



Systematic Observations Financing Facility **Second Potential Funders' Forum**

Agenda item 6 - SOFF roadmap to COP 26 and beyond

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SOFF development milestones

- SOFF started with the **approval of GBON in 2019**
- **UNFCCC SBSTA recognized GBON** and also the need for **sustained financing**
- Alliance for Hydromet Development established the **creation of the SOFF as a commitment**
- In 2020, establishment of **multi-partner working groups – 30+ partners**
- **WMO constituency** engagement, decisions and consultations
- **SOFF First Potential Funders' Forum**

SOFF beneficiary country consultations

- **WMO constituency** – Permanent Representatives and National Meteorological and Hydrological Services which will be the most important players in the implementation of SOFF.

- **Country groups:**
 - Group of Least Developed Countries
 - Alliance of Small Island States
 - African Group of Negotiators
 - African Ministers in charge of meteorology (AMCOMET)

SOFF private sector consultations

- **Working Group on insurance sector**

Including consultations with InsuResilience.
Report published

- **Consultations with HMEI**

Initial Discussions with HMEI focusing on private sector experience in establishing, operating and maintaining basic observing systems in SIDS and LDCs and the many challenges private sector operators have seen.

Options are explored for public-private business models for the operation and maintenance of basic observing systems supported by SOFF

SOFF roadmap to COP 26

- **SOFF positioning at UNFCCC process** – continuing participating in regional/country consultations and the overall UNFCCC process, incl. consolidating SBSTA decisions and other items such as adaptation and loss and damage.
- **Launch of the Hydromet GAP Report** – 8 July at the UN High-level Political Forum
- **Continuing country consultations** – both WMO and country groups
- **Continuing consultations with other stakeholders**
- **SOFF Third and Fourth Potential Funders' Forums** (next slide)
- **SOFF legally established by end-October** following the Fourth Forum
- **SOFF announcement at COP 26**

SOFF roadmap to COP 26 - SOFF Third and Fourth Potential Funders' Forums

SOFF Third Potential Funders' Forums – Week of 27 September 2021

- **Further advanced elements of the SOFF operational and institutional framework**, including SOFF compliance definition and RBF methodology
- **Discussion paper on SOFF funding needs** and options for sequencing funding and programming of SOFF depending on funder commitments
- **Draft SOFF resource mobilization report**, presenting the proposed rationale, organization and operational modalities for SOFF, which would be endorsed by the funders at the pledging session in October

SOFF Fourth Potential Funders' Forums - Pledging conference – Week of 25 October 2021

SOFF becoming operational

- Once a **threshold for minimum initial contributions** is reached, SOFF would be made operational.
- The **financial threshold** would be jointly agreed upon with the initial funders.
- The first step of operationalization would be the **establishment and staffing of the SOFF Secretariat**.
- The SOFF Secretariat would then prepare all **basic documents for the functioning of the SOFF** for decision at the first Steering Committee meeting, including SOFF operational policies.
- SOFF is expected to be “open for business” by mid-2022.