

ANNOTATED AGENDA - CERF ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

21-22 June 2023

Venue: Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN and other International Organizations, 28c, Chemin du Petit Saconnex, 1209 Geneva

Wednesday 21 June 2023

13:30 – 14:00	Session I: Welcome and introductory remarks (30 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round of introductions • Provide an overview of the agenda.
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director, OCHA Humanitarian Financing and Resource Mobilization Division (HFRMD) • Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, CERF Advisory Group Chair
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Recommendations and Conclusions from January 2023 Meeting
14:00-15:00	Session II: Update on the use of CERF (60 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief on key CERF allocations and developments since previous Advisory Group meeting and overall utilization of the Fund. • Update on CERF Secretariat priorities going forward.
Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Alice Armani Sequi, Chief, OCHA Pooled Fund Management Branch
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of recent key CERF Allocations
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What significant CERF allocations have taken place since the last Advisory Group meeting? • What are key priorities going forward, including on articulating impact and supporting the Flagship Initiative? • How has CERF’s recent emphasis on localization informed prioritization by the field? • What is the direction of travel on anticipatory action? How is it being mainstreamed and what might some future milestones be?
15:00 – 15:30	COFFEE BREAK (30 min)

15:30 – 17:30	Session III: CERF’s role in climate-related crises and climate financing (120 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussions regarding CERF’s positioning in the climate-financing landscape going forward. Discuss recommendations to the ERC on CERF’s positioning in the climate-disaster response space.
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director HFRMD Mr. Michael Jensen, Chief, CERF Mr. Greg Puley, Chief, OCHA Climate Team
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary: recent OCHA climate-related studies Discussion Note: CERF and Climate Financing
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does CERF fit into the broader climate financing discussion? What is the Fund’s value proposition in this space? Could a clearer climate profile help attract additional funding to CERF from new or existing donors? How to ensure the additionality of Funds? What would be required for donors to provide a greater share of climate finance through CERF?

18:00 – 20:00: **Reception at Restaurant La Vie des Champs, 15 Chemin de la Vie des Champs**

Thursday 22 June 2023

08:00 – 10:00	Session IV: CERF Resource Mobilization and Advocacy (120 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief on CERF’s funding outlook for 2023. Brief on OCHA’s resource mobilization efforts and the new Partnership Strategy for Resource Mobilisation. Break-out groups aimed at identifying concrete activities/initiatives by the Advisory Group in support of resource mobilization for CERF.
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, Advisory Group Chair Ms. Anja Silke Nitzsche, Chief, PRMB
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CERF Income update and projection for 2023 Advisory Group Roadmap to support Resource Mobilization for CERF Communicating CERF Value and Impact
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is CERF’s funding situation and outlook for 2023? What engagement is being pursued with the private sector? What are opportunities for engaging with Islamic social finance?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What visibility can be given to donors for their contributions to CERF? • How can Advisory Group members support Resource Mobilization for CERF to make progress towards reaching the \$1 billion target (group discussions on the following questions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Which peer-to-peer activities can members of the Advisory Group undertake to help unlock new funding and diversify CERF’s funding base (including targeting Member States, the private sector and other funding sources)? How can OCHA support them on this? ➤ What activities can members of the Advisory Group undertake to help communicate the value of CERF and promote the recognition of CERF within their own governments, peer networks and regions? How can OCHA support these efforts with tailored messages and content?
10:00 – 10:30	Session V: Summarizing Recommendations for the ERC (30 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Group to finalize recommendations to the ERC following discussions on CERF’s positioning in the climate-financing landscape and resource mobilization for CERF.
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, Advisory Group Chair
Guiding Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What recommendations will the Advisory Group provide to the ERC on CERF’s positioning in the climate-financing landscape? • What actions will Advisory Group members undertake in support of resource mobilization for CERF?
10:30 – 12:00	Session VI: CERF’s Role in the humanitarian landscape (90 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the global humanitarian landscape and CERF’s positioning with the ERC. • Provide recommendations to the ERC on the strategic position of the Fund in the climate-financing landscape. • Provide recommendations to the ERC on resource mobilization efforts for CERF – including the proposed role of the Advisory Group.
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Martin Griffiths, Emergency Relief Coordinator and UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Humanitarian Overview 2023
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the ERC see as the main humanitarian challenges in 2023? • How should CERF be positioned in the climate-financing landscape? • How do we ensure progress towards the General Assembly mandated annual funding target for CERF of \$1 billion?

12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30 – 15:00	Session VII: CERF Prioritisation and Decision-Making (90 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a briefing and in-depth discussion on how CERF allocations are decided and prioritized.
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Alice Armani Sequi, Chief, PFMB • Mr. Michael Jensen, Chief, CERF
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background document on CERF decision-making processes • CERF Life-Saving Criteria • CERF Handbook • OCHA Pooled Funds Complementarity
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main approaches used for CERF allocation decisions and what are the criteria, triggers, analysis, and consultations behind each decision? • How are needs across contexts prioritized by CERF, and how do we ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover needs? • How are CERF requests consulted, decided, prioritized, and prepared at country level? • How is the funding amount for each allocation determined and what methodologies are used? • How is complementarity assured with the country-based pooled funds? • How are the humanitarian program cycle process and tools used to inform CERF allocations?
15:00 – 15:30	COFFEE BREAK
15:30 – 16:30	Session VIII: Wrap-up and looking forward (60 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize main conclusions to the Secretary-General • Agree on focus areas for next Advisory Group meeting
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, Advisory Group Chair • Ms. Alice Sequi Armani, Chief of PFMB