

Fifth Steering Committee 20-21 June 2023

Agenda

Decision 5.1

Systematic Observations Financing Facility

Weather and climate data for resilience





Agenda Fifth SOFF Steering Committee meeting

20-21 June 2023, Copenhagen, Denmark

In-person meeting with video connection

20 June	Agenda item
9:00 – 9:15	WELCOME Lotte Machon, Danish State Secretary for Development Policy Petteri Taalas, WMO Secretary-General Karin Isaksson, Nordic Development Fund Managing Director
9:15 – 9:20	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Decision 5.1)
9:20 – 9:45	SETTING THE SCENE Selwin Hart, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Climate Action and Just Transition Inger Andersen, UNEP Executive Director Usha Rao Monari, UNDP Associate Administrator Mikko Ollikainen, Head of the Adaptation Fund Jennifer Topping, UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Executive Coordinator
9:45 – 10:30	SOFF UPDATE
	Update from WMO Technical Authority, Albert Fischer, Director WMO Integrated Observing Systems Update from the Advisory Board, Benjamin Larroquette, Global Advisor Early Warning Systems at UNDP; Jochem Zoetelief, Head, Climate Services and Capacity Building at UNEP Update from UNMPTF Office, Ilaria Carnevali, UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Deputy Executive Coordinator Update from the Funders (Decision 5.2) Caroline Gennez, Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities of Belgium Pieter Copper, Senior Policy Officer on Climate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands Other Funders interventions
10:30 – 10:50	Break
10:50 – 11:50	SOFF OPERATIONS SOFF implementation progress (INF 5.1) Second batch SOFF Readiness funding requests (Decision 5.3)
11:50 – 12:30	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) support to SOFF beneficiary countries (INF 5.2) Florence Rabier, ECMWF Director-General Daniel Gellens, ECMWF Council President
12:30 – 14:00	Light lunch and tour through UN City



14:00 – 15:00	Expanding SOFF support to all Early Warnings for All priority countries and third batch SOFF Readiness programming (Decision 5.4) Selwin Hart, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Climate Action and Just Transition Petteri Taalas, WMO Secretary-General Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction
15:00 – 16:30	SOFF WITHIN THE MULTILATERAL CLIMATE FINANCE ARCHITECTURE (Decision 5.5) Mikko Ollikainen, Head of the Adaptation Fund Mafalda Duarte, CEO, Climate Investment Funds Gerard Howe, Chair of CREWS Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility Henry Gonzalez, Executive Director a.i., Green Climate Fund
16:30 – 16:45	Break
16:45 – 17:45	SOFF OPERATIONAL PARTNERS SOFF Peer Advisors – initial experience Moderator: Markus Repnik, Director SOFF Secretariat
	Marianne Thyrring, Danish Meteorological Institute, Director Ladislaus Chang'a, Acting Director General, Tanzania Meteorological Authority Ishaam Abader, Chief Executive Officer, South African Weather Service Harri Pietarila, Director of Expert Services, Finnish Meteorological Institute Michael Staudinger, Special Advisor, GeoSphere Austria Maarten van Aalst, Director General, Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute
	SOFF Implementing Entities – catalytic role Moderator: Ilaria Carnevali, UNMPTF Deputy Executive Coordinator; and Markus Repnik, SOFF Secretariat Director Jochem Zoetelief, UNEP Head, Climate Services and Capacity Building Benjamin Larroquette, UNDP Global Advisor Early Warning Systems Jesse Mason, Global Coordinator Forecast-based Financing, World Food Programme James Kinyangi, Chief of Climate and Policy, African Development Bank Amer Bukvic, Acting Director General, Global Practice & Partnerships, Islamic Development Bank Victoria Eugenia Florez Toro, Resource Mobilization Division Chief, Inter-American Development Bank International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) serving as SOFF Implementing Entity (Decision 5.6) Juan Carlos Mendoza, IFAD Director Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division



17:45 – 18:00	WRAPUP
	Reflections on the day
	H.E. Fatumanava-o-Upolu III Dr Pa'olelei Luteru, Chair of AOSIS
	Madeleine Diouf Sarr, Chair of LDC Group on climate change
	Closing of the day
18:30 – 21:00	DINNER RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE DANISH METEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE AT THE OPERA HOUSE

21 June	Agenda item
9:00 – 9:10	Introduction
9:10 – 10:45	SOFF OPERATIONS POLICY SOFF and GBON compliance (Decision 5.7) SOFF Investment Phase Framework (Decision 5.8)
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	SOFF COMMUNICATIONS SOFF communication strategy (Decision 5.9) Outline of 1st SOFF Annual Report (Decision 5.10)
12:00 – 12:15	GOVERNANCE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (Decision 5.11) Caroline Holt, Director of Disasters, Climate and Crises, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
12:15 – 12:30	CLOSING Review of decisions made Closing remarks
12:30 – 14:00	Light lunch at UN City
14:00 – 17:00	SOFF GUIDED TOUR HOSTED BY DANISH METEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE