

# 11th SOFF Advisory Board

## Decisions

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11<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board meeting, 15 October 2025

# Decision 11.1: Recommendation on SOFF 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting Decisions (1/2)

## The Advisory Board

**Welcomes** the SOFF impact experiments, which underpin the value of GBON observations to reduce uncertainty in weather forecasts.

**Notes** with appreciation the involvement in the preparation process of the ECMWF Impact Experiments Phase III as requested in the Advisory Board Decision 10.1

**Recommends** that the SOFF Steering Committee supports further strengthening of the scientific basis for SOFF investments through the approval of the phase III of the experiments, including with funding to expand the impact study to the medium range.

**Further Recommends** to consider a potential extension of the time range for phase III impact experiments up to 10 days, as feasible, to assess the global impact of SOFF investments in data sparse areas.

# Decision 11.1: Recommendation on SOFF 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting Decisions (2/2)

## The Advisory Board

**Welcomes** SOFF joining the Alliance for Hydromet Development,

**Notes** that six members of the SOFF Advisory Board, namely the Adaptation Fund, the Climate Investment Funds, the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, UNDP and UNEP are also members of the Alliance for Hydromet Development.

**Notes** the strategic links between SOFF and the Alliance, and the benefits of SOFF joining the Alliance, strengthening its ability to achieve its 2030 goal of closing the hydromet capacity gap, while positioning SOFF as a key partner in global coordination

**Notes** that there is no membership fee for joining the Alliance and limited human resource implications for the SOFF Secretariat

**Recommends** that the SOFF Steering Committee endorses SOFF joining the Alliance for Hydromet Development

# Decision 11.2: Recommendation on the SOFF Compliance Framework Consultation

## The Advisory Board

**Welcomes** the development of a Compliance Framework through a consultative process.

**Appreciates** the inclusive consultation process undertaken for developing the Compliance Framework.

**Acknowledges** the critical role of the Compliance Framework as one of the unique value propositions of SOFF to ensure sustainability of its investments in countries through long-term compliance financial and technical support.

**Recommends** to consider the following aspects in finalizing the Compliance Framework:

- (i) WMO to include timeliness and quality in the WDQMS GBON module before the start of SOFF Compliance payments
- (ii) Country contribution to the Compliance phase is necessary, but level of contribution needs to be defined including by seeking further inputs from interested Advisory Board members
- (iii) Clearly specify the criteria for the Emergency window of support in the Compliance phase

# Decision 11.3: Recommendation on the SOFF Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation Framework Consultation

## The Advisory Board

**Welcomes** the development of a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) framework as an umbrella document to ensure consistency across SOFF documentation and alignment with regional and global initiatives, through a consultative process.

**Appreciates** the inclusive consultation process undertaken for developing the MEL framework.

**Acknowledges** the critical role of the MEL framework in ensuring accountability, enabling adaptive management, and strengthening the focus on learning.

**Recommends** to consider the following aspects in finalizing the MEL Framework:

- (i) further engage with the EW4All M&E working group in finalizing the MEL Framework, in particular related to indicators