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## Central African Republic Solutions Support Platform

# Core Group's Terms of Reference

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### Background

The Central African Republic (CAR) Solutions Support Platform (SSP) is a governmental mechanism meant to support durable solutions for CAR refugees and displaced people, which aligns with the principles of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). By striving for more equitable, effective, and predictable support for large-scale refugee situations, the GCR envisages the establishment of a country or situation-specific support platform. This platform serves as a means to mobilize political, financial, and material commitments from the international community.

In pursuit of this vision, the Governments of CAR, Cameroon, Chad, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, and South Sudan came together to sign the Yaounde Declaration on 27 April 2022. In this Declaration, they pledge to promote lasting solutions for those forcibly displaced by the situation in CAR. They have called upon UNHCR to assist them in launching a dedicated governmental mechanism, with a Steering Committee led by the Government of CAR, a Secretariat facilitated by UNHCR and funded by the European Union, and a Core Group of international partners. As CAR embarks on the path towards renewed peace and reconciliation, and with over 749,000 Central Africans still in exile, such a multistakeholder initiative is imperative.

### About the Core Group

The Core Group of the CAR-SPP, is a diverse multi-sectoral advisory team whose members play a pivotal role in mobilizing political and financial support. They also convene a wide array of stakeholders to endorse the solutions put forward by the Platform's Steering Committee. The Core Group will contribute to increasing awareness and visibility of the displacement situation in CAR and provide a platform for coordination of programs contributing to finding solutions to the CAR situation. The Core Group will support the urgent need for responsibility sharing with the primary host countries

### 1. Objectives

- a. Mobilizes all the stakeholders to implement the recommendations from the Yaoundé Declaration to increase awareness and visibility on the CAR situation
- b. Facilitate the exchange of information, knowledge, and best practices regarding solutions in CAR and neighboring countries.



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- c. Promotes humanitarian and development investments and joint initiatives to enhance the impact of solution based intervention in CAR
- d. Promote discussions to build an appropriate financial tracking mechanism of funding supporting durable solutions for CAR forcibly persons

## 2. Members

- a. Financial institutions and development agencies
- b. Donor countries
- c. Private sector entities
- d. Civil society organizations actively engaged in solution-oriented work.

## 3. Co-Chairs

- a. The Co-chairs will responsible for setting the agenda, moderating meetings, and guiding the overall functioning of the Platform's Core Group.
- b. The Co-Chairs will be accountable for ensuring equal participation and inclusiveness.
- c. The Co-Chairs will be supported by the Secretariat to organize meetings, maintaining communication channels, documenting minutes, and managing any necessary resources.

## 4. Secretariat

- a. Supports the organization of the launch of the platform, as well as the annual meetings of the Steering Committee that will follow.
- b. Provides administrative and logistical support to the Platform's Core Group activities.
- c. Support the development of country and regional action plans by the w including the governmental regional and national committees
- d. Support the development of a Core Group
- e. Facilitates meetings and information sharing
- f. Builds the state capacities and provides technical support
- g. Monitors the progress of the platform
- h. Supports an independent evaluation mechanism
- i. Supports the Regional Management Committee to identify opportunities for solutions-oriented cross-border projects, to (i) demonstrate their added value, (ii) foster the implementation of the Yaoundé Declaration and (iii) solicit the support of the Core Group to obtain the required technical and financial support for their implementation



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#### 4. Regional Coordination and Meeting Modalities

- a. The Core Group will aim to have regular meetings, on a quarterly basis, in which the regional management committee will present the progress on the strategic priorities.
- b. Meetings can be conducted both in-person and virtually, depending on the availability and preference of participants. The members can also meet in the field through joint missions.
- c. Meetings will follow an agenda circulated in advance to ensure productive discussions and efficient use of time.
- d. Participation in meetings can be open or restricted based on the nature of the agenda items, with prior communication to all participants.
- e. The Secretariat will document and circulate meeting minutes, capturing key decisions, action points, and follow-up actions agreed upon during the meetings.
- f. Participants will be encouraged to share relevant updates, reports, and research findings with the Platform, enabling information sharing and learning among the members.

#### 5. Involvement in country-level exchanges

- a. The Core Group has a regional dimension and will be mirrored at country level by representatives of the same member organizations.
- b. The Core Group's country representatives can be involved in the meetings of the national technical committees led by the officially designated Government Experts.

#### 6. Reporting, Dissemination and Visibility

- a. With support of the UNHCR Secretariat, the Platform's Core Group will report on the financial and technical support provided in the framework the Platform, for sharing with relevant stakeholders.
- b. The reports will be disseminated through various communication channels, including the CAR Solutions Support Platform website or dedicated online platforms, as agreed upon by the participants.
- c. The reports will aim to facilitate learning, promote knowledge sharing, and inform evidence-based decision-making regarding solutions for CAR displaced.
- d. The members will take the lead in the organization of dedicated high-level meetings on the Platform, e.g. side events of international conferences, etc.

*These Terms of Reference are subject to review and amendment as necessary to ensure the effective functioning of the CAR Solutions Support Platform's Core Group.*