

AGENDA - CERF Advisory Group Meeting –19 - 20 June 2019

Bedford Hall, Dublin Castle, Dame Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

Wednesday, 19 June 2019

8:45 – 9:00	ARRIVAL (<i>coffee served</i>)	
9:00 – 9:15	SESSION I WELCOME TO MEMBERS	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review recommendations and conclusions from previous meeting. • Provide an overview of meeting agenda.
	<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth • Director HFRMD, Ms. Lisa Carty
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Official Note October 2018 meeting • Informal Summary Note October 2018 meeting
9:15 – 10.00	SESSION II UPDATE ON THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CERF	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief on CERF allocations since the Advisory Group’s previous meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rapid Response: main allocations – including cyclone response in Mozambique/Comoros and the Yemen allocation in support of humanitarian logistics support. ○ Underfunded Emergencies (UFE) window: 1st 2019 UFE round: decision-making process, methodology review and advocacy efforts.
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	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Allocation Table • 2006-2019 Allocation Table • Infographic: 1st 2019 UFE Round • Infographic: CERF and Yemen Humanitarian Fund Support in 2018-2019 • Infographic: CERF Cyclone Response in Mozambique/Comoros
10:00 – 10:45	SESSION III COMMUNICATING ON POTENTIAL FRAUDULENT USE OF CERF FUNDS	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief on established processes for communicating cases of fraudulent use of CERF funds to donors. The current methodology was informed by the Advisory Group in 2015 – prior to current members joining the Group.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief on cases of fraud with CERF funds as reported by recipient agencies, including new cases since the October 2018 update. • The session will include presentations by WFP and FAO Inspector Generals on how agencies identify CERF relevant cases and report on these to CERF.
	<u>Guiding Questions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How do recipient agencies handle cases of fraud with CERF funds and report these to CERF?</i> • <i>How does CERF ensure that information on fraudulent use of CERF funds is shared with donors?</i>
	<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten • WFP Inspector General, Ms. Patricia Kiko Harvey • FAO Inspector General, Mr. Thierry Rajaobelina
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on fraud cases reported to CERF • Communicating the Fraudulent Use of CERF Funds
10:45 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00 – 13:00	SESSION IV STRATEGIC CERF INITIATIVES AND POLICY ISSUES	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief on status of 2018 Country Reviews and plans for 2019 Country Reviews. • Discuss recent initiatives relating to the innovative use of CERF, including but not limited to anticipatory financing and the four priority areas announced by the USG/ERC in early 2018.
	<u>Guiding Questions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is status on the introduction of more systematic use of anticipatory funding by CERF?</i> • <i>What is the background for the four priority areas and how will they be implemented in CERF's grant processes?</i> • <i>What other initiatives are being considered by OCHA to ensure that CERF is able to efficiently respond to crises in the current global financing landscape, while still maintaining the fund's current comparative advantages and respecting its mandate? What is the scope and limitations?</i>
	<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, HFRMD, Ms. Lisa Carty • Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten • Chief CERF, Mr. Michael Jensen
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODI Early Action Study • Update on Strategic CERF Initiatives • USG/ERC mail to RC/HCs on Four Priority Areas • Four Priority Areas Q/As <p><i>Earlier circulated background documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Update: CERF for the Future

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Casement Lecture: Towards a Better System for Humanitarian Financing
13:00 – 14:00	INFORMAL LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:45	SESSION V CERF ADDED VALUE – with Humanitarian / Resident Coordinators	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer an opportunity for the Advisory Group to interact with Ms. Consuelo Vidal (RC for Cuba) and Ms. Kim Bolduc (DSRSG for DRC) to understand from a field perspective, the added value of CERF. Discussions will depart from the findings of recent Country Reviews covering DRC and Cuba/East Caribbean responses, as well as presentations by RC/HCs.
	<u>Guiding Questions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the comparative advantages of CERF funding?</i> • <i>What are the challenges in maximizing CERF's potential added value?</i> • <i>What changes, if any, would agencies and RC/HCs like to see from CERF?</i> • <i>How can CERF's catalytic role be strengthened, i.e. to attract additional funding and what actions are RCs/HCs taking in this regard in parallel with the CERF application?</i>
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	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC for Cuba, Ms. Consuelo Vidal • DSRSG for DRC, Ms. Kim Bolduc • Consultants Ms. Silvia Hidalgo, Mr. Jock Baker and Mr. Glyn Tailor
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAF Country Review Reports: DRC, Venezuela and Cuba/East Caribbean • Overview of CERF Country Reviews to-date • Grant Reports, Cuba and DRC
15:45 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00 – 17:30	SESSION VI MEMBERS CLOSED SESSION	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a session for Advisory Group members only, discuss issues arising from day one and topics to raise with USG/ERC, Mr. Mark Lowcock.
	<u>Chair:</u>	AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
18:30 – 20:00	RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR Hosted by Ms. Else Berit Eikeland, Norwegian Ambassador to Ireland Norwegian Residence, 48 Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	

THURSDAY, 20 June, 2019

8:30 – 8:45	ARRIVAL (coffee served)		
8:45 – 10:00	SESSION VII RESOURCE MOBILIZATION		
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide CERF 2019 income update. • Provide update on resource mobilization and advocacy efforts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECOSOC HAS side event. ○ Plans for the CERF High-Level Pledging Conference. ○ Update on Germany sponsored philanthropy project. ○ Update on donor visibility efforts. 	
	<u>Guiding Questions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the suggestions and views of the Advisory Group on the timing of the High-Level Pledging Event to support resource mobilization for the CERF?</i> • <i>What role can Advisory Group members play in support of CERF during HLC and other events?</i> • <i>What is the feedback of the Advisory Group members on visibility materials produced on CERF?</i> 	
	<u>Chair:</u>	Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten	
	<u>Speakers:</u>	Chief Partnership and Resource Mobilization Branch (PRMB), Ms. Marcy Vigoda	
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERF Annual Report • CERF Results Report • CERF Calendar of events • Visibility Infographics 	
10:00 – 12:30	SESSION VIII CERF STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH THE ERC/USG		
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer an opportunity to discuss the USG/ERC's vision for CERF and future strategic direction of the fund, including initiatives discussed in session IV. 	
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	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USG/ERC Mr. Mark Lowcock 	
12:30 – 13:00	SESSION IX WRAP UP		
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree on the main draft conclusions and recommendations to the Secretary-General. 	
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	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth • Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten 	