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# SOFF seventh Advisory Board Meeting

## Decisions

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# Decision 7.1: The Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) joining the SOFF Advisory Board

## The Advisory Board

### Acknowledges

- that following the Advisory Board Decision 6.3, the Advisory Board co-chairs have advanced discussions with GCOS to develop a proposal for GCOS to join the SOFF Advisory Board, which has been presented at the Advisory Board seventh meeting.
- the important opportunities for collaboration between GCOS and SOFF and benefits that a strengthened partnership would bring to both SOFF and GCOS activities.

Decides to include the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) as a new member of the SOFF Advisory Board.

Recommends the SOFF Steering Committee to endorse this decision at its eighth meeting.

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 7.2: Advisory Board Recommendations on Resource Mobilization – the role of the AB members

## The Advisory Board

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

Welcomes the proposed Updated Resource Mobilization and Outreach Strategy and Action Programme until June 2025.

Commits to support and champion SOFF fundraising.

Recommends the Steering Committee to adopt the updated strategy and Action Programme until June 2025, highlighting:

- The importance of positioning SOFF as part of broader efforts to strengthen the early warning systems and climatological value chain and leveraging opportunities for co-financing.
- The importance of providing Advisory Board Members with easy-to-use communications material showcasing the role and impact of SOFF across the value chain for use by Advisory Board members to champion engagement and support resource mobilization on a regular basis.
- The need for more targeted action on engaging private and philanthropic funders.
- The importance of the SOFF business model that provides long-term support to countries to ensure sustainability of SOFF investments.
- Exploring alignment with the Charter on Getting Ahead of Disasters, launched at COP29, setting out principles for collaborative action to ensure better use of finance to manage risks and protect people in the most vulnerable countries from climate-related disasters.

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 7.3: Arrangements for future Advisory Board meetings

## The Advisory Board

**Requests** the Advisory Board co-chairs to reach out to the Advisory Board members ahead of future meetings to request specific topics to discuss during the meetings.

**Recommends** the following topics for upcoming Advisory Board meetings:

- ECMWF to present the progress on Impact Studies at the next Advisory Board meeting
- Discussion on philanthropic and private sector engagement

**Requests** the SOFF Secretariat

- To share ahead of the meetings draft decisions to be taken by the Advisory Board.
- To share these recommendations with the Steering Committee and to publicly disclose the recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF website.