

# CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

## Advisory Group Work Plan for 2015 - 2016

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.

Ms. Amos manages CERF's day-to-day operations on behalf of the Secretary-General's.

### I Objectives

#### ***Key Advisory Group objectives for 2015 - 2016:***

- 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. (see also November 2014 version, below in red)

## II Work Plan for 2015 - 2016

Date of planned meeting	Primary topics/issues
April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Policy update related to L3 protocols, as well as policy instruction of roles and responsibilities</li> <li>▪ Discuss the mechanisms and processes in place in case of the misuse of funds</li> <li>▪ Discuss findings from the PAF country reviews</li> <li>▪ Discuss findings from WFP pooled fund evaluation</li> <li>▪ Update on preparation for Umoja roll-out 1 June</li> </ul>
November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Follow-up actions to the CERF scoping studies</li> <li>▪ Discuss and adopt CERF visibility guidelines and CERF resource mobilization and communications strategy for 2016-2017</li> <li>▪ Discuss findings from the PAF country reviews</li> <li>▪ Update on Umoja experience: impact on work flow – contributions and grant disbursements</li> <li>▪ An update of how CERF has integrated relevant matters from the Management Response Plan into the CERF work plan.</li> </ul>
April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discuss findings from the PAF country reviews (Syria regional review)</li> <li>▪ Discuss the updated guidance on the Rapid Response and Underfunded Emergency windows and the Presentation of the CERF handbook</li> <li>▪ Experience with using the revised PAF in 2015, and discussion about possible adjustments to the framework.</li> </ul>

### III Work Plan for 2014 – 2015 (from November 2014 meeting)

Date of planned meeting	Primary topics/issues
November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discuss findings from the PAF country reviews</li> <li>▪ CERF’s adaption to the changes to the Humanitarian Programme Cycle</li> <li>▪ Policy update related to L3 protocols, as well as policy instruction of roles and responsibilities</li> <li>▪ Update on reemphasizing the topic of strategic use of CERF (with focus on concrete examples such as the regional approach, prioritization, CERF training etc.)</li> <li>▪ Discuss the mechanisms and processes in place in case of the misuse of funds</li> </ul>
April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Policy update related to L3 protocols, as well as policy instruction of roles and responsibilities</li> <li>▪ Discuss the updated guidance on the Rapid Response and Underfunded Emergency windows</li> <li>▪ An update of how CERF has integrated relevant matters from the Management Response Plan into the CERF work plan</li> <li>▪ Discuss findings from WFP pooled fund evaluation</li> <li>▪ Update on the progress and experience of Umoja for the CERF grant operation</li> </ul>
November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>