CERF Advisory Group Meeting | 1 June 2020
Annotated Agenda

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

Objective
- Provide an overview of meeting agenda
- Introduce new management of OCHA’s Pooled Fund Management Branch
- Introduce future Chair of CERF Advisory Group

Chair
- Ms. Alison Milton, Advisory Group Chair

Documents
- Agenda
- Recommendations and Conclusions from December 2019 Meeting
- Summary Note from December 2019 Meeting

Speakers
- Ms. Alison Milton, Advisory Group Chair
- Ms. Lisa Carty, Director of Humanitarian Financing and Resource Mobilization Division
- Ms. Alice Armanni Sequi, Chief of Pooled Fund Management Branch

8:00 – 9.00 SESSION II: CERF’S ROLE IN THE HUMANITARIAN LANDSCAPE

Objective
- Offer an opportunity to discuss the strategic direction of the fund with the USG/ERC, including in the context of a larger CERF in 2020

Guiding Questions
- How has CERF responded in the unprecedented context of COVID-19? How has this impacted, if at all, ongoing humanitarian crises?
- What has CERF been able to do differently with the higher funding level in 2020?
- What progress has been made in the strategic use of CERF to drive innovation?

Chair
- Ms. Alison Milton, Advisory Group Chair

Documents
- Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19
- CERF COVID-19 Allocation Summary Paper
- Anticipatory Action Update

Speaker
- Mr. Mark Lowcock, Emergency Relief Coordinator and Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs
SESSION III: UPDATE ON THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CERF

9:00 – 10:15

Objective
- Brief on CERF allocations since previous AG meeting
- Provide CERF 2020 income update
- Introduce the first CERF Annual Results Report
- Brief on the update of the CERF Secretary-General Bulletin
- Discuss the update of the CERF Life-Saving Criteria

Guiding Questions
- What significant CERF allocations have taken place since latest meeting? Any other significant updates, including fraud issues?
- How is CERF’s 2020 funding situation and what is the outlook on resource mobilization for 2020 and 2021?
- What are the main changes in the CERF Secretary-General’s Bulletin and the revised CERF Life-Saving Criteria?
- What is the Advisory Group’s feedback to the first consolidated CERF Annual and Results Report?

Chair
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Documents
- Overview of 2020 CERF Allocations
- Revised CERF Secretary-General Bulletin
- Summary Note on Updates to the CERF Secretary-General Bulletin
- Draft Updated CERF Life-Saving Criteria
- Summary Note on Updates to the CERF Life-Saving Criteria
- CERF Allocations Module Information Note
- Summary-CERF Annual Results Report – 2020 Edition
- Update on Cases of Potential Fraudulent Use of CERF Funds

Speakers
- Ms. Alice Armanni Sequi, Chief of Pooled Fund Management Branch
- Ms. Marcy Vigoda, Chief of Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Branch
- Mr. Michael Jensen, Chief of CERF secretariat

SESSION IV: WRAP UP

10:15–10:30

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

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Speakers
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- Ms. Lisa Carty, Director of Humanitarian Financing and Resource Mobilization Division