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2 October 2024

Eighth SOFF Advisory Board meeting

Decisions



Decision 8.1: SOFF Impact Report

The Advisory Board

Acknowledges

- that following the Advisory Board Decision 7.3, the Advisory Board co-chairs proposed to include the SOFF Impact Reports in the eighth Advisory Board meeting to provide recommendations to the Steering Committee on this topic.
- The importance of undertaking additional SOFF-tailored scientific studies to inform SOFF investment priority decisions and to contribute to evidence for investments across the value chain

Recommends the SOFF Steering Committee to adopt the first SOFF impact report and the proposed scenarios for SOFF-tailored further research to strengthen the evidence base of SOFF investment decisions.

Requests

- ECMWF to provide an update on the impact studies work at the 9th Advisory Board meeting in January 2025
- Advisory Board members to inform ECMWF of existing studies of relevance to the SOFF impact study work
- 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 8.2: Compliance Phase – First round of consultations

The Advisory Board

Welcomes the consultation process on refining the SOFF Compliance Phase, including the INF 8.5 jointly prepared by WMO TA and the SOFF Secretariat, that was used as background document to seek initial inputs from the Steering Committee in a dedicated session at its eighth meeting in June 2024.

Recommends

- For annual results-based payments, the risks of unanticipated costs need to be factored in (currency, inflation, etc).
- Continued training and institutional strengthening during the compliance phase needs to be provided by peer advisors to mitigate anticipated frequent staffing changes.

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.