

## MEETING AGENDA

**Venue:** Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN and other International Organizations, 28c, Chemin du Petit Saconnex, 1209 Geneva

### DAY 1: Thursday, 13 June 2024

<b>08:45 – 9:15</b>	<b>Session I: Welcome and introductory remarks (30 min)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory remarks</li> <li>• Overview of the agenda</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director, OCHA Financing and Partnerships Division (FPD)</li> <li>• Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, Chair of the CERF Advisory Group</li> </ul>
<b>Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Recommendations and Conclusions from December 2023 Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>9:15 – 10:15</b>	<b>Session II: Update on the use and management of CERF (60 min)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an overview of CERF’s main achievements in 2023, based on the published CERF Annual Results Report</li> <li>• Update on the overall utilization of the Fund and key activities undertaken since the last Advisory Group meeting</li> <li>• Update on on-going and future CERF priorities. These include advancing innovation and learning, anticipatory action, quality programming and locally led responses, complementarity with other funding sources, and the flexibility of the CERF loan element. <i>[The CERF Climate Action Account and innovative financing will be covered in stand-alone sessions]</i></li> </ul>
<b>Speaker</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Alice Armani Sequi, Chief, OCHA Pooled Funds Management Branch (PFMB)</li> </ul>
<b>Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 CERF Annual Results Report</li> <li>• Background note: Overview of recent key CERF allocations</li> <li>• Infographic on CERF’s El Niño response</li> <li>• Background note: Progress on CERF’s Anticipatory Action work</li> <li>• Background note: Update on CERF’s learning efforts through independent thematic reviews</li> </ul>
<b>Guiding questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Does the Advisory Group have any reflections on CERF’s 2023 work and achievements, as outlined in the Annual Results Report, and how they might guide us in our future direction?</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the Group have reflections on CERF’s ongoing and future priorities, and suggestions for ways that the Group can support OCHA in these areas?</i></li> </ul>
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK (15 min)</b>
<b>10:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Session III: Update on CERF Climate Action Account (90 min)</b>

<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the CERF Climate Action Account, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steps taken to advance reporting, visibility, and clarity on the attribution of funds</li> <li>Update on contributions to the Account and ongoing advocacy and resource mobilization efforts</li> </ul> </li> <li>Update from Advisory Group members' commitment to map their governments' internal funding structures and peer-to-peer advocacy efforts with other Member States since last meeting</li> <li>Discuss CERF's position in the climate financing architecture</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Alice Armani Sequi, Chief, PFMB</li> <li>Mr. Michael Jensen, Chief, CERF Secretariat</li> <li>Mr. Daniel Pfister, Chief a.i., Humanitarian Financing Strategy and Analysis Section (HFSA)</li> </ul>
<b>Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Background note: CERF's position in the Climate Financing Architecture</li> <li>Updated CERF Climate Action Account Brochure</li> <li>Updated CERF Climate Action Account FAQs</li> <li>2023 Report on CERF-funded Climate Action</li> </ul>
<b>Guiding questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Does the Advisory Group have reflections on the direction OCHA has taken with regards to reporting, attribution, visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization for the CERF Climate Action Account?</i></li> <li><i>What reflections does the Advisory Group have on CERF's position in the climate financing architecture, and what does it mean for partnerships and promoting the unique value of CERF?</i></li> <li><i>Which peer-to-peer activities have Advisory Group members undertaken since December to help mobilize resources for the Account and what more can be done by the Group?</i></li> <li><i>What funding opportunities have Group members identified from their mapping of internal funding structures?</i></li> </ul>
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<p><b>LUNCH BREAK (60 min)</b>  WITH GROUP PHOTO - 12:00-12-10</p> <p><i>[During the lunch break, Advisory Group members are invited to record video messages expressing their support for CERF and its strategic value]</i></p>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Session IV: Resource mobilization for CERF (90 min)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on CERF's 2024 income level and funding outlook, and OCHA's resource mobilization efforts for CERF,</li> <li>Update from Advisory Group members on efforts to mobilize resources and to advocate for CERF and discussion about future opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, Advisory Group Chair</li> <li>Ms. Anja Silke Nitzsche, Chief, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Branch (PRMB)</li> </ul>
<b>Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infographic on CERF income for 2024</li> <li>Updated Advisory Group roadmap to support resource mobilization for CERF</li> <li>Key messages: Why invest in OCHA its Pooled Funds</li> </ul>
<b>Guiding questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>What actions have Advisory Group members undertaken to support resource mobilization and advocacy efforts for CERF since the last meeting?</i></li> <li><i>What are other initiatives that the Group can pursue moving forward?</i></li> <li><i>What are potential 'targets' that members could encourage? What are possible milestone events</i></li> </ul>

	<p><i>happening in Q3 and Q4 that members could build on (UNGA and beyond)?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What more should OCHA be doing to advance resource mobilization and advocacy for CERF?</i></li> </ul>
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Session V: Engaging with the private sector (60 min)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss opportunities and challenges to attract private sector funding to CERF with selected private sector representatives</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Kareem Elbayar, Private Sector Unit Team Lead, OCHA (dial-in)</li> <li>• Ms. Elodie Bousquel, VP Global Emergency Response Solutions and Partnerships, Mastercard (dial-in)</li> <li>• Mr. Alex Diaz, Head of AI for Social Good, Google.org (dial-in)</li> <li>• Ms. Arezo Kohistany, Founder, Private Sector Humanitarian Alliance (dial-in)</li> <li>• Ms. Ara Yoo, Global Social Impact Lead, ByteDance (dial-in)</li> </ul>
<b>Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key messages: Why invest OCHA and its Pooled Funds</li> </ul>
<b>Guiding questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How can CERF attract funding from the private sector? What are the anticipated opportunities, and what are the roadblocks to overcome?</i></li> <li>• <i>What can CERF Advisory Group members do to support CERF’s resource mobilization with the private sector?</i></li> </ul>
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK (15 min)</b>
<b>15:45–16:45</b>	<b>Session VI: Exploring innovative financing mechanisms for CERF (60 min)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss potential innovative financing opportunities for CERF, namely risk transfer/insurance, trust fund/capital development fund mechanisms, as well as potential levies</li> <li>• Update on progress from the Advisory Group sub-working group on innovative financing</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Colum Wilson, Advisory Group member</li> <li>• Mr. Cristian Torres, Advisory Group member</li> <li>• Mr. Michael Jensen, Chief, CERF Secretariat</li> <li>• Mr. Daniel Pfister, Chief a.i, HFSA</li> </ul>
<b>Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background note: Opportunities for innovative financing for CERF</li> </ul>
<b>Guiding questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Which innovative financing mechanisms does the Advisory Group suggest that OCHA pursue as a matter of priority?</i></li> <li>• <i>Are there any innovative financing opportunities that Advisory Group members can help unlock within their own governments and networks?</i></li> </ul>
<b>16:45-17:30</b>	<p><b>OPTIONAL VIDEO RECORDING SESSION (45 min)</b></p> <p><i>[Advisory Group members are invited to record optional video messages expressing their support for CERF and its strategic value]</i></p>

**18:30 – 20:00: Reception at “La Vie des Champs – Restaurant Jardin”, hosted by Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, 15 Chemin de la Vie des Champs**

## DAY 2: Friday, 14 June 2024

<b>08:15 - 9:45</b>	<b>Session VII: CERF from a field perspective – Session with RC/HCs (90 min)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allow the Advisory Group to interact directly with Resident/Humanitarian Coordinators (RC/HCs) to understand the value added of CERF from a field perspective</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director, OCHA FPD</li> <li>Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, Chair of the CERF Advisory Group</li> <li>Dr. Issa Sanogo, UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar</li> <li>Dr. Mohamed Ag Ayoya, UN Resident Coordinator in Central African Republic</li> </ul>
<b>Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Background note: CERF’s support to humanitarian operations in Madagascar and Central African Republic</li> <li>Biography: Dr. Issa Sanogo, UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar</li> <li>Biography: Dr. Mohamed Ag Ayoya, UN Resident Coordinator in Central African Republic</li> </ul>
<b>Guiding questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>How have RC/HCs ensured strategic prioritization of CERF funding and what difference has CERF funding made in the respective operational contexts? What have been the challenges in maximizing CERF’s added value? How has the CERF funding process impacted coordination between partners on the ground?</i></li> <li><i>What suggestions do RC/HCs have for the CERF Advisory Group in terms of enhancing the effectiveness of CERF, and for articulating its strategic value?</i></li> <li><i>Country-specific questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>How has the dedicated CERF funding envelope been utilized to facilitate collective accountability to affected people and community engagement in CAR, and was complementarity with other funding sources sought?</i></li> <li><i>How have CERF funds been utilized to facilitate early action approaches to the 2023–2024 El Niño episode in Madagascar, and have these contributed to improved adaptation and resilience to future shocks?</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>09:45 –10:45</b>	<b>Session VIII: Internal Group discussion (60 min)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define recommendations to the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) on topics discussed during the meeting (resource mobilization, advocacy, Climate Action Account, private sector engagement, innovative financing)</li> <li>Agree on ways to improve and coordinate CERF Advisory Group members’ follow up on action points from meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, Advisory Group Chair</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>What are the concrete recommendations and commitments that the Advisory Group wishes to put forward to the ERC, based on the topic discussed during the meeting?</i></li> <li><i>What further actions will Group members undertake to support resource mobilization and advocacy for CERF and how can we improve follow-up on members’ commitments?</i></li> </ul>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK (15 min)</b> <i>[Advisory Group members are invited to record optional video messages expressing their support for CERF and its strategic value]</i>
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Session IX: Session with the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Martin Griffiths (60 min)</b>

<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide advice to the ERC on topics discussed during the meeting and on CERF’s positioning in the humanitarian landscape</li> <li>• Hear the ERC’s reflections on his tenure, and on priorities for advancing the humanitarian endeavor, including CERF’s role in that regard</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Martin Griffiths, Emergency Relief Coordinator and UN Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs</li> <li>• Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, Chair of the CERF Advisory Group</li> </ul>
<b>Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Humanitarian Overview for 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Guiding questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What recommendations and commitments does the Advisory Group have for the ERC to further position CERF in the humanitarian landscape?</i></li> </ul>
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Session X: Wrap-up and looking forward (30 min)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarize main conclusions to the Secretary-General</li> <li>• Agree on tentative focus areas for next Advisory Group meeting</li> <li>• Bid farewell to outgoing Advisory Group members</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier, Advisory Group Chair</li> <li>• Ms. Lisa Doughten, Director, OCHA FPD</li> </ul>