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**Revised Madagascar SOFF**  
**Investment Funding Request**

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### **Purpose of this Document**

This document presents the revised Investment funding request for Madagascar following the country's decision to change the Implementing Entity from the African Development Bank to the United Nations Development Programme.

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# Revised Madagascar SOFF Investment Funding Request

## 1. Context

Through [Decision 8.4.1](#), the SOFF Steering Committee approved the Investment funding request for Madagascar, amounting to USD 4,434,771 (see Table 2 for the budget breakdown), with the African Development Bank (AfDB) as the Implementing Entity and the German Weather Service (DWD) as the peer advisor. This approval was contingent upon availability of financial resources and the execution of the legal agreement between African Development Bank (AfDB) and the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (UNMPTF) Office to serve as SOFF Implementing Entity.

Given the delays of the AfDB in finalizing its legal agreement with the UNMPTF Office, the SOFF Steering Committee with [Decision 9.7](#), granted Madagascar the option to request a change of its Implementing Entity and resubmit the Investment funding request for consideration at 10th SOFF Steering Committee meeting.

Subsequently, the Permanent Representative of Madagascar to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) submitted an official request on 13 October 2024 to replace AfDB with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as the new Implementing Entity. A copy of the letter is available in Annex I.

## 2. Revised funding request

Following agreement of all partners to the change of Implementing Entity to UNDP, the funding request was revised based on the operational requirements of UNDP and further discussion on implementation between the operational partners. The revised funding request remains based on the outputs prepared by the peer advisor and the country during the Readiness phase, including the GBON targets identified in the [National Contribution Plan](#) dated May 2024. A summary of these targets is provided in the table below.

**Table 1.** Overview of the WMO GBON Global Gap Analysis 2023 (left) for Madagascar and targets from the National Contribution Plan developed during the Readiness Phase (right).

Station type	Baseline			Target	
	WMO GBON Global Gap Analysis 2023			National Contribution Plan	
	Reporting	Gap New	Gap Improve	Gap New	Gap Improve
Land-surface	4	0	11	2	9
Upper-air	0	1	2	1	0

While the implementation timeframe remains for three years, the revised funding request reflects adjustments in the budget based on the following:

- Addition of budget for the organization of an inception workshop and project launch (Output 1.1);
- Update of the calibration approach to enhance efficiency and sustainability of the investment following further consultations with the country, the peer advisor, and WMO Technical Authority. Initially, the plan was to establish and upgrade four regional maintenance centers and one maintenance center at the headquarters, each equipped with a calibration laboratory. Following discussions with the calibration experts from the WMO Technical Authority, it was recommended to establish and upgrade five maintenance centers, with only one calibration laboratory located at headquarters. The remaining maintenance centers will instead be equipped with field verification equipment. (Output 2.1, Output 3.1);
- Recalculation of the amount required to establish the new upper air station in the city of Antsiranana (Diego Suarez) (Output 2.3); and
- Recalculation of the peer advisor fee to align with the changes in activities, as discussed with UNDP and outlined in the revised terms of reference for the peer advisor.

**Table 2.** Comparison of the budget request between the originally approved Investment Phase funding request with AfDB and the revised funding request with UNDP. Budget in US Dollars.

	Original funding request with AfDB	Revised funding request with UNDP
<b>Activities budget</b>	<b>3,714,646.00</b>	<b>4,235,281.40</b>
Implementing Entity fee (7%)	260,025.00	296,469.70
Peer advisor fee (inclusive of 7% WMO indirect support cost)	460,100.00	382,544.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,434,771.00</b>	<b>\$4,914,295.84</b>

The revised and original funding requests for Madagascar are available through the links below:

- Revised funding request submitted by UNDP: <https://www.un-soff.org/document/madagascar-soff-investment-funding-request-v2>
- Original funding request submitted by AfDB: <https://www.un-soff.org/document/madagascar-soff-investment-phase-funding-request>

## Annex I. Letter from the WMO Permanent Representative of Madagascar



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**Subject :** Madagascar SOFF Implementing Entity : change request

Dear SOFF Secretariat,

In order to accelerate the implementation of the SOFF investment phase in Madagascar, I formally ask to change the implementing entity of Madagascar.

I therefore suggest to replace the African Development Bank (AfDB) by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Yours Sincerely,

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