

30 March 2023

Decisions of the fourth SOFF Steering Committee meeting

Systematic Observations
Financing Facility

**Weather
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Decision item 4.1: Adoption of the agenda

The Steering Committee adopts the Agenda as submitted to the Steering Committee on 24 March 2023.

Decision item 4.2: Adoption of the SOFF risk management framework

The Steering Committee:

Adopts the SOFF risk management framework as submitted to the Steering Committee on 24 March 2023

Requests beneficiary countries, peer advisors, Implementing Entities, WMO Technical Authority and SOFF Secretariat to use this Risk Management Framework to guide their activities related to SOFF

Requests the SOFF Secretariat:

- To monitor the risk management framework drawing on information from beneficiary countries, peer advisors, Implementing Entities and WMO Technical Authority
- To provide regular progress updates at Steering Committee meetings

Decision item 4.3: Approval of First batch of SOFF Readiness phase funding requests

The Steering Committee:

Approves the first batch of 26 Readiness funding requests included in the Document 4.3 as submitted to the Steering Committee on 6 March 2023 for the amount of USD 3,615,569.00

Urges Peer Advisors and Beneficiary Countries to complete the Readiness phase within the time frames indicated in the respective Funding requests

Encourages the SOFF Advisory Board Members to identify country-level synergies and complementarities and inform the SOFF Secretariat accordingly.

Requests:

- the UNMPTF Office to disburse the above stated amount corresponding to the above stated funding requests
- WMO to issue Assignment Agreements with the peer advisors that include the Terms of Reference as stated in the annex of each Funding request.

Decision item 4.4: Adoption Accelerated SOFF implementation and second batch of SOFF programming countries

The SOFF Steering Committee:

Endorses the proposal to advance the programming decisions for all initial 55 countries to the 4th and 5th Steering Committee meetings in order to speed up SOFF implementation as a foundational element and delivery mechanism of the UN Early Warning for All initiative.

Adopts the second batch of SOFF programming countries.

Requests the SOFF Secretariat to conduct the necessary actions following the process stated in the SOFF Operational Manual

- to coordinate the preparation of Readiness funding requests for the second batch of programming countries for consideration at the 5th Steering Committee meeting
- to coordinate the preparation of the third batch of SOFF programming countries for consideration at the 5th Steering Committee meeting



Decision item 4.5: Adjustments to Steering Committee 2022 decisions

The SOFF Steering Committee:

Adopts the Adjustment to Steering Committee 2022 decisions as submitted to the Steering Committee on 6 March 2023, which includes:

- considering the SOFF communication plan for endorsement and the dedicated SOFF website to be launched at the 5th Steering Committee meeting
- considering the WMO Concept Note for the analysis of the impact of observations for the first three years for endorsement at the 6th Steering Committee meeting.
- considering the proposal for mapping SOFF opportunities, synergies and funding complementarities as integral part of the SOFF collaboration notes with the major climate funds and mechanisms and to present it to the 5th Steering Committee for its consideration
- expanding the 5th Steering Committee Meeting in Copenhagen to two full days 20-21 June 2023.
- holding the 6th Steering Committee Meeting 27 November 2023.

Signed by

UN Steering Committee Co-Chair	Co-Chair of the Steering Committee
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