration by the Committee, and the JDC was encouraged to make a particular effort to achieve greater involvement by representatives from affected communities in future Council meetings.

³ Members of the SAC will continue to have the opportunity to provide input to the JDC strategy in bilateral consultations and via written feedback. [Written feedback is encouraged by September 21, 2020](#). Requests for more information on the process, and/or scheduling of bilateral consultations, may be referred to Sigrid Weber at sweber1@worldbank.org

Annex 1: Strategic Advisory Council

Registered participants August 27, 2020

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Joint Data Center	Felix Schmieding	Sr. Statistician
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Annex 2: Strategic Advisory Council

Annotated Agenda

Date: August 27, 2020

Time: 13:00-18:00 CEST

Place: Virtual, via Webex

Moderator: Caroline Sergeant, World Bank

Time CEST	Session	Description
13:00- 13:15	Welcome remarks Björn Gillsäter - Head of Center	Welcome and introduction of the Strategic Advisory Council (SAC) (composition and terms of reference). Overview of the day's agenda and expected outcomes. Presentation of key questions for reflection and consideration by SAC members.
13:15- 13:30	Setting the Stage Dominique Hyde - Chair of the Management Committee	<i>The role of governance in assuring success</i> Role of the Management Committee. Overview of decisions made since its inauguration. Importance of the SAC in providing constructive feedback and advice to shape the work of the Management Committee and JDC.
13:30- 14:20	An operational update Volker Schimmel - Deputy Head of Center, Jeffery	<i>Update on the JDC work program</i> Presentation and overview of the work program, progress to date, expected results and challenges in current context including in relation to the impacts of COVID 19 on JDC work and socio-economic impacts on forcibly displaced populations.



Tanner - JDC Senior
Economist

Key questions for the Council's consideration and advice:

- What could the Center do, to accelerate the normative change needed for data openness?
- How can the JDC foster the use of its data and analysis by stakeholders to ensure it is operationally relevant and translate into impactful decisions?
- What more should the JDC do to promote data gathering and evidence work on forcibly displaced within the global research community?
- Are there additional topics of analysis that would provide insights that would lead to improvements in the welfare of forcibly displaced populations?

14:20- 15:00 ***Inputs for the JDC Strategy (Part 1)***

Natalia Baal - Senior Strategy
and Policy Officer

Presentation and plenary feedback on the Center's strategic direction

The Center is currently working on the development of a JDC Strategy for 2021-2023. The zero draft will be presented followed by a facilitated discussion in plenary for any clarifications, preliminary feedback and advice.

15:00- 15:30 **Break**

Virtual coffee break with the JDC team

The Head and Deputy Head of Center along with JDC Focal Points for implementation invite you to an informal chat over a virtual coffee.

15:30- 16:45 ***Inputs for the JDC Strategy (Part 2)***

Natalia Baal -Senior Strategy
and Policy Officer

Working groups and plenary feedback on the Center's strategic direction

The preliminary feedback on the strategy from SAC members will be consolidated before assigning SAC members into smaller working groups. The groups will discuss the zero draft strategy provided in advance of the meeting and share further reflections and advice.

- Does the draft strategy paint a clear picture of the JDC and how it plans to contribute to global efforts in improving data on forced displacement?

- Which of the JDC's draft prioritization criteria for its activities do you consider the least or the most important?
- Aware that measuring impact of data is a challenge that faces many of us, could you share your experiences and lessons learnt on how to measure and evaluate the impact of data?

16:45-17:30 *Partnering for effective implementation*

Felix Schmieding - JDC Senior Statistician, Domenico Tabasso - JDC Senior Economist

Presentation and discussion on the Center's modalities for partnering

The importance of partnerships in the JDC's business model will be highlighted by examples of partnerships established in the first year of the Center's operations. Going forward, the Center is seeking advice from the SAC members on new or fortified partnerships and their importance for the future of JDC. Specific questions for the Council's consideration and advice:

- Are there new forms of partnership the JDC should foster or create?
- What would be the benefits from these new partnerships for the JDC, the partners and the stakeholders?

17:30-18:00 *Next steps and closing*

Björn Gillsäter, Head of Center and Farida Bena, SAC member and Director of Policy and Advocacy, International Rescue Committee

Reporting back to a Management Committee representative

The outcomes of the day's discussions will be summarized and reported back to the Chair of the Committee, Dominique Hyde, and World Bank Manager Xavier Devictor. Key take-aways and next steps for the Center will be suggested based on the council's input throughout the day.