

Sixth Steering Committee
27 November 2023

Expanding SOFF financial support to Middle Income Countries

Decision 6.5

Systematic Observations
Financing Facility

**Weather
and climate
data for
resilience**



Decision 6.5: Adoption of “Expanding SOFF financial support to Middle-Income Countries: Scenarios and Recommendations” document

The Steering Committee

Acknowledges the Advisory Board recommendation to the sixth Steering Committee to adopt the decisions related to Strategy, including 6.5.

Considered the document “Expanding SOFF financial support to Middle-Income Countries: Scenarios and Recommendations.”

Agrees in principle to a potential expansion of SOFF financial support to Lower Middle-Income Countries in a phased and prioritized approach.

Decides to postpone a decision about a potential phased and prioritized expansion to Lower Middle-Income Countries to the seventh Steering Committee meeting scheduled to take place in March 2024.

Requests the SOFF Secretariat to update the document, reflecting inputs received from the Steering Committee during its meeting, and to submit the revised document for consideration by the seventh Steering Committee meeting.

The purpose of this document is to explore whether and how to expand eligibility of SOFF investment and compliance support to Middle Income Countries under different financing scenarios and how to prioritize and phase a potential expansion.