

# Twelfth Steering Committee

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# SOFF Investment Funding Requests

Decision 12.2

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## Decision 12.2: SOFF Investment Funding Requests

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.

**Notes** that through [Decision 10.2.1](#) Madagascar and Timor Leste moved from conditionally approved to approved status and that the current financial situation of the fund as presented in INF 12.1 allows for the Investment funding requests from Samoa, Nauru and Malawi to proceed from conditionally approved to approved.

### Requests

- the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office to disburse the first tranche of funding to the recipient organizations,
  - World Bank: USD 3,000,000 for Samoa
  - United Nations Environment Programme: USD 5,322,288.18 for Nauru
  - United Nations Development Programme: USD 2,336,880 for Malawi
  - World Meteorological Organization: USD 391'496.32 for Peer Advisory services provided by the Bureau of Meteorology (Australia) for Samoa and Nauru; and by the Norwegian Meteorological Institute for Malawi, through its pass-through mechanism. This includes a 7% fee for WMO for administering the pass-through mechanism.
- WMO to issue Assignment Agreements with Bureau of Meteorology (Australia), as the peer advisor for Samoa and Nauru, and with the Norwegian Meteorological Institute as peer advisor for Malawi as per the terms of reference annexed in the respective funding requests, and to disburse the first tranches accordingly.

The SOFF Steering Committee

**Recalls** [Decision 11.6](#) which adopts an approach to managing SOFF country funding requests including the establishment of a pipeline for Investment funding requests.

**Notes** the six countries in the SOFF Investment Phase pipeline, namely Zambia, Cuba, Bangladesh, Guyana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sao Tome and Principe (in this order) as publicly available on the [SOFF website](#).

**Acknowledges** the three submitted and reviewed new Investment funding requests from Dominican Republic, Suriname, and Antigua and Barbuda for consideration by the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee.

**Decides** to include the new Investment funding requests in the Investment funding pipeline, to follow after the six already in the [pipeline](#), in the following order: Dominican Republic, Suriname, and Antigua and Barbuda. The Steering Committee will further consider the funding requests when resources are available.

#### **Purpose of this Document**

This document provides an update on SOFF Investment Phase funding requests. It covers the status of conditionally approved requests and introduces a new batch of requests for inclusion in the Investment Phase pipeline. Further details are provided in INF 12.3, which summarizes the funding requests from the three countries proposed for the pipeline.

# SOFF Investment funding requests

## 1. Status of conditionally approved Investment funding requests

At its eighth meeting, the SOFF Steering Committee conditionally approved through [Decision 8.4.1](#) five Investment funding requests in the following order: Madagascar, Timor-Leste, Samoa, Nauru, and Malawi. Following [Decision 10.2](#), Madagascar and Timor-Leste received funds and started with implementation while Samoa, Nauru, and Malawi await availability of additional resources.

**Table 1.** Status of five conditionally approved Investment funding requests from the Eight SOFF Steering Committee meeting.

Order	Country	IE <sup>1</sup>	Peer advisor	Duration (months)	Total budget requested (USD)
<b>Funds transferred and implementation started</b>					
1	<a href="#">Madagascar</a>	UNDP	Germany	36	4,914,296.00
2	<a href="#">Timor-Leste</a>	UNEP	Finland-Indonesia	60	5,756,742.00
<b>Waiting for availability of funds</b>					
3	<a href="#">Samoa</a>	World Bank	Australia	58	6,005,375.00
4	<a href="#">Nauru</a>	UNEP	Australia	60	6,194,529.00
5	<a href="#">Malawi</a>	UNDP	Norway-Iceland	53	3,876,356.00
<b>Total conditionally approved (Samoa, Nauru and Malawi)</b>					16,076,260.00

Considering the additional expected pledges available, it is recommended that the SOFF Steering Committee approves the transfer of funds and start of the Investment phase implementation in Samoa, Nauru and Malawi.

## 2. Updated Investment phase pipeline

In line with [Decision 11.6](#), on the approach to managing country funding requests, three additional funding requests are now presented to 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee for consideration. These requests are proposed to be included in the Investment phase pipeline, where submissions are batched and prioritized according to the prioritization criteria. As funds become available, Investment funding requests in the Investment

<sup>1</sup> Abbreviations: IE = Implementing Entity; UNDP = United Nations Development Programme

pipeline will be submitted to the SOFF Steering Committee for funding decision and approval. SOFF Investment Phase pipeline is publicly available on the [SOFF website](#).

The table below presents the pipeline of Investment funding requests including the three new funding requests proposed for the pipeline.

**Table 2.** The [Investment Phase pipeline](#) including the proposed new batch of funding requests.

Batch	Order	Country	IE <sup>2</sup>	Peer advisor	Duration (months)	Total budget requested (USD)
10SC	1	<a href="#">Zambia</a> (phased)	WFP	UK	60	3,627,540.00
	2	<a href="#">Cuba</a>	UNDP	Spain	60	6,523,639.00
	3	<a href="#">Bangladesh</a>	IsDB	Norway–China	60	4,954,865.00
11SC	4	<a href="#">Guyana</a>	IDB	Austria	36	1,931,350.00
	5	<a href="#">Democratic Republic of the Congo</a> (phased)	WFP	Switzerland	36	2,459,982.52
	6	<a href="#">São Tomé and Príncipe</a>	UNDP	Netherlands	60	2,907,084.07
12 SC	7	<a href="#">Dominican Republic</a>	WFP	Spain	36	1,281,021.62
	8	<a href="#">Suriname</a>	UNDP	Netherlands	48	2,666,810.60
	9	<a href="#">Antigua and Barbuda</a>	UNDP	UK	36	1,240,174.94
<b>Total</b>						<b>USD 27,592,467.75</b>

<sup>2</sup> Abbreviations: IE = Implementing Entity; IDB = Inter-American Development Bank; IsDB = Islamic Development Bank; UNDP = United Nations Development Programme; WFP = World Food Programme; UK = United Kingdom