

CERF Advisory Group Meeting – 24-25 October 2017
Scandinavia House (58 Park Avenue), New York
ANNOTATED AGENDA

TUESDAY, 24 October 2017

9:00 – 9:15	ARRIVAL (<i>coffee served</i>)	
9:15 – 10:00	SESSION I WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO CERF FOR NEW MEMBERS	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome new members. ○ Provide an introduction to CERF.
	<u>Chair:</u>	AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	CERF Chief Ms. Lisa Doughnten
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Briefing documents for new members
10:00 – 10:30	SESSION II WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Present new members. ○ Provide overview of meeting agenda.
	<u>Chair:</u>	AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	CERF Chief Ms. Lisa Doughnten
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agenda ○ Recommendations and Conclusions, CERF Advisory Group meeting of 18 and 19 May 2017
10:30 – 10:45	COFFEE BREAK	
10:45 – 12:00	SESSION III UPDATE ON THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CERF	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<p>Provide briefing on contributions to CERF in 2017 and CERF allocations since the Advisory Group's last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of operations supported during period. ○ Presentation of key allocations including UFE 2nd 2017 round. ○ Communication on Investigations Involving CERF Funds. ○ CERF 2017 Funding Levels. ○ Presentation of 2016 Annual Report. ○ CERF as part of OCHA's new Humanitarian Financing Division.
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	<u>Speakers:</u>	ASG for Strategic Coordination Fabrizio Hochschild – Secretary-General’s Office
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infographics ○ Funding by country 2017 ○ Funding by country 2006-2017 ○ 2016 CERF Annual Report
12:00 – 13:30	INFORMAL LUNCH (Photo session before lunch)	
13:30 – 15:00	SESSION IV CERF GRANT PROCESSES	
	<u>Objective:</u>	Provide members with an overview of CERF support to cash programming and an introduction to CERF Rapid Response grant allocation processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Case study on RR allocation methodologies, processes and requirements.
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	<u>Speakers:</u>	CERF Chief Ms. Lisa Doughen
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UFE methodology paper ○ RR methodology paper ○ Diagram over cyclical recurrent natural disasters and average grant sizes from CERF over the years
15:00 – 15:15	COFFEE BREAK	
15:15 – 17:00	SESSION V PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY: CASE STUDY EL NINO	
	<u>Objective:</u>	Discuss the preliminary findings of the El Nino review under CERF’s Performance and Accountability Framework and based on this consider CERF’s role in promoting early action in slow onset emergencies.
	<u>Guiding Questions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Was CERF instrumental in supporting early response to the humanitarian consequences of El Nino?</i> ○ <i>Did CERF apply the right response strategy?</i> ○ <i>Did CERF funds complement other available funding in the affected countries?</i> ○ <i>Do lessons indicate that (a larger) CERF should apply a more formalized approach in promoting early response to slow onset emergencies?</i>
	<u>Chair:</u>	AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	ASG/DERC Ms. Ursula Mueller Ms. Tasneem Mowjee (external consultant) Mr. Jock Baker (external consultant)
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ToR for CERF El Nino review ○ Summary note El Nino Review
17:00 – 19:00	RECEPTION - Scandinavia House HOSTED BY NORWAY, by Ambassador Ms. May-Elin Stener	

WEDNESDAY, 25 October 2017

08:30 – 08:45	ARRIVAL (coffee served)	
08:45 – 10:30	SESSION VI CERF ADDED VALUE – with Resident Coordinators and IASC Members	
	<u>Objective:</u>	Offer opportunity for the Advisory Group to interact with Resident Coordinators to obtain a better understanding from a field perspective of the added value of CERF. To ensure broad discussions from different angles, this session will also include Inter-Agency Standing Committee partners. Discussion areas will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of CERF grants and results achieved. ○ CERF’s added value to humanitarian response. ○ CERF complementarity with Country-Based Pooled Funds and other funding streams.
	<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 maximising CERF’s potential added value?</i> ○ <i>What changes, if any, would agencies and RC/HCs like to see from a larger CERF?</i>
	<u>Chair:</u>	AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	ASG/DERC Ms. Ursula Mueller Deputy Special Rep of the SG, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia and UNDP Rep, Mr. Peter de Clercq UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Representative Barbados and the OECS, Mr. Stephen O’Malley.
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CERF Results Report
10:30 - 10:45	COFFEE BREAK	
10:45 – 13:00	SESSION VII CERF FOR THE FUTURE	
	<u>Objective:</u>	Making the case for increased advocacy for, and investment in, CERF in a changing humanitarian context recognising different stakeholders’ expectations and priorities. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donor expectations to a \$1 billion CERF. ○ Update on CERF resource mobilization efforts in 2017. ○ Bridge Years: Priorities for resource mobilization to achieve the \$1 billion target.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standards on Resource Mobilisation: Global Best Practices from Successful Replenishments. ○ The Champion Role of CERF Advisory Group Members.
	<u>Guiding Questions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>What prevents existing donors from increasing their support to CERF and new donors from investing substantially in CERF? [each AG member to reflect on this in the context of their own Government’s priorities]</i> ○ <i>What could a larger CERF do differently to better respond to future humanitarian needs?</i> ○ <i>How can we make the December High-Level Pledging Conference a Success?</i> ○ <i>How can Advisory Group members support resource mobilization and new initiatives?</i>
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	<u>Speakers:</u>	ASG/DERC Ms. Ursula Mueller
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lessons to Learn from Recent Successes in Running “Replenishments” in the Health and Education Development Sectors ○ Update on Action: Resource Mobilization Efforts in 2017 ○ TOR for Consultancy on the Review of Global Best Practices of Successful Target Based Fundraising Initiatives ○ Donor Results Overview – Example Sweden ○ Donor Visibility Opportunities Overview – Example Sweden ○ CERF Resource Mobilization Overview – Discussion Starter ○ Key issues for a Resource Mobilization Strategy Achieving the Annual Target of \$1 billion
13:00 – 13:30	SESSION VIII	
	WRAP UP	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agree on the main draft conclusions and recommendations to the Secretary-General. ○ Discuss venue for next meeting.
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	<u>Speakers:</u>	CERF Chief Ms. Lisa Doughnten