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Fourth SOFF Advisory Board Meeting

Decisions



Decision 4.1: Adoption of recommendations on SOFF Operations

The Advisory Board

Welcomes

- the rapid implementation progress demonstrated so far with the first batch of 26 SOFF supported countries
- the proposed expansion of SOFF Readiness support to 62 countries in total, including all countries of the initial set of UN Early Warnings for All initiative countries
- the SOFF regional programming approach, including in the Pacific, Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Atlantic SIDS and African sub-regions to take advantage of economies of scale, and of existing regional programs, structures and mechanisms.

Recommends

- SOFF to closely engage with the Early Warnings for All partners, including actively contributing to the planned in-country workshops
- SOFF to closely engage with the partners of the Water at the Heart of Climate Action initiative and the Global Shield pathfinder countries
- the SOFF Secretariat to closely work with the UN Climate Action Team to facilitate coordinated in-country action and the mobilization of resources for investments in the latter parts of the value chain
- the SOFF Implementing Entities to integrate SOFF operations into their broader country support activities, crowding in their own resources or resources from the multilateral climate funds.

Requests the SOFF Secretariat to share these recommendations with the Steering Committee and to publicly disclose the recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF website.

Decision 4.2: Adoption of recommendations on SOFF Operation policy

The Advisory Board

Welcomes

- the clear definition of GBON compliance for SOFF support and the proposal for a flexible, results-oriented framework for the SOFF Investment Phase
- the support provided by the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) to SOFF beneficiary countries

Recommends to the Steering Committee the adoption of the SOFF Investment Phase Framework and its results-oriented approach that enhances flexibility in implementation, in recognition of the challenges of operating in very diverse country contexts, including Fragile and Conflict-afflicted States

Requests the SOFF Secretariat to share these recommendations with the Steering Committee and to publicly disclose the recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF website.

Decision 4.3: Adoption of recommendations on SOFF Strategy

The Advisory Board

Notes the three strategy-related documents for consideration of the 5th SOFF Steering Committee: 5.5 SOFF within the Multilateral Climate Finance Architecture; 5.9 SOFF Communication Strategy; and 5.10 Outline of the 1st SOFF Annual Report.

Welcomes

- the efforts of SOFF to position itself as a specialized fund with a dedicated mandate within the multilateral climate finance architecture
- the SOFF collaboration notes developed with the Multilateral Climate Funds that are members of the SOFF Steering Committee and Advisory Board and the plans to develop a collaboration framework with the Secretariat of these funds
- the proposal for the SOFF Secretariat to develop an analysis on the implications, criteria, benefits, and needs for an expansion of SOFF investment and compliance support to Middle Income Countries for consideration at the 5th Advisory Board meeting and the 6th Steering Committee meeting

Recommends

- the SOFF and the multilateral climate funds to act on the joint actions identified in the collaboration notes with the aim of showcasing early results at the UN Climate Ambition Summit and COP28
- the Steering Committee to prioritize SOFF resource mobilization efforts in light of significant country demand
- to seek Advisory Board inputs for the development of the criteria for a prioritized SOFF expansion to Middle Income Countries.
- Steering Committee members to use their communications channels to promote the SOFF communications strategy and maximize the dissemination of the SOFF Annual Report to be launched at COP28

Requests the SOFF Secretariat to share these recommendations with the Steering Committee and to publicly disclose the recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF website

Decision 4.4: Adoption of Advisory Board arrangements

The Advisory Board

Recommends

- the Steering Committee to include the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) as a member of the SOFF Advisory Board.
- that the SOFF Secretariat, guided by the Advisory Board co-chairs, assesses ways to increase Advisory Board effectiveness and to propose refinements to the Advisory Board work arrangements to be considered by the 5th Advisory Board meeting.

Welcomes the proposed role of the Advisory Board during intersessional decision making on a non-objection basis and offers to provide individual written recommendations as deemed necessary within one week from the reception of the documents.

Requests the SOFF Secretariat to share these recommendations with the Steering Committee and to publicly disclose the recommendations after the Steering Committee meeting on the SOFF website