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6 March 2024

Sixth SOFF Advisory Board Meeting

Decisions



Decision 6.1: Adoption of recommendations on SOFF Operations

The Advisory Board

Welcomes

- The significant implementation progress demonstrated so far with the 60 readiness countries
- The investment funding requests for Bhutan, Cabo Verde, Ethiopia, Solomon Islands, Tanzania , including two EW4All focus countries and one Water at the Heart of Climate Action country
- The SOFF Secretariat efforts in mapping out concrete opportunities for operationalizing the collaboration framework in the 5 Investment funding request countries
- The upcoming SOFF Regional Workshops that will serve as an opportunity to further create synergies with ongoing initiatives

Recommends

- The SOFF Steering Committee to approve the 5 Investment Funding requests
- The SOFF peer advisors, SOFF Implementing Entities and SOFF Secretariat to closely engage with the Early Warnings for All partners, including actively contributing to the planned in-country workshops
- SOFF to closely engage with the partners of the Water at the Heart of Climate Action initiative, the Global Shield pathfinder countries, and the Multilateral Climate and Environment Funds on the upcoming regional workshops
- the SOFF Implementing Entities to integrate SOFF operations into their broader country support activities, crowding in their own resources or resources from the multilateral climate funds.

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 6.2: Adoption of recommendations on other SOFF Steering Committee documents

The Advisory Board

Welcomes the inclusion of Niue and Cook Islands as SOFF beneficiary countries with SIDS status

Notes with concern the financial challenges and urgency of stepping up resource mobilization actions to meet significant country demand and deliver on the Updated Work Programme 2022 - 2025 targets.

Recommends

- The Steering Committee members to explore opportunities for enhanced SOFF fundraising, including through the short-term actions proposed in document 7.3

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 6.3: Adoption of Advisory Board arrangements

The Advisory Board

Notes the request from one of its members, the Centre for Disaster Protection, to step down as a SOFF Advisory Board member.

Acknowledges SOFF Secretariat engagement with the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) about their relevance as a potential Advisory Board member and GCOS interest to join the SOFF Advisory Board

Welcomes the findings and recommendations of the Independent External Evaluation, including with regards to Advisory Board effectiveness

Recommends

- The Advisory Board co-chairs to advance the discussion with GCOS and develop a proposal for GCOS to join the SOFF Advisory Board, to be considered by the Advisory Board at its next meeting in June 2024.
- To allocate time in future Advisory Board meetings to discuss selected topics beyond making recommendations on the most immediate Steering Committee decisions

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.