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# Decisions of the SOFF sixth Steering Committee meeting

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Systematic Observations  
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### Decision 6.1: Adoption of the Agenda

The Steering Committee adopts the Agenda for the SOFF sixth Steering Committee meeting.

### Decision 6.2: Approval of SOFF Readiness funding request

The Steering Committee

**Acknowledges** the Advisory Board recommendation to the sixth Steering Committee to approve the decisions related to Operations, including 6.2.

**Approves** the Readiness funding request for Haiti for a total budget of USD 155,150

**Urges** Beneficiary Country and Peer Advisor to complete the Readiness phase within the time frame indicated in the funding request.

**Encourages** the SOFF Advisory Board Members to identify country-level synergies and complementarities and inform the SOFF Secretariat accordingly.

#### Requests

- The UNMPTF Office to disburse the above stated amount to WMO.
- WMO to issue the Assignment Agreement with the peer advisor that includes the Terms of Reference as stated in the annex of the funding request.

### Decision 6.3: Approval of SOFF Investment funding requests

The Steering Committee

**Acknowledges** the Advisory Board recommendation to the sixth Steering Committee to approve the decisions related to Operations, including 6.3.

**Approves** the Investment Phase funding requests for a total budget of USD 30'543'829. The funding decisions for Belize and South Sudan are subject to African Development Bank and Inter-American Development Bank signing the Framework Agreement with UNMPTF Office by 15 February 2024.

**Urges** Beneficiary Countries, Implementing Entities and Peer Advisors to complete the Investment phase within the timeframes indicated in the respective funding requests.

**Encourages** the SOFF Advisory Board Members to identify country-level synergies and complementarities and inform the SOFF Secretariat accordingly.

#### Requests

- The UNMPTF Office to disburse the following amounts to the recipient organizations
  - United Nations Development Programme: USD 3'107'377
  - United Nations Environment Programme: USD 15'019'178
  - World Food Programme: USD 7'479'919

- African Development Bank: USD 2'168'056 – subject to signing of the Framework Agreement with UNMPTF
- Inter-American Development Bank: USD 805'710 - subject to signing of the Framework Agreement with UNMPTF
- World Meteorological Organization: USD 1'963'589
- WMO to issue Assignment Agreements with the peer advisors that include the Terms of Reference as stated in the annex of each funding request.

#### **Decision 6.4: Adoption of the framework for collaboration for enhancing systematic observations**

The Steering Committee

**Welcomes** the efforts of the SOFF Secretariat and the Secretariats of the Adaptation Fund Board, Climate Investment Funds, Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems Initiative, Global Environment Facility and Green Climate Fund to develop the framework for collaboration for enhancing systematic observation and improving the use of basic weather and climate data for effective climate action.

**Acknowledges** the Advisory Board recommendation to the sixth Steering Committee to adopt the decisions related to Strategy, including 6.4.

**Adopts** the Framework for collaboration for enhancing systematic observation.

#### **Requests the SOFF Secretariat**

- To seek signing of the framework at the occasion of the SOFF COP28 high-level event.
- To report on the implementation of the framework including in the annual SOFF Action Reports.

#### **Decision 6.5: Adoption of “Expanding SOFF financial support to Middle-Income Countries: Scenarios and Recommendations” document**

The Steering Committee

**Acknowledges** the Advisory Board recommendation to the sixth Steering Committee to adopt the decisions related to Strategy, including 6.5.

**Considered** the document “Expanding SOFF financial support to Middle-Income Countries: Scenarios and Recommendations.”

**Agrees** in principle to a potential expansion of SOFF financial support to Lower Middle-Income Countries in a phased and prioritized approach.

**Decides** to postpone a decision about a potential phased and prioritized expansion to Lower Middle-Income Countries to the seventh Steering Committee meeting scheduled to take place in March 2024.

**Requests** the SOFF Secretariat to update the document, reflecting inputs received from the Steering Committee during its meeting, and to submit the revised document for consideration by the seventh Steering Committee meeting.

## **Decision 6.6: Adoption of the Updated Work Programme of SOFF first implementation period July 2022 to June 2025**

The Steering Committee

**Adopts** the Updated Work Programme that reflects a significant increase in the level of ambition.

**Acknowledges** that in order to continue the speedy delivery and respond to country demands, additional contributions to the SOFF UNMPTF are urgently required, both, in terms of pledges and in terms of deposits.

**Encourages** the existing SOFF funders to consider additional contributions and support mobilization of new funders.

## **Decision 6.7: Adoption of the Updated SOFF Results Framework for the first implementation period July 2022 to June 2025**

The Steering Committee

**Adopts** the updated SOFF Result Framework that reflects the updated SOFF Work Programme 2022-2025 and the operational progress so far.

**Encourages** the SOFF beneficiary countries, the SOFF Implementing Entities, the SOFF peer advisors, the WMO Technical Authority and the SOFF Secretariat to continue the speed of action demonstrated so far to achieve the results presented in this framework.

## **Decision 6.8: Approval of the SOFF Impact Reports**

The Steering Committee

**Endorses** the initial two-year plan to produce SOFF Impact Reports based on scenarios of GBON implementation.

**Approves** the funding for the initial two-year plan to produce SOFF Impact Reports for an amount of USD 300,000.

### **Requests**

- The UNMPTF Office to disburse the above stated amount to WMO.
- WMO to put in place an agreement with ECMWF to execute this plan and to coordinate the production of the Impact Reports

## **Decision 6.9: Adoption of the updated SOFF Secretariat Budget 2022-2025**

The Steering Committee

### **Welcomes**

- The effective and efficient work of the SOFF Secretariat, as also reflected in the SOFF Independent External Review.
- That the SOFF Secretariat is delivering on the SOFF 2022-2025 work programme within the 3-year budget corresponding to the amount of USD 5,088,920, approved through [Decision 1.7](#), despite the substantive increase of SOFF ambition and corresponding Secretariat workload.

**Adopts** the updated SOFF Secretariat Budget 2022-2025.

**Acknowledges** that the UMPTF Office already transferred a first tranche of USD 3,000,000 to WMO as host of the SOFF Secretariat.

**Requests** the UMPTF Office to disburse the remaining amount of USD 2,088,920 to WMO.

### **Decision 6.10: Endorsement of the Positioning for SOFF at COP28**

The Steering Committee

#### **Welcomes**

- The SOFF Secretariat's efforts in reaching out to WMO Climate Policy Advisors and having them consulted for this document.
- The expected increased visibility of SOFF at COP28 including through two SOFF high-level events.

**Endorses** the Positioning Plan for SOFF at United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28)

#### **Encourages**

- The Steering Committee members and their COP-Delegations to actively position SOFF in COP negotiations as outlined in the plan.
- The Steering Committee members and their COP-Delegations to actively participate at and contribute to SOFF events.
- The LDC Group on Climate Change and AOSIS to actively support SOFF fundraising efforts at COP28.

#### **Requests**

- The SOFF Secretariat representatives at COP28 to assist Steering Committee members' COP-Delegations in their efforts to position SOFF in COP outcomes.
- The funding members of the Steering Committee to consider SOFF events at COP28 for pledge announcements.



### **Decision 6.11: Adoption of dates and format of Steering Committee meetings 2024**

The Steering Committee

**Adopts** the Steering Committee meeting dates and format for 2024, being the following:

- 7th Steering Committee in virtual format to be held 21st March 2024
- 8th Steering Committee in physical/hybrid format to be held 18-19 June 2024, hosted by Iceland
- 9th Steering Committee in virtual format to be held in October 2024 ahead of COP29, with the exact dates to be confirmed.

**Signed by**

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