

DRAFT PROGRAMME**HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND (CERF)**

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NEW YORK***Tuesday 8 December 2009:*****Operations and Management Briefing (3:00 P.M.– 5:30 P.M.)**

In this session, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. John Holmes, and other UN representatives will provide a briefing on the management and performance of the CERF. This will be followed by questions and answers, providing an opportunity for a dialogue with participants.

Reception (6:30 P.M. – 8 P.M.)

There will be a reception for all participants (details to be announced later).

Wednesday, 9 December 2009:**Ceremonial Session (10:00 A.M. –11:15 P.M.)**

In this session, the UN will project a film on relief operations funded by CERF. This will be followed by speeches from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and from guests of honour.

Pledging Session (11:15 A.M. –1:00 P.M.)

In this session, participants will announce their pledges for 2010 in short speeches (2 minutes maximum). Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs will make closing remarks and announce the tally of pledges for 2010.