

On February 5th, 2021, the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement convened a roundtable discussion on the role of data and evidence in supporting commitment and capacity to address internal displacement. The discussion was attended by approximately 30 individuals representing governments affected by internal displacement, UN agencies and NGOs, international financial institutions, and donor governments. Participants came from a diverse range of backgrounds spanning the humanitarian, development, and statistical communities.

The roundtable built on a [Concept Note](#) and [Background Paper](#) prepared by the High-Level Panel Secretariat and Expert Advisory Group that put forward a series of ideas and questions for discussion. In line with the focus of the Panel's work on data, these questions centered principally on the potential use of national internal displacement data systems and the types of support that may be needed from international actors to enable such systems to be successful.

The objectives of the roundtable were threefold:

1. To seek feedback on the ideas put forward in the background paper
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One state also highlighted that data can be helpful in tracking progress to address internal displacement and can assist in generating accountability. The state noted the particular value of having an independent mechanism or institution that uses data to monitor steps that have been taken to address displacement and the extent to which they have achieved solutions.

Participants noted that while data can contribute to political will to address displacement, a certain amount of political will is needed to establish data systems in the first place. Participants suggested the need to be honest about the different types of contexts and the varying degrees of government readiness to put in place such systems.

The Panel is currently reflecting on the discussion from the data roundtable and refining its recommendations. The Panel continues to welcome additional inputs in writing and may reach out to actors on a bilateral basis to discuss specific points or seek further views on specific recommendations.

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