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Decision item 4.5

Adjustments to Steering Committee 2022 decisions

Fourth Steering Committee meeting

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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

Adjustments to Steering Committee 2022 decisions

In January 2023 the SOFF Secretariat reviewed 2022 progress and planned the 2023 priorities, deliverables and milestones, guided by the Steering Committee co-chairs. The review and planning benefited from inputs from the UN Special Adviser and Assistant Secretary-General for Climate Action, WMO Technical Authority, UNMPTF Office, UNDP, UNEP and the SOFF Global Facilitators. Following this planning exercise, the following adjustments to previous Steering Committee decisions are proposed:

- 1. In relation to the SOFF short-term resource mobilization and outreach actions ([Decision 2.4](#)), it is proposed to present the SOFF communication plan and the dedicated SOFF website for endorsement to the 5th Steering Committee meeting.**

Justification: SOFF Secretariat priority has been given to the commencement of SOFF operations. The SOFF Secretariat has been coordinating and supporting the preparation of the first batch of Readiness funding requests and the second batch of programming countries; conducting outreach to and engagement with beneficiary countries; finalizing the Readiness phase operational guidance notes of the Operational Guidance Handbook; developing the legal agreements with the peer advisors; developing the Readiness funding request template; and ensuring effective coordination between beneficiary countries, peer advisors, Implementing Entities and WMO Technical Authority. A communications consultant has joined the SOFF Secretariat in March to support the development of the SOFF communication plan and the dedicated SOFF website.

- 2. In relation to the WMO Concept Note for the analysis of the impact of observations for the first three years ([Decisions 1.6](#) and [2.5](#)) it is proposed to present this document for endorsement to the 6th Steering Committee meeting.**

Justification: Given the short-term focus on SOFF operations, the WMO Technical Authority suggests presenting this note at the 6th Steering Committee.

- 3. In relation to [Decision 3.4](#) that requests the SOFF Secretariat to develop a proposal for mapping SOFF opportunities, synergies and funding complementarities in the programming countries it is proposed to present this proposal to the 5th Steering Committee for its consideration.**

Justification: The SOFF Secretariat is currently preparing the collaboration notes with the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, the Adaptation Fund, the Climate Investment Funds and the CREWS initiative for consideration at the 5th Steering Committee meeting. A critical element of these collaboration notes will be the mapping of SOFF opportunities, synergies and funding complementarities.

4. In relation to the SOFF dates and format of Steering Committee meetings 2022-2023 (Decision 2.5) it is proposed to expand the 5th Steering Committee meeting in Copenhagen to two full days 20-21 June 2023.

Justification: Due to the high volume of critical programmatic and operational decisions to be made by the Steering Committee, as well as the endorsement of the collaboration notes with the multilateral climate and environment funds and mechanisms, expanding the duration of the 5th Steering Committee to two full days would better allow for sufficient time for discussion and deliberations.

5. In relation to the dates and format of Steering Committee meetings 2022-2023 (Decision 2.5) it is proposed to postpone the 6th Steering Committee meeting to 27 November 2023.

Justification: The date of the UNFCCC 28 Conference of the Parties has changed. COP28 will start on 30 November. Since it is preferable to hold the Steering Committee meeting on a date close to COP28 and in order to have sufficient time to support the preparation of the first batch of SOFF investment funding requests, it is proposed to slightly postpone the 6th Steering Committee to 27 November 2023.