



# **Eleventh Steering Committee**

## **19-21 May 2025**

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## **Agenda**

### **Decision 11.1**

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**Systematic Observations  
Financing Facility**

**Weather  
and climate  
data for  
resilience**







# **SOFF 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting**

## **Agenda**

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Hosted by the Government of Ireland  
Bishop's Square, Kevin Street Lower, Dublin, D02 TD99  
*In person meeting with hybrid option*

#### **Session types**

-  **Formal meeting**  
Co-chaired by Steering Committee Co-Chairs
-  **Consultations for decisions of the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee**  
Discussing draft decisions and firming up decision text
-  **Open discussion**
-  **Informal gathering or break**

#### **Open and closed sessions**

All sessions are open to Steering Committee members, observers, and invitees except for the formal Steering Committee decision-making sessions that are reserved for Steering Committee members only.

In person attendance of Steering Committee members is expected. To allow additional colleagues to attend, hybrid participation will be possible. An online meeting link will be provided closer to the meeting date.

## Monday, 19 May 2025

	Morning	Arrival of participants	
1	16:00 – 16:20	Opening	
		Co-chairs	Celeste Saulo, WMO Sinead Walsh, Ireland
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome remarks<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Michael Gaffey, Director General, Development Cooperation Africa Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland</li><li>○ Celeste Saulo, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization</li></ul></li><li>• Adoption of 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee agenda (<b>Decision 11.1</b>)</li></ul>	
	16:20 – 16:30	Group Photo	
2	16:30 – 18:10	Setting the Scene	
		Co-chairs	Celeste Saulo, WMO Sinead Walsh, Ireland
		Inputs	Markus Repnik, SOFF Secretariat Florian Pappenberger, European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Laura Tuck, SOFF Global Facilitator Countries and operational partners representatives
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SOFF – what has been the journey so far?</li><li>• SOFF – what is the impact?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ ECMWF SOFF Impact Report and Experiments</li><li>○ SOFF socio-economic benefits</li></ul></li><li>• SOFF – how is the impact created?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Joint reflection with countries, peer advisors, and Implementing Entities</li></ul></li></ul>	
2	18:10 – 18:15	Decision of the Day	
		Co-chairs	Celeste Saulo, WMO Sinead Walsh, Ireland
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Co-Chair Appointment (<b>Decision 11.10</b>)</li><li>• Closing of the day</li></ul>	
	18:30	Welcome reception hosted by the Government of Ireland Iveagh House, Department of Foreign Affairs, 80-81 St Stephen's Green	

**Tuesday, 20 May 2025**

<b>3</b>	09:00 – 11:30 (break within session)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SOFF financial and operations update</b></li> <li>• <b>Extension First Implementation Period and preparation of the Expansion and Sustaining Period</b></li> </ul>	
		Co-Leads	Celeste Saulo, WMO Mario Peiro Espi, SOFF Secretariat
		Inputs	Assia Sidibe, UNMPTF Office SOFF Secretariat Advisory Board co-chairs (Yusuke Taishi, UNDP and Jochem Zoetelief, UNEP)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOFF Financial Situation (<b>INF 11.1</b>)</li> <li>• SOFF Implementation Progress (<b>INF 11.2</b>)</li> <li>• Extending SOFF First Implementation Period and Preparation of the Expansion and Sustaining Period (<b>Decision 11.3</b>)</li> <li>• Recommendations from the 10<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>6</b>	11:30 – 13:00	<b>Approach to managing Country Funding Requests</b>	
		Co-Leads	Sinead Walsh, Ireland Francis Pigeon, Canada
		Inputs	Ana Heureux, SOFF Secretariat Advisory Board co-chairs (Yusuke Taishi, UNDP and Jochem Zoetelief, UNEP)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approach to Managing Country Funding Requests (<b>Decision 11.6</b>)</li> <li>• Recommendations from the 10<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board meeting</li> </ul>	
	13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>4</b>	14:00 – 15:30	<b>Resource mobilization track record, requirements and actions until June 2027</b>	
		Co-Leads	Jonas de Meyer, Belgium Markus Repnik, SOFF Secretariat
		Inputs	Mario Peiro Espi, SOFF Secretariat Assia Sidibe, UNMPTF Office
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOFF Resource Mobilization Track Record, Requirements and Actions until June 2027 (<b>Decision 11.4</b>)</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	15:30 – 16:30	<b>SOFF Impact Bond</b>	
		Co-Leads	Lars Andreas Lunde, Norway Laura Tuck, SOFF Global Facilitator
		Inputs	Thomas Asare, WMO Markus Repnik, SOFF Secretariat Assia Sidibe, UNMPTF Office Advisory Board co-chairs (Yusuke Taishi, UNDP and Jochem Zoetelief, UNEP)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOFF Impact Bond (<b>Decision 11.5</b>)</li> <li>• Recommendations from the 10<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board meeting</li> </ul>	

	16:30– 16:45	<b>Break</b>	
7	16:45 – 17:30	<b>Review of Decisions of the day</b>	
		<i>Co-Chairs</i>	<i>Celeste Saulo, WMO</i> <i>Sinead Walsh, Ireland</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extending SOFF First Implementation Period and Preparation of the Expansion and Sustaining Period (<b>Decision 11.3</b>)</li> <li>• SOFF Resource Mobilization Track Record, Requirements and Actions until June 2027 (<b>Decision 11.4</b>)</li> <li>• SOFF Impact Bond (<b>Decision 11.5</b>)</li> <li>• Approach to Managing Country Funding Requests (<b>Decision 11.6</b>)</li> <li>• Closing of the day</li> </ul>	
	19:00	<b>Informal drinks and dinner</b>	
		<i>Location tbc</i>	

## Wednesday, 21 May 2025

8	09:00 – 10:45	<b>Consultation on remaining decisions</b>	
		Co-Leads	Jacob Lorentzen, Nordic Development Fund Laura Tuck, SOFF Global Facilitator
		Inputs	Albert Fischer, WMO SOFF Secretariat Advisory Board co-chairs (Yusuke Taishi, UNDP and Jochem Zoetelief, UNEP)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECMWF SOFF Impact Experiments (<b>Decision 11.2</b>) and Recommendations from the 10<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board meeting</li> <li>SOFF Secretariat Budget July 2025 – June 2026 (<b>Decision 11.7</b>)</li> <li>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) serving as SOFF Implementing Entity (<b>Decision 11.8</b>)</li> <li>Country Funding Requests (<b>Decision 11.9</b>)</li> <li>Date and Format of the 12SC (<b>Decision 11.11</b>)</li> </ul>	
	10:45 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>	
9	11:00 – 12:00	<b>SOFF Road to COP30 and beyond</b>	
		Co-Leads	Michai Robertson, AOSIS Pauline Trepczyk, SOFF Secretariat
		Inputs	Khadeeja Naseem, SOFF Global Facilitator (virtual)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOFF Road to COP30 and beyond (<b>INF 11.5</b>)</li> </ul>	
	12:00 – 13:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
10	13:00 – 14:30	<b>Review of Decisions of the day and closing</b>	
		Co-Chairs	Thomas Asare, WMO Sinead Walsh, Ireland
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECMWF SOFF Impact Experiments (<b>Decision 11.2</b>)</li> <li>SOFF Secretariat Budget July 2025 – June 2026 (<b>Decision 11.7</b>)</li> <li>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) serving as SOFF Implementing Entity (<b>Decision 11.8</b>)</li> <li>Country Funding Requests (<b>Decision 11.9</b>)</li> <li>Date and Format of the 12SC (<b>Decision 11.11</b>)</li> <li>Closing</li> </ul>	
	15:00 – 18:00	Field trip DIAS Dunsink Observatory	