CERF Advisory Group Meeting | 18 May 2021
Annotated Agenda

7:45 – 8:00   SESSION I: WELCOME TO MEMBERS

Objective
- Provide an overview of meeting agenda
- Highlight key points made at the last Advisory Group meeting

Chair
- Ms. Marriet Schuurman, Advisory Group Chair

Documents
- Agenda
- Recommendations and Conclusions from November 2020 Meeting
- Internal Note from November 2020 Meeting

8:00 – 9:00   SESSION II: CERF’S ROLE IN THE HUMANITARIAN LANDSCAPE

Objective
- Offer an opportunity to discuss with the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) the broader humanitarian landscape, the evolution of CERF during the ERC’s tenure and the strategic position of the Fund.

Chair
- Ms. Marriet Schuurman, Advisory Group Chair

Documents
- Global Humanitarian Overview 2021
- Mark Lowcock – Opinion Piece “International Monetary Fund IMF’s spring meetings lack ambition for a world in crisis” [Financial Times]
- Remarks by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mark Lowcock, at the Center for Global Development on Proposal for an Independent Commission for Voices in Crisis [22 April 2021]
- Secretary-General’s Statement on the establishment of a High-Level Task Force on Preventing Famine [11 March 2021]

Speakers
- Mr. Mark Lowcock, Emergency Relief Coordinator and UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs

Guiding Questions
- What does the ERC see as the main humanitarian challenges in 2021 and how is the humanitarian system positioned to respond to these?
- What does the ERC consider the most significant evolutions in CERF during recent years, and how have they positioned the Fund to better respond to evolving humanitarian needs and challenges? What role has the Advisory Board played in supporting this?
- What are the Advisory Group’s views on how CERF can be best positioned strategically to meet the humanitarian needs and challenges ahead?

9:00–9:45   SESSION III: UPDATE ON THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CERF

Objective
- Brief on CERF allocations since previous Advisory Group meeting
- Brief on the CERF 2020 Annual Results Report
- Brief on the external reviews on the four underfunded priority areas and CERF’s role in small-scale emergencies
- Brief on CERF forward looking priorities.

Chair
- Ms. Marriet Schuurman, Advisory Group Chair
**Documents**
- Overview of 2020 CERF Allocations by Country
- CERF Annual Results Report Executive Summary
- Summary of 2020 external reviews under the CERF Performance and Accountability Framework 2020
- External review on the four underfunded priority areas
- CERF’s role in small-scale emergencies
- Update on Cases of Potential Fraudulent Use of CERF Funds

**Speakers**
- Ms. Alice Armanni Sequi, Chief of OCHA’s Pooled Fund Management Branch

**Guiding Questions**
- What significant CERF allocations have taken place since the last AG meeting? What were CERF’s key accomplishments in 2020?
- What were the main findings from the 2020 external reviews?
- What are some of CERF’s priorities for 2021?
- What are the Advisory Group’s views on recent CERF allocations and key accomplishments in 2020?
- What are the Advisory Group’s views on CERF’s priorities for 2021 and on its proposal for taking forward the 2020 external reviews?

**9.45–10:30  SESSION IV: CERF RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

**Objective**
- Provide CERF income update
- Discuss progress on the implementation of the CERF Resource Mobilization Plan 2020-2021
- Continue discussion on Advisory Group support of CERF resource mobilization initiatives from the March webinar

**Chair**
- Ms. Marriet Schuurman, Advisory Group Chair

**Documents**
- CERF Resource Mobilization Strategy 2021-2022
- Donor Visibility Update

**Speakers**
- Ms. Anja Nitzsche, Chief of OCHA’s Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Branch

**Guiding Questions**
- What is CERF’s 2020 funding situation and what is the outlook on resource mobilization for the remainder of 2020 and for 2021?
- What role does Advisory Group members see themselves as playing to support resource mobilization in 2021 and 2022?

**10:30–10:45  SESSION V: WRAP UP**

**Objective**
- Agree on the main conclusions and recommendations to the Secretary-General

**Chair**
- Ms. Marriet Schuurman, Advisory Group Chair

**Speakers**
- Ms. Marriet Schuurman, Advisory Group Chair
- Ms. Lisa Carty, Director of Humanitarian Financing and Resource Mobilization Division