

MEETING AGENDA

Venue: Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations, New York

DAY 1: Tuesday 10 December 2024

<p>1:30 PM - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>WELCOME LUNCH (60 min) <i>Advisory Group members are invited to an optional light lunch at the Permanent Mission to network and engage with one another prior to the meeting</i></p>
<p>2:30 PM – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Session I: Welcome and introductory remarks (30 min)</p>
<p>Objective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Ms. Nicole McHugh, Chair of the CERF Advisory Group and Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director, OCHA Financing and Partnerships Division • Brief introduction of new Advisory Group members, Mr. Ruy Pereira (Brazil), Mr. Shiferaw Teklemariam (Ethiopia), and Mr. Christophe Schiltz (Luxembourg) • Overview of the agenda
<p>Speakers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nicole McHugh, Chair of the CERF Advisory Group • Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director, OCHA Financing and Partnerships Division
<p>Documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Recommendations and Conclusions from the June 2024 Meeting
<p>3:00 PM – 4:15 PM</p>	<p>Session II: Update on the use and management of CERF (75 min)</p>
<p>Objective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the overall utilization of the Fund and key activities since the last Advisory Group meeting • Update on CERF priorities, such as anticipatory action, climate action, quality programming, Accountability to Affected People, localization, and communications <i>[Learning and innovative financing will be covered in stand-alone sessions]</i> • Discussion on key challenges in the overall management of CERF, and any support that can be provided by the Advisory Group
<p>Speaker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michael Jensen, Chief of CERF

<p>Documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background note: Overview of recent key CERF allocations • Background note and infographic on Anticipatory Action • Infographic: CERF and Climate Action • Summary note on the thematic CERF funding for climate-smart humanitarian action • Examples of OCHA communications and advocacy products [please see website for more]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infographics on the Pooled Funds response in Lebanon and Sudan ○ “OCHA Humanitarian Funds in Action” documents on the forcibly displaced and locally led humanitarian response • CERF Fraud Matrix
<p>Guiding questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Does the Advisory Group have reflections on CERF’s work and achievements?</i> • <i>Does the Group have reflections on CERF’s priorities and suggestions for ways to support OCHA in these areas moving forward?</i>
<p>4:15 PM – 4:30 PM</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK (15 min)</p>
<p>4:30 PM – 5:15 PM</p>	<p>Session III: Update on CERF learning and guidance efforts and impact reporting (45 min)</p>
<p>Objective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the learning and knowledge management framework for the Pooled Funds, ongoing CERF-commissioned external reviews, and increased guidance efforts for the Pooled Funds
<p>Speaker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jutta Hinkkanen, Chief, OCHA Guidance, Learning and Reporting Unit, PFMB
<p>Documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background note: Pooled Fund Learning and Knowledge Management Framework • OCHA Pooled Funds – Examples of Thematic Guidance Notes: “Accountability to Affected People” and “Ensuring Complementarity between the OCHA-managed Pooled Funds”
<p>Guiding questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Does the Advisory Group have reflections on CERF’s efforts to improve learning, and suggestions that may guide CERF’s future direction of travel?</i>

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Reception at the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations

DAY 2: Wednesday 11 December 2024

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	COFFEE SERVED (30 min)
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Session IV: CERF impact from a field perspective – Session with RC/HCs (90 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow the Advisory Group to interact directly with Resident/Humanitarian Coordinators (RC/HCs) to understand the impact and value added of CERF in their respective operational contexts, as well as challenges
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director, OCHA FPD • Ms. Nicole McHugh, Chair of the CERF Advisory Group • Ms. Clementine Awu Nkweta-Salami, UN Resident Coordinator in Sudan • Ms. Catherine Sozi, UN Resident Coordinator in Mozambique • Ms. Mireia Villar Forner, UN Resident Coordinator in Colombia
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background note: CERF’s support to humanitarian operations in Sudan • Background note: CERF’s support to humanitarian operations in Mozambique • Background note: CERF’s support to humanitarian operations in Colombia
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What difference has CERF made in the respective operational contexts? What have been the challenges in maximizing CERF’s added value?</i> • <i>What suggestions do the RC/HCs have for the CERF Advisory Group in terms of enhancing the effectiveness of CERF, and for articulating its strategic value?</i> • <i>Country-specific questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>In Sudan, how has the allocation of CERF funding supported the humanitarian response to the displacement and food insecurity crisis, including in complementarity with resources from the Sudan Humanitarian Fund?</i> ○ <i>In Mozambique, how has the dedicated CERF funding envelope been leveraged to catalyse innovation in climate-smart humanitarian action?</i> ○ <i>In Colombia, how has CERF funding been utilized to support the priorities of the Flagship Initiative?</i>
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Session V: Resource mobilization and advocacy for CERF (120 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on CERF’s resource mobilization and advocacy efforts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CERF 2024 income level and 2025 funding outlook, based on the outcomes of the CERF Annual High-Level Pledging Event for 2025 ○ Summary of the feedback from private sector representatives from the June AG meeting, update on OCHA’s private sector engagement and potential future priorities ○ Ongoing resource mobilization for the CERF Climate Action Account, including key takeaways from the COP29 • Facilitated discussion with Advisory Group members on ongoing actions and future commitments to support OCHA’s priorities in resource mobilization and advocacy for CERF

Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anja Silke Nitzsche, Chief, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Branch (PRMB) • Mr. Greg Puley, Head of OCHA Climate Team • Ms. Nicole McHugh, Chair of the CERF Advisory Group
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Advisory Group roadmap to support resource mobilization for CERF • Key messages: Why invest in CERF • Key messages: CERF and the Climate Action Account • Background note: Communicating CERF together
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What actions have Advisory Group members taken to support OCHA’s priorities in resource mobilization and advocacy for CERF and the Climate Action Account since the last meeting? What challenges and opportunities have they encountered in these efforts? Do members need further support from OCHA in advocating for CERF?</i> • <i>What other initiatives can the Advisory Group pursue moving forward, and what type of support would members need from OCHA?</i> • <i>Does the Advisory Group have suggestions on how CERF can meaningfully engage with the private sector moving forward, considering the challenges and opportunities discussed in June? How can the Advisory Group help advance these efforts?</i>
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Session VI: CERF’s 20th Anniversary (45 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the Advisory Group on thinking regarding CERF’s 20th anniversary and brainstorm on the Advisory Group’s proposal to leverage the anniversary for resource mobilisation and advocacy
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director, OCHA FPD
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Does the Advisory Group have suggestions for CERF’s 20th Anniversary and what members can do in support of a “campaign”?</i>
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Session VII: Innovative Financing for CERF (60 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on progress regarding innovative financing opportunities for CERF, namely risk-transfer/insurance, endowment mechanisms, and levies – with a focus on the risk-transfer solution linked to CERF’s Anticipatory Action portfolio
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Daniel Pfister, Chief of HFSA • Mr. Daniel Clarke, Director of Center for Disaster Protection
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update: Risk Transfer to save more lives
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Does the Advisory Group have any reflections on the status and direction of travel on establishing an insurance/risk transfer solution for CERF?</i> • <i>What can CERF Advisory Group members do to unlock innovative financing mechanisms for CERF within their own governments and networks, in particular the insurance/risk transfer solution?</i>

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK (45 min)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Session VIII: Internal group discussion (60 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define recommendations to the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) on topics discussed during the meeting Agree on ways to improve follow up on meeting action points by Advisory Group members
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nicole McHugh, Advisory Group Chair
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What are the concrete recommendations and commitments that the Advisory Group wishes to put forward to the ERC, based on the topics discussed during the meeting?</i> <i>What further actions will Advisory Group members undertake to support resource mobilization and advocacy for CERF and how can we improve follow-up on Advisory Group members' commitments?</i>
3:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Session IX: Session with the Emergency Relief Coordinator (75 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share reflections with the ERC on topics discussed during the meeting and on CERF's positioning in the humanitarian landscape
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Tom Fletcher, Emergency Relief Coordinator and UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Ms. Nicole McHugh, Chair of the CERF Advisory Group
Guiding questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What recommendations and commitments does the Advisory Group have for the ERC to better position CERF in the humanitarian landscape?</i>
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Session X: Wrap-up and looking forward (45 min)
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree on main conclusions to the Secretary-General. Agree on tentative focus areas for next Advisory Group meeting.
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nicole McHugh, Advisory Group Chair Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director, OCHA Financing and Partnerships Division