14 March 2023

Third SOFF Advisory Board Meeting

Decisions

Decision 3.1: Adoption of recommendations on the SOFF risk management framework

- The Advisory Board supports the proposed SOFF Risk Management Framework and welcomes the intention to assess and review the Risk Management Framework after the first three years implementation period, and recommends the following:
  - To make the following changes to the SOFF Risk Management Framework, including:
    - To adjust the language used in the document to ensure coherent reference to the beneficiary countries
    - To extend the scope of risk 3.5 and edit it as follows "After the conclusion of the Investment phase, GBON data are not collected or shared or are shared of insufficient quality or do not improve forecast skills/climate services"
  - SOFF Operational partners, including Beneficiary Countries, Peer Advisors, SOFF Implementing Entities, WMO Technical Authority and SOFF Secretariat, to use this Framework as the basis to identify, mitigate and manage potential risks

- The Advisory Board requests the SOFF Secretariat:
  - To share these recommendations with the Steering Committee two weeks ahead of its meeting
  - To publicly disclose these recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF website

Decision 3.2: Adoption of recommendations on the Approval of First batch of SOFF Readiness phase funding requests

- The Advisory Board members will strive to support information sharing on opportunities and synergies in the 26 countries related to their ongoing or planned activities to ensure maximum complementarity, including through written inputs provided to the SOFF Secretariat when available.

- The Advisory Board welcomes the First batch of SOFF Readiness phase funding requests and recommends the following:
  - Peer advisors, Beneficiary Countries and Implementing Entities to further explore regional collaboration opportunities, including through regional entities, and ensure they are reflected in the outputs of the Readiness phase.

- The Advisory Board requests the SOFF Secretariat:
  - To work on an approach to undertake the mapping of the inputs provided by the Advisory Board.
  - To share these recommendations with the Steering Committee two weeks ahead of its meeting.
  - To publicly disclose these recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF website.

Decision 3.3: Adoption of recommendations on the Accelerated SOFF implementation and second batch of SOFF programming countries

- The Advisory Board welcomes the Accelerated SOFF implementation and second batch of SOFF programming countries.

- The Advisory Board requests the SOFF Secretariat:
  - To share these recommendations with the Steering Committee two weeks ahead of its meeting
  - To publicly disclose these recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF website