

CERF Advisory Group Meeting – 23-24 October 2018
Scandinavia House (58 Park Avenue), New York
ANNOTATED AGENDA

TUESDAY, 23 October 2018

9:00 – 9:30	ARRIVAL (<i>coffee served</i>)	
9:30 – 10:15	SESSION I WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO CERF FOR NEW MEMBERS	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome new members. • Provide an introduction to CERF.
	<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Group (AG) Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth • Chief Pooled Fund Management Branch (PFMB), Ms. Lisa Doughten
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing documents for new members
10:15 – 10.45	SESSION II WELCOME TO MEMBERS	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review recommendations and conclusions from previous meeting. • Provide an overview of meeting agenda.
	<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth • Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Recommendations and conclusions May 2018 meeting • Summary note May 2018 meeting
10:45 – 12:30	SESSION III UPDATE ON THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CERF	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief on CERF allocations since the Advisory Group's previous meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rapid Response: main allocations, including regional allocation to the Venezuelan refugees and asylum seekers and allocations to drought in the Sahel and South-eastern Africa and floods in Eastern Africa. ○ Underfunded Emergencies (UFE) window: 2nd 2018 UFE round, including decision-making process, methodology review and advocacy efforts.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on agency fraud investigations regarding CERF funds. • Provide overview of the OCHA change management process since the previous meeting, including the plans for the new Humanitarian Financing Strategy and Analysis (HFSA) Section, the efforts of Task Team 1 and 2, and the new senior management team. • Introduce the new Director of OCHA's Humanitarian Financing and Resource Mobilization (HFRM) Division Ms. Lisa Carty and hear her vision for CERF.
	<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director HFRM Ms. Lisa Carty • Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Allocation Table • 2006-2018 Allocation Table • Infographic: 2nd 2018 Underfunded Emergencies round • Infographic: Lake Chad Basin Allocations • ToR – HFSA • Overview of CERF Country Reviews to-date • CERF Results Report • CERF Annual Report
12:30 – 14:00	INFORMAL LUNCH	
14:00 – 16:00	SESSION IV RESOURCE MOBILIZATION	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief on pledges and contributions to CERF in 2018. • Discuss progress on CERF Resource Mobilization and key milestones, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reflections on CERF High-Level event during UNGA. ○ Plans for CERF High-Level Pledging Conference in December. ○ Update on donor visibility efforts. ○ Update on peer-to-peer advocacy efforts for CERF.
	<u>Guiding Questions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can Advisory Group members support outreach and advocacy over the next six months?</i> • <i>What can Advisory Group members do to support CERF resource mobilization efforts?</i>
	<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten
	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Partnership and Resource Mobilization Branch (PRMB), Ms. Marcy Vigoda
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERF Annual Report • Infographic: Donor ranking • Overview of visibility initiatives undertaken by the new Donor Visibility Unit

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making the case for an investment in CERF – updated version • CERF Resource Mobilization Strategy
16:00 – 17:00	SESSION V	
	ADVISORY GROUP ROLES AND EXPECTATIONS	
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a session for Advisory Group members only, discuss the roles of the group and expectations to the group’s support to CERF. This will be an opportunity for new members to discuss the role of the group with more seasoned members.
	<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth
	<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERF Advisory Group Terms of Reference • CERF Advisory Group Roles and Responsibilities
18:00 – 19:30	RECEPTION AT THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR’S RESIDENCE 305 EAST 51ST STREET, 32ND FLOOR, PHA Hosted by Ms. Mari Skåre, Chargé d’Affaires a.i./Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway.	

WEDNESDAY, 24 October, 2018

08:30 – 08:45	ARRIVAL (coffee served)		
08:45 – 10:30	SESSION VI CERF FOR THE FUTURE		
	<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the context of expanding CERF’s funding target to \$1 billion, update on OCHA’s exploration of new allocation initiatives to better support humanitarian action through CERF, including anticipatory financing and disease outbreaks and discuss next steps. This will include a presentation of initial findings from the ODI research piece “<i>Early action to humanitarian emergencies: what role for the CERF</i>”. • Update of the potential revision of CERF’s Life-Saving Criteria and discuss revision suggestions received from agencies. 	
	<u>Guiding Questions:</u>	<p><i>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 not limited to):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What could an anticipatory approach for CERF look like in practice? What are the scope and limitations?</i> • <i>What is CERF’s role and niche in responding to disease outbreaks?</i> • <i>Do CERF’s life-saving criteria need to be adjusted?</i> 	
	<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth 	
	<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USG/ERC Mr. Mark Lowcock • Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten • Florence Pichon, Senior Research Officer, ODI (via VTC) 	
	<p><i>New Background Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Update: CERF For the Future • Early action to humanitarian emergencies: what role for the CERF - ODI research outline <p><i>Earlier Background Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on the added value of a reformed CERF - Barnaby Willitts-King (19 March 2015) • Review of the Potential for Assessed Funding for CERF - Edward Tsui (26 February 2015) • CERF for the future - Discussion Paper (March 2015) • Casement Lecture: Towards a Better System for Humanitarian Financing, by USG/ERC • A Revised Operating Model for a Larger CERF - May 2018 		
10:30 - 10:45	COFFEE BREAK		
10:45 – 12:30	SESSION VII		

	CERF ADDED VALUE – with Humanitarian and Resident Coordinators and IASC Members	
<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer opportunity for the Advisory Group to interact with Chad Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator Mr. Stephen Tull and Zambia Resident Coordinator Ms. Janet Rogan to understand from a field perspective, the added value of CERF. To ensure broad discussions from various perspectives, this session will also include Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) partners. Discussion areas will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of CERF grants and results achieved. ○ CERF’s added value to humanitarian responses. ○ CERF complementarity with other funding streams. ○ CERF for the future – informed by session VI. 	
<u>Guiding Questions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the comparative advantages of CERF funding?</i> • <i>What are the challenges in maximizing CERF’s potential added value?</i> • <i>What changes, if any, would agencies and RC/HCs like to see from a larger CERF?</i> • <i>How can CERF’s catalytical 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?</i> 	
<u>Chair:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG Chair Ms. Leni Stenseth 	
<u>Speakers:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief PFMB, Ms. Lisa Doughten • Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator Chad, Mr. Stephen Tull (via VTC) • Resident Coordinator Zambia, Ms. Janet Rogan 	
<u>Documents:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERF Results Report 2016 • RC/HC Report – Chad Rapid Response Disruption of Basic Services 2016 • RC/HC Report – Chad Underfunded Emergencies Round 2 2016 • RC/HC Report – Chad Rapid Response Displacement 2017 	
12:30 – 13:15	SESSION VIII WRAP UP	
<u>Objective:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree on the main draft conclusions and recommendations to the Secretary-General. • Discuss venue for next meeting. 	
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