

Terms of Reference for SOFF Independent External Evaluation

Draft Decision 13.4

SOFF Independent External Evaluation

Context

- Included in the SOFF work programme (2022-2025); timeline set with Decision 11.5
- An Independent External Review (2023) assessed early implementation
- WMO Congress, Regional Associations and SBSTA call to scale up support

Purpose

- Assess performance
- Inform decision-making on whether, how, and under what conditions SOFF should scale its operations during the Expansion and Sustaining Period
- Ensure accountability, support learning and provide recommendations for further development of the program work.

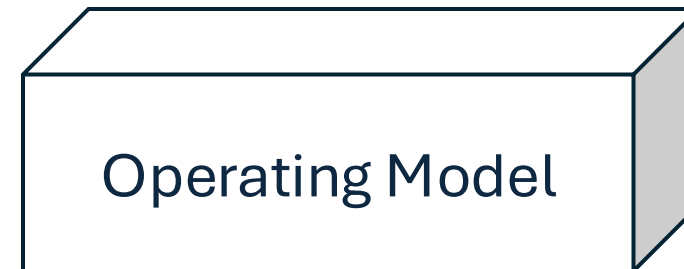
Evaluation approach aligned with UNMPTF guidance and based on benchmarking with other funds.

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OECD/DAC Criteria

- Relevance
- Coherence
- Efficiency
- Effectiveness
- Impact
- Sustainability

Fund-level evaluation



Why SOFF exists and whether it provides a clear and distinctive value in addressing gaps GBON

SOFF's Readiness-Investment-Compliance phased model, roles of countries, IE, WMO TA, and peer advisors

Examines SOFF's Secretariat capacity and governance interface (SC, Advisory Board, co-founders, and the UN MPTF)

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Multi-stakeholder “Reference Group” to guide the work of the evaluator(s)

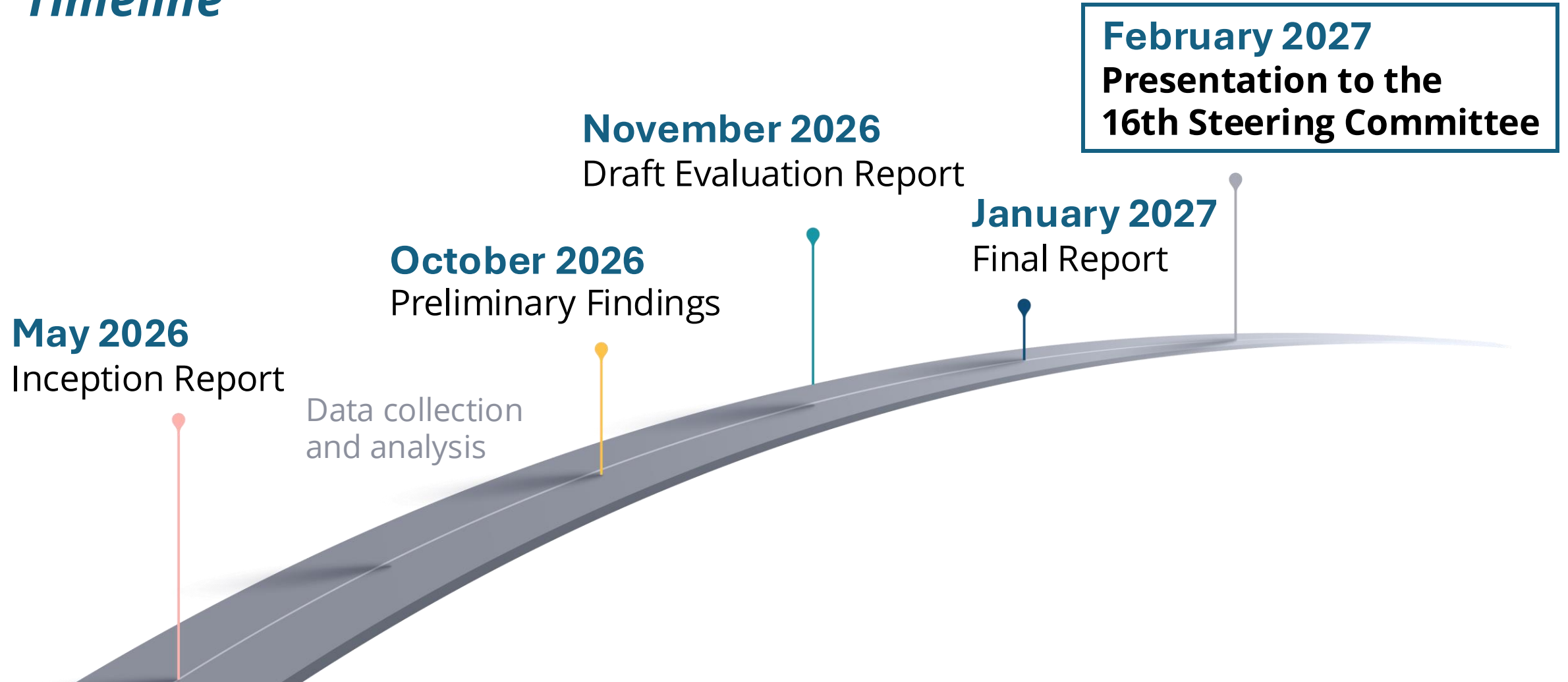
- Consulted at different stages of the evaluation process
- Facilitated by the SOFF Secretariat

Proposed composition

Role	Organization/Country
Funder representatives	e.g. current and previous SOFF Co-chairs
Co-Founders representative	e.g. WMO
Implementing Entity representative	e.g. WFP
Peer Advisor representative	TBC (elected)
LDC representative	e.g. Rwanda (advanced SOFF operations)
SIDS representative	e.g. AOSIS
Independent financial expert	TBC
Civil Society organisation representative	e.g. GNDR
Facilitator	SOFF Secretariat

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Timeline



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Key elements of the Draft Decision 13.5

- Endorsement of the Terms of Reference
- Establishment of a “Reference Group”
- Management of the administration aspects by the SOFF Secretariat
- Presentation of the final findings at the 16th Steering Committee meeting
- Disbursement of USD 100,000 to WMO to contract the evaluator