



Weather
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SOFF Fifth Advisory Board Meeting

Decisions



Decision 5.1: Adoption of recommendations on SOFF Operations

The Advisory Board

Notes the significant contribution of SOFF operations to the EW4All initiative, including the first group of EW4All focus countries having been programmed for SOFF support.

Welcomes the work of the six countries that have submitted with their Implementing Entities, investment funding requests to the SOFF sixth Steering Committee consideration, as well as the technical advisory and support provided by the SOFF Peer Advisors.

Recommends to the Steering Committee the adoption of the *Draft Decision 6.3: Readiness Funding Request* and the *Draft Decision 6.4: SOFF Investment Phase Funding Requests*.

Recommends to the beneficiary countries, Implementing Entities and peer advisors to explore and tap opportunities for regional synergies.

Urges its members to explore and tap opportunities for leveraging SOFF resources with ongoing projects in their respective countries.

Requests the SOFF Secretariat to share these recommendations with the Steering Committee and to publicly disclose the recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF *website*.

Decision 5.2: Adoption of recommendations on SOFF Strategy

The Advisory Board

Welcomes and acknowledges the leadership of the multilateral climate funds represented on the Advisory Board in the development of the Framework for Collaboration between the SOFF Secretariat and the Secretariats of the multilateral climate funds for enhancing systematic observation and improving the use of basic weather and climate data for effective climate action.

Recommends to the Steering Committee the adoption of the Draft Decision 6.5: Framework for Collaboration for enhancing systematic observation

Requests the Secretariats of the funds to sign the Framework for Collaboration at COP28

Notes the significant country demand from countries and several calls for SOFF to expand its support to Middle Income Countries

Welcomes the SOFF Secretariat development of the document *Expanding SOFF financial support to MICs* which provides recommendations on how to expand SOFF support to LMICs without altering the original financing needs, and in a phased and prioritized approach, taking into account the SOFF capacity constraints.

Recommends to the Steering Committee the adoption of the *Draft Decision 6.6: Expanding SOFF financial support to MICs*

Requests the SOFF Secretariat to share these recommendations with the Steering Committee and to publicly disclose the recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF *website*.