

2019/20 CERF Calendar of Events

Background

At the CERF Advisory Group meeting in October 2018 in New York, the members of the Group asked OCHA to revisit the CERF events calendar to map out different opportunities throughout the year when CERF's added value can be promoted, highlighting where relevant an active advocacy role the members of the AG could play. This event calendar was developed as a planning tool for outreach and visibility and updated on a regular basis.

The events are identified into three broad categories: i) CERF-focused events (**green**); ii) high-level financing events or conferences where CERF could feature prominently (**orange**); and, iii) regional partnerships events as public awareness and peer-to-peer advocacy opportunities (**grey**).

Date	Location / Venue	Event	Opportunity for CERF	Potential role for CERF AG	OCHA's Support
First Half 2019					
26 Feb	Geneva	High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen	Highlight the catalytic role CERF has played in enabling rapid scale up humanitarian response in Yemen as the 2nd largest recipient in 2018 and 5th largest overall	Outcome: With the \$32 million released from CERF in January 2019, the SG, the USG and participants highlighted the Fund as an important instrument to unlock resources quickly to ramp up humanitarian logistical operations	
30 March - 4 April	Sudan	ODSG Field Trip	Gain insight into the added value of CERF and its complementarity with CBPFs	Outcome: Participants were able to see humanitarian projects supported by the Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF) and the CERF, in particular OCHA's efforts to strengthen the level of complementarity between the SHF and the CERF through consultations with the HCT, Inter-sector Coordination Group and the SHF Advisory Board	
29 April	Geneva	Spain/Ireland hosted luncheon with a number of LAC countries	Peer to peer advocacy on support for humanitarian action and added value of pooled funds, including CERF allocations in the LAC region. Call for increased support to CERF and CBPFs	Outcome: Director Humanitarian Financing and Resource Mobilization Division (HFRMD) briefed the group raising awareness of the added value of pooled funds. Participants were politically supportive of CERF though noted limited financial capacity to increase funding	
23-24 May	Oslo	Ending Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Humanitarian Crises	Highlight CERF's role in enabling life-saving Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and sexual and reproductive health interventions in a multitude of contexts	Outcome: Significant unearmarked and core funding to humanitarian organizations and respond to SGBV were noted with gratitude, including funding to the CERF	
19-20 June	Dublin	2019 first CERF AG meeting			
Second Half 2019					
Sep	Brussels	The Council working party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) briefing on Humanitarian Financing under Finnish presidency	An opportunity to champion CERF, CBPFs and brief on OCHA's work on humanitarian financing among all EU Member States, particularly those not yet contributing to the fund (including France, Austria, etc)	Outcome: Director HFRMD briefed. Many Member States reaffirmed their political and financial support for CERF and CBPFs as well as OCHA's work on humanitarian financing. Several smaller EU Member States expressed an interest to hear more about the funding mechanisms and how visibility is provided around contributions	
Oct	Geneva	Finland hosted luncheon with a small number of European Member States on the Pooled Funds	Peer to peer follow-up on the COHAFA briefing with a number of interested small European Member States to raise awareness on CERF and CBPFs	Outcome: Chief Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Branch (PRMB) briefed on the added value and achievements of Pooled Funds. The Member States noted their interest for such instruments and highlighted the importance of visibility in terms of influencing funding decisions.	
December 2019 - December 2020 EVENTS					
2 Dec	London	ERC Lecture at LSE: How data and innovative financing can help improve the world's response to humanitarian crises	Opportunity to showcase CERF's pilot work in innovative financing and its added value		

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4 Dec	Global	Launch of Global Humanitarian Overview 2020 in Geneva, Brussels, London, Berlin and Washington DC	The launch highlights global trends, challenges and the world's humanitarian requirements through this comprehensive, authoritative and evidence-based assessment document. This is an opportunity for a call to support CERF and CBPFs	CERF AG members to play a role in advocating for support to CERF through their networks	
5-6 Dec	New York	2019 Second CERF AG meeting			
Dec	New York	CERF High-Level Pledging Event for 2020	Panel discussion on CERF's role in promoting fast and effective response with a focus on CERF's support for women and girls, disabled people, education in protracted crises and other aspects of protection, followed by a pledging component where Member States will announce pledges for CERF in 2020 and beyond	Two AG members will be on the panel (including the AG Chair). Many AG members will attend and can take the floor	Provide a suite of communications products and tool kits as well as messaging on the CERF to assist AG peer to peer resource mobilisation efforts through their own networks in the lead up to the event
First Half 2020					
Jan-June	TBD	High-Level resource mobilisation and thematic events	Highlight the catalytic role CERF has played in enabling rapid scale up humanitarian response	CERF AG members to play a role in advocating for support to CERF through their networks	
TBC June	TBC	2020 First CERF AG meeting			
Second Half 2020					
TBC Dec	Geneva and capitals	Launch of Global Humanitarian Overview 2021	The launch highlights global trends, challenges and the world's humanitarian requirements through this comprehensive, authoritative and evidence-based assessment document. This is an opportunity for a call to support CERF and CBPFs	Potential for CERF AG members to play a role in calling for support to CERF through their networks	
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TBC Dec	New York	CERF High-Level Pledging Event for 2021	Showcase CERF's role in promoting fast and effective response and pledging component where Member States can announce pledges for CERF in 2021 and beyond		Provide a suite of communications products and tool kits as well as messaging on the CERF to assist AG peer to peer resource mobilisation efforts through their own networks in the lead up to the event