

ANNOTATED AGENDA CERF ADVISORY GROUP MEETING 26 and 27 October 2011

Wednesday, 26 OCTOBER 2011

Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom
to the United Nations
One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza - 28th Floor
885 Second Avenue
New York, 10017

14:30 – 14:45

WELCOME

Chair:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall, Chairperson, CERF Advisory Group

14:45 – 16:00

**INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE FUND FOR NEW
ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS**

Objective:

Provide an overview of the meeting and an introduction of participants. Introductory briefing by the Chief, Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), Mr. Steve O'Malley, for new members of the CERF Advisory Group

Documents:

Briefing folder for new members

Chair:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall

Speakers:

Mr. Steve O'Malley

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break – Arrival of all members

16:30 – 18:00

SESSION I
INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSION

Objective:

Provide an opportunity for the CERF Advisory Group to interact directly with IASC members

Documents:

Open discussion

Chair:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall

Speakers:

IASC Members (UN Agencies and NGO representatives)

Expected outcome: The Five-Year Evaluation of the CERF has now been completed, as have a number of Performance and Accountability Framework country reviews, and contain a number of findings and recommendations. From the perspective of the IASC members, what changes should the CERF consider in order to become more effective at supporting humanitarian assistance activities?

18:00 – 20.00

RECEPTION

Hosted by:

The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations

Venue:

747 Third Avenue - 9th Floor (cross street 47th Street)
New York, 10017

Thursday, 27 OCTOBER 2011

09:00 – 09:15

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Objective:

Introduce Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Valerie Amos, Advisory Group members and CERF Secretariat staff. Provide an overview of the day's sessions. Welcoming remarks by Ms. Valerie Amos; and review of agenda

Documents:

Agenda

Chair:

List of members

Speaker:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall

USG Valerie Amos

09:15 – 10:00

SESSION II

UPDATE ON THE USE OF THE FUND

Objective:

Inform Advisory Group members on the management and operation of the Fund, highlight thematic trends, measure the performance of the CERF vis-à-vis the mandate of the Fund.

- Analysis of the Use of CERF in 2011
- Review of the Loan Element of Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

Documents:

Report of the Secretary-General on CERF A/66/357 - 13 September 2011

CERF Quarterly Newsletters - First, Second and Third Quarter 2011

Horn of Africa Drought: CERF Support in 2011 - 12 September 2011

Donors to the CERF 2006 - 2011 - As at 21 September 2011

Recipients of CERF Funds 2006 - 2011 - As at 21 September 2011

Recipients of CERF Funds 2011 - As at 21 September 2011

Options for Reform of the Loan Element

Chair:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall

Speakers:

USG Valerie Amos

Expected outcome: Shared understanding of key recent developments in the use of the Fund.

10:00 – 11.00

SESSION III

FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION AND THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSE PLAN (MRP) DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO THE EVALUATION

Objective:

Close the Five-year Evaluation

Documents:

Five-Year Evaluation of the Central Emergency Response Fund - Executive Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations

Five-Year Evaluation of the CERF - Main Findings and Recommendations and Implications for CERF's Future Work

Chair:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall

Facilitator:

USG Valerie Amos/Mr. Steve O'Malley

11:00 – 11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:45

SESSION IV

FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION AND THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSE PLAN (MRP) DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO THE EVALUATION *Cont.*

Objective:

Close the Five-year Evaluation

Documents:

Five-Year Evaluation of the Central Emergency Response Fund - Executive Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations

Five-Year Evaluation of the CERF - Main Findings and Recommendations and Implications for CERF's Future Work

Chair:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall

Facilitator:

USG Valerie Amos/Mr. Steve O'Malley

Expected outcome: Endorsement of the MRP

13:00 – 14:30

LUNCH

Hosted by:

The Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations

Venue:

One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza - 46th Floor
885 Second Avenue
New York, 10017

14:30 – 15:30

SESSION V

PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK and MONITORING AND REPORTING

Objective:

Brief the Advisory Group on the outcomes of the Four-Country Review and analysis of 2010 Resident/Humanitarian Coordinators (RC/HC Reports).

Documents:

Executive Summary of the country reviews

Bolivia: *Independent Review of the Value Added of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) - 15 July 2011*

Colombia: *Independent Review of the Value Added of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) - 18 July 2011*

Ethiopia: *Independent Review of the Value Added of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) - July 2011*

Zimbabwe: *Independent Review of the Value Added of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) - October 2011*

Overview of CERF field reporting

Chair:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall

Speaker:

USG Valerie Amos/Mr. Steve O'Malley

Expected outcome: Advisory Group to discuss key accountability issues and provide advice on the way forward

15:30 – 16:45

SESSION VI

UPDATE ON CERF POLICY ISSUES

Objective:

Discuss policy issues from the last Advisory Group meeting

- Trends in the food, agriculture and nutrition sectors
- Funding of Protection projects
- Overview of CERF Timeliness Data 2010 - 2011
- Application of the CERF Life-Saving Criteria
- CERF's Role in Funding of Preparedness

Documents:

**UN Agency Sub-Granting of CERF Funds to Implementing Partners
CERF funding in food and nutrition, including the recent
response in the Horn of Africa
CERF Funding Specific Sector Protection
Application of the CERF Life-Saving Criteria - *An Update*
CERF's Role in Funding of Preparedness**

Chair:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall

Speaker:

USG Valerie Amos/Mr. Steve O'Malley

**Expected outcome: Advisory Group to discuss key policy issues
and provide advice on way forward**

16:45 – 17:00

COFFEE BREAK

17:00 – 18:00

SESSIONS VII

WRAP-UP

Objective:

Agree on Draft Recommendations and Conclusions for the Secretary-General and next steps for the Advisory Group

Chair:

Mr. Mikael Lindvall