

CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

Advisory Group

Work Plan for 2016 - 2017

Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005, the Advisory Group provides the Secretary-General through the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, with broad policy advice on the implementation of the Fund's mandate as a whole and the Fund's performance and reporting mechanisms in order to ensure accountability and transparency.

Mr. Stephen O'Brien manages CERF's day-to-day operations on behalf of the Secretary-General.

I. Objectives

Key Advisory Group objectives for 2016 - 2017:

- Provide guidance on the continued improvement of the management and use of CERF, including through the Performance and Accountability Framework.
- Make recommendations on policy issues related to the operation of CERF.
- Strengthened the role of members to advocate on behalf of CERF, particularly in their own regional groupings and countries.

The following table contains the primary topics/issues that are planned for the next three Advisory Group meetings.

II. Work Plan for 2016 - 2017

Date of planned meeting	Primary topics/issues
<p>March 2016 (Based on the Recommendations and Conclusions of the October 2015 meeting)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CERF fit for the future - a roadmap to increase CERF's funding target to \$1 billion ▪ CERF's resource mobilisation approach covering donor engagement, advocacy and communication plan ▪ Handling of Potential Fraud with CERF Funds (SOP and Communications) ▪ Findings from the review of CERF's response to South Sudan crisis ▪ Findings from the review of CERF's response to Syria crisis ▪ Updated Indicators of the Performance and Accountability Framework
<p>October/November 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss outcome of WHS and ECOSOC as it relates to CERF • Discuss status of an increased funding target for CERF (including intergovernmental initiatives and resource mobilization developments) • Discuss preliminary findings from 2016 CERF country reviews (if applicable) • Discuss relevant policy and performance issues • Discuss relevant management and governance issues
<p>April/May 2017</p>	

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