

# Tenth Steering Committee

## 6 February 2025

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# Decisions of the SOFF Tenth Steering Committee meeting

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## Decision 10.1: Adoption of the Agenda

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

## Decision 10.2: SOFF Investment funding requests

### Decision 10.2.1: SOFF Investment funding requests Madagascar and Timor-Leste

The SOFF Steering Committee

#### Recalls

- Decision 8.4.1 which conditionally approved five Investment funding requests, subject to availability of financial resources, in the following order: Madagascar, Timor-Leste, Samoa, Nauru and Malawi.
- Decision 9.7 which offered Madagascar and South Sudan the option to change their Implementing Entity, given the delays of the African Development Bank in signing its legal agreement with the UNMPTF Office, and to resubmit their Investment funding request.

#### Notes

- that Madagascar has changed its Implementing Entity, has selected the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and has submitted a revised funding request as summarized in INF 10.2.
- with appreciation that at UNFCCC COP29 additional pledges to the SOFF UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund were announced by SOFF Steering Committee members, that the total pledges to the SOFF UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund amount to USD 108.2 million, and that the financial situation of the fund allows for Madagascar and Timor-Leste Investment Funding Requests to proceed from conditionally approved to approved, and to disburse the first tranche payments.

**Approves** the revised Investment funding request from Madagascar with the United Nations Development Programme as Implementing Entity for a total budget of USD 4,914,295.84.

## Requests

the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office

- to disburse the first tranches of the Investment funding requests for Madagascar and Timor-Leste to the recipient organizations,
  - for Madagascar to the United Nations Development Programme with the amount of USD 3,625,400.88.
  - for Timor-Leste to the United Nations Environment Programme with the amount of USD 4,828,222.95.
  - to WMO for peer advisory services through its pass-through mechanism to the two countries with the total amount of USD 258,172.47.

WMO

- to issue Assignment Agreements with the peer advisors for Madagascar and Timor-Leste as per the terms of reference annexed in the Investment funding requests and to disburse the first tranches accordingly.

## Decision 10.2.2: SOFF Investment Funding Requests Bangladesh, Cuba and Zambia

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**Notes** that Bangladesh, Cuba and Zambia have submitted Investment funding request as summarized in INF 10.3.

**Decides** that the Investment funding requests of Bangladesh, Cuba and Zambia will be reconsidered at the eleventh Steering Committee meeting.

**Requests** the SOFF Secretariat to communicate this decision to the countries and their operational partners, emphasizing the current resource constraints for the SOFF Fund.

## Decision 10.3: Approval of SOFF Readiness Funding Request Sierra Leone

The SOFF Steering Committee

**Recalls** programming Decision 8.7 that requested the SOFF Secretariat to coordinate the preparation of Readiness funding requests for consideration by the Steering Committee.

**Notes** that the country (Sierra Leone) selected Geosphere Austria as peer advisor and the World Food Programme as prospective Implementing Entity and submitted the Readiness funding request.

**Approves** the Readiness funding request for Sierra Leone for a total budget of USD 197,950. This includes 7% indirect costs amounting to USD 12,950 for WMO for administering the SOFF peer advisory pass-through mechanism.

### Requests

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

### Decision 10.4: Adoption of dates and preliminary programme eleventh Steering Committee meeting

The SOFF Steering Committee

**Notes** with appreciation Ireland hosting the eleventh Steering Committee in Dublin.

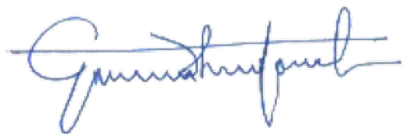
### Adopts

- the eleventh Steering Committee meeting to be held from 19 to 21 May 2025 and to take place in physical/hybrid format.
- the preliminary programme for the eleventh Steering Committee meeting.

### Signed by

**UN Steering Committee Co-Chair**

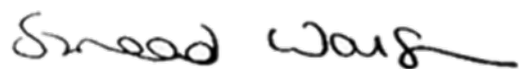
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