# CERF Advisory Group Meeting – 8-9 May 2018
## ANNOTATED AGENDA

**TUESDAY, 8 May 2018**

EFTA Secretariat (Rue de Varembé, 9-11), Geneva

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<td>WELCOME TO MEMBERS</td>
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| **Objective:** | Review recommendations and conclusions from previous meeting.  
- Assess the new meeting summary format piloted after the October 2017 meeting.  
- Provide an overview of the meeting agenda. |
| **Chair:** | Advisory Group (AG) Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth |
| **Speakers:** | AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth |
| **Documents:** | Agenda  
- Recommendations and conclusions October 2017 meeting  
- Summary note October 2017 meeting |
| 9:45 – 11:00 | SESSION II | UPDATE ON THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CERF |
| **Objective:** | Provide briefing on contributions to CERF in 2017 and pledges and contributions to CERF in 2018.  
- Provide briefing on CERF allocations since the Advisory Group’s previous meeting, including:  
  - Underfunded Emergencies window: 1st 2018 underfunded round.  
  - Rapid Response: main allocations.  
- Provide update on UMOJA 2 (the update of the UN’s administration system) and potential impact on CERF.  
- Provide overview of the OCHA change management process, the new organigram and CERF as part of OCHA’s new Humanitarian Financing and Resource Mobilisation Division. |
| **Chair:** | AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth |
| **Speakers:** | CERF Chief Ms. Lisa Doughten |
| **Documents:** | 2018 Allocation Table  
- 2006-2018 Allocation Table  
- 1st 2018 Underfunded Emergencies round infographics |
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| **Objective:** | Provide update on performance issues, including: | • Results Report for 2016.  
• CERF partnership analysis for 2016.  
• Agency fraud investigations regarding CERF funds.  
• Plans for 2018 country reviews under CERF’s Performance and Accountability Framework (PAF).  
• Provide update on policy issues including:  
  • Agency feedback on CERF Life-Saving Criteria. |
| **Chair:**  | AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth |                                                                         |
| **Speakers:** | CERF Chief Ms. Lisa Doughten |                                                                         |
| **Documents:** | CERF Results Report 2016  
CERF Life-Saving Criteria |                                                                         |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | INFORMAL LUNCH | (Photo session - group and individual pictures before lunch)           |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | SESSION IV     | CERF FOR THE FUTURE                                                    |
| **Objective:** | Discuss the future of CERF with Under-Secretary General and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock. Discussion starters will include: | • Findings from the El Niño review under CERF’s Performance and Accountability Framework - particularly regarding CERF’s role in promoting early action in slow onset emergencies. Brief presentation by external consultant Mr. Jock Baker.  
• Findings from analyses on risk financing for CERF conducted by UK and Netherlands. Brief presentation by Dr. Daniel Clarke. |
| **Guiding Questions:** | What immediate and long-term steps are required to strengthen CERF and ensure that the Fund remains an efficient enabler of humanitarian response in the context of the current global financing landscape? Discussion points will include (but will not be limited to): |
| Do lessons from the El Nino response indicate that (a larger) CERF should broaden its scope to systematically fund early action activities in response to early warning indicators in slow onset (and other) emergencies? And what implications would this have? |
| How can CERF ensure complementarity with other funding mechanisms, particularly on the development side? |

### Chair:
- AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth

### Speakers:
- USG/ERC Mr. Mark Lowcock
- CERF Chief Ms. Lisa Doughten
- Mr. Jock Baker (external consultant)
- Dr. Daniel Clarke

### Documents:
- El Niño PAF Report
- Status update on CERF for the Future operational and strategic initiatives
- Discussion Paper by Dr. Nicola Ranger and Dr. Daniel Clarke: What role for disaster risk financing in the CERF?
- Discussion Paper by Dr. Daniel Clarke: A Disaster Risk Insurance Facility for the CERF
- Casement Lecture by USG/ERC Mark Lowcock - Humanitarian Financing

### 16:30 – 18:30
**RECEPTION – CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE CONFERENCES GENEVE (CICG) - SALLE LÉMAN, RUE DE VAREMBÉ 17 (ACROSS THE STREET)**  
HOSTED BY NORWAY, by Ambassador Hans Brattskar, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations in Geneva
### Agenda of the CERF Advisory Group meeting, 8 and 9 May 2018, Geneva

**WEDNESDAY, 9 May, 2018**

**Hotel Intercontinental (7 – 9 Chemin du Petit Saconnex), Geneva,**

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| **Objective:**| Present OCHA’s new Resource Mobilization and Partnerships Branch  
• Discuss making the case for increased investment in CERF in a changing humanitarian context recognising different stakeholders’ expectations and priorities. This will include:  
  o Elements of the draft Resource Mobilisation Strategy for 2018-2019, specifically Peer to Peer Advocacy and CERF High Level side event.  
  o Discussion: investment cases.  

**Guiding Questions:**

• How is resource mobilisation for the CERF being supported by the new the Humanitarian Financing and Resource Mobilisation Division?  
• How can Advisory Group members support Peer to Peer Advocacy over the next year and beyond?  
• What are the views of the Advisory Group on the range of High Level side events to support resource mobilisation for the CERF?  

**Chair:** AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth  
**Speakers:** Resource Mobilization Branch Chief, Ms. Marcy Vigoda  
**Documents:** Update on Action: Resource Mobilization Efforts in 2018  
• CERF Resource Mobilization Strategy  
• Discussion Paper by Jon Liden: CERF Resource Mobilization: Elements to Consider for a CERF Investment Case  
• CERF Resource Mobilization: Lessons to Learn from Recent Successes in Running “Replenishments” in The Health and Education Development Sectors, by Jon Liden (also shared ahead of the October 2017 AG meeting)  

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| 10:45 – 12:30 | SESSION VI CERF ADDED VALUE – with Humanitarian and Resident Coordinators and IASC Members  
**Objective:** Offer opportunity for the Advisory Group to interact with Bangladesh Resident Coordinator Ms. Mia Seppo and DRC Humanitarian Coordinator Ms. Kim Bolduc to obtain a better understanding from a field
perspective of the added value of CERF. To ensure broad discussions from different angles, this session will also include Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) partners. Discussion areas will include:
- Use of CERF grants and results achieved.
- CERF’s added value to humanitarian response.
- CERF complementarity with other funding streams.
- CERF Partnerships.
- CERF for the future – informed by session IV.

**Guiding Questions:**
- What are the comparative advantages of CERF funding?
- What are the challenges in maximising CERF’s potential added value?
- What changes, if any, would agencies and RC/HCs like to see from a larger CERF?
- Can anything be done to further improve partnerships under CERF grants?
- How can CERF’s catalytic role be strengthened, i.e. to attract additional funding and what actions are RCs/HCs taking in this regard in parallel with the CERF application?

**Chair:**
- AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth

**Speakers:**
- CERF Chief Ms. Lisa Doughten
- Resident Coordinator Bangladesh Ms. Mia Seppo
- Humanitarian Coordinator DRC, Ms. Kim Bolduc

**Documents:**
- CERF Results Report 2016
- Bangladesh Grant Report: Rapid Response Displacement 2016
- Bangladesh Grant Report: Rapid Response Floods 2016
- DRC Grant Report: Rapid Response Floods 2016

**SESSION VII WRAP UP**

**Objective:**
- Agree on the main draft conclusions and recommendations to the Secretary-General.
- Discuss venue for next meeting.

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- AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth

**Speakers:**
- AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
- CERF Chief Ms. Lisa Doughten