

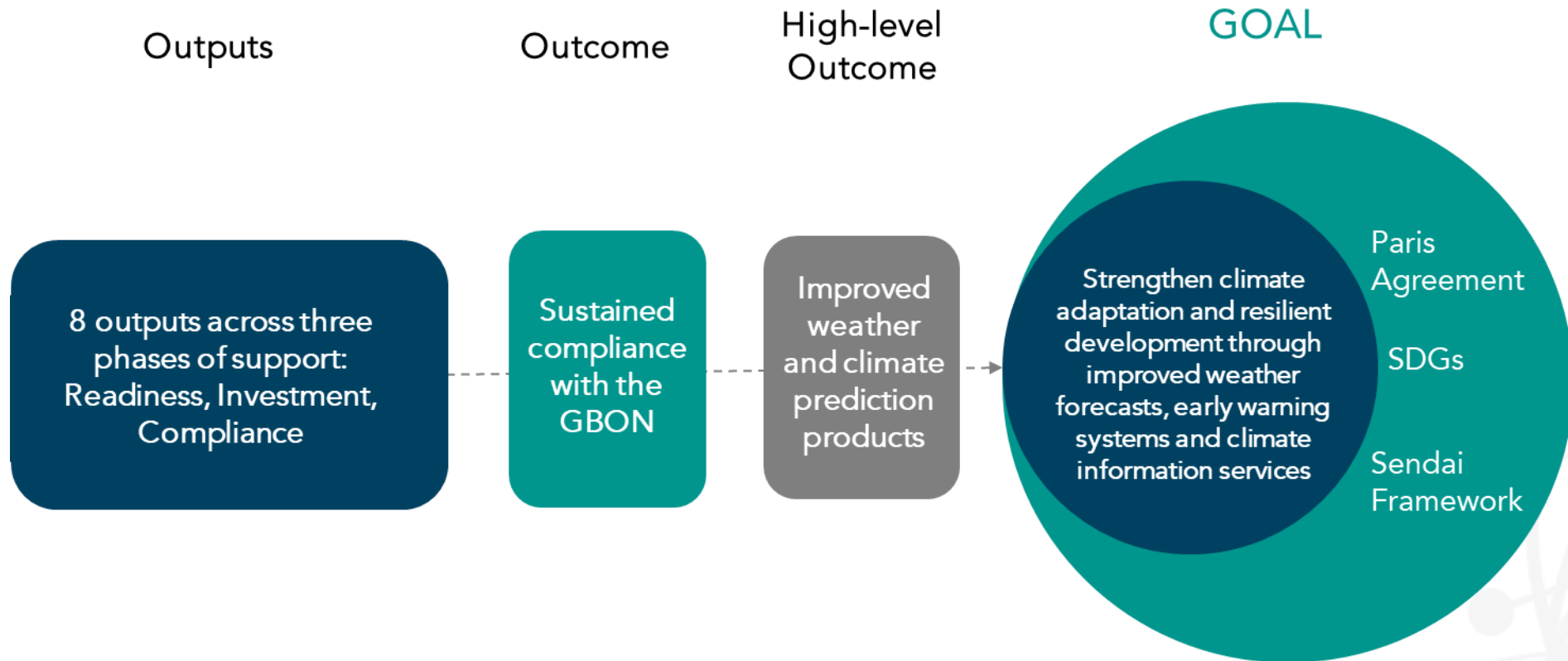


Systematic Observations Financing Facility **Second Potential Funders' Forum**

Agenda item 3 - SOFF value proposition and institutional arrangements

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SOFF Theory of Change



SOFF value proposition:

Effective combination of 10 features

- **Provision of innovative finance**
 - Long-term predictable grant finance – beyond short term project cycles
 - Finance for operations and maintenance – instead of only investments
 - Results-based finance – retroactive financing upon verification of data sharing
- **Global approach with sustained data exchange as measure of success**
 - GBON metrics to guide investments – ensure right level of investments
 - Long-term GBON data sharing compliance single measure of success
 - Unified investment approach to close GBON gap in one single intervention
- **Enhancement of technical competency and coordination**
 - GBON-specialized peer-to-peer technical and institutional support incl. South-South
 - Coalition of strong Implementing Entities for economies of scale
 - SOFF as centre of competency on “what does it take”
 - Effective collaboration and coordination among the main stakeholders and partners

SOFF as a “UN coalition” Fund

- **SOFF UN coalition** global initiative
- **WMO, UNEP, UNDP** as co-creators joining forces including on fundraising
- **SOFF UN Multi-partner Trust Fund** benefits from \$15 billion experience
- **UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office** as trustee holds the fund
- **WMO** co-decision maker and technical authority
- **UNEP** Secretariat host and IE – link to UN Environment Assembly
- **UNDP** co-chair Advisory Board and IE – link to broad development agenda
- **Stakeholders** part of governance structure – link to climate and “last mile”
- **Alliance members** as IE and/or contributors of additional resources

SOFF Steering Committee – decision making body

- **Oversees SOFF** and decides on strategy, policy, operations
- **Ensures complementarity** between SOFF and “last mile” initiatives
- **Decision makers:** funding partners and WMO
- **Non-decision makers:** Trustee, Advisory Board co-chairs, SOFF Secretariat host institution and Secretariat head, potentially CREWS
- **Decisions by consensus** among decision-making members, taking into consideration views of other Steering Committee members and recommendations of the Advisory Board

SOFF Advisory Board – multi-stakeholder body

- **Provides recommendations** and advises the Steering Committee
- **Ensures** that SOFF responds to countries' needs and creates synergies
- **Chaired by UNDP and a co-chair** elected by Advisory Board members
- **Proposed composition**
 - Beneficiary countries: LDC Group and AOSIS
 - Alliance for Hydromet Development and other UN organizations
 - SOFF-related initiatives incl REAP, GCA, InsuResilience
 - Global Producing Centers
 - Private sector: HMEI
 - Representative from CSOs

SOFF Secretariat

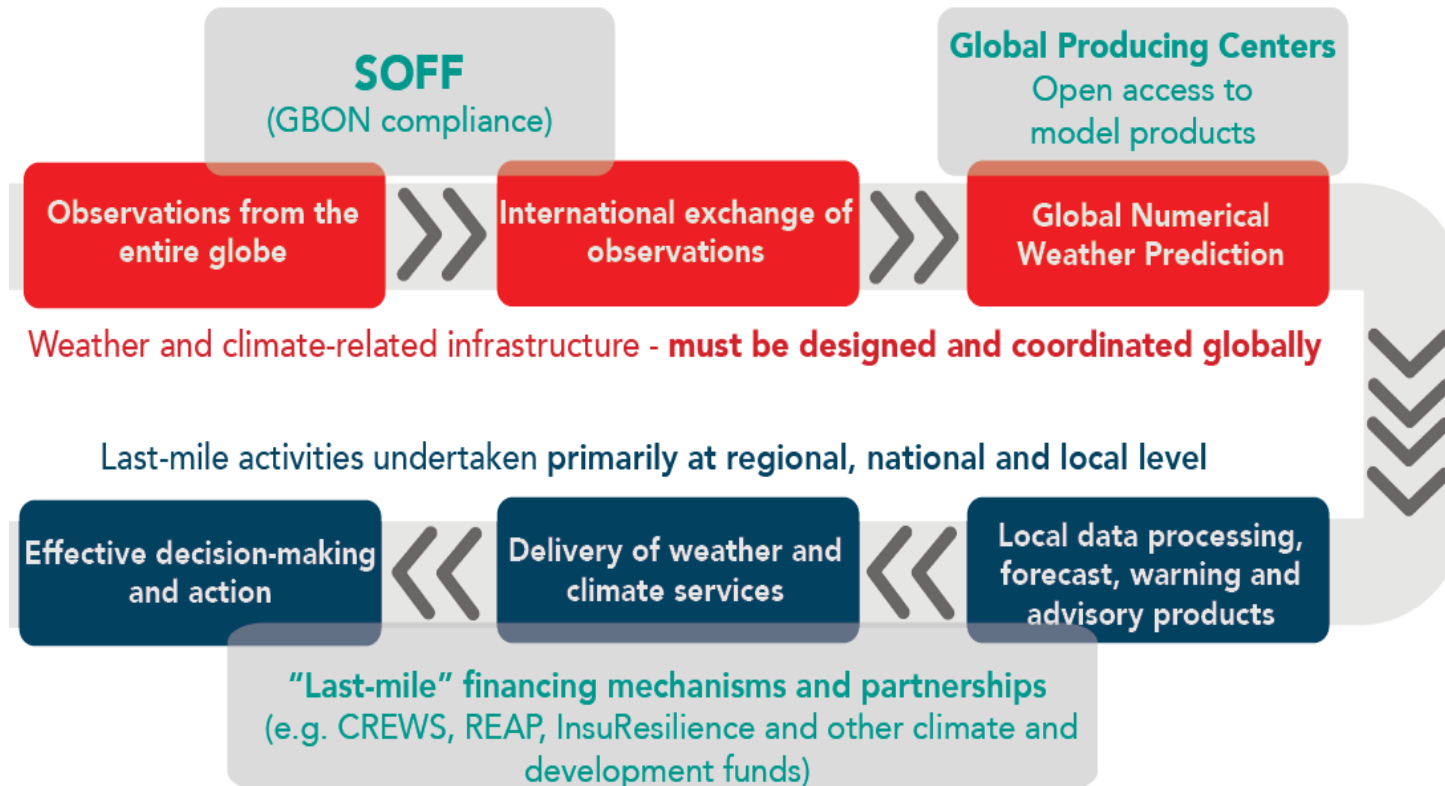
- **Accountable** to the Steering Committee
- **Supports** the Steering Committee and the Advisory Board
- **Manages** SOFF operations
- **Coordinates** and ensures coherence of SOFF operational partners
- **Administers** the provision of peer review and advisory services
- Administratively **hosted by UNEP** with potential contributions from WMO



SOFF Implementing Entities

- **Major multilateral development partners** implementing large hydromet projects
 - MDBs** (World Bank and regional development banks)
 - UN organizations** (UNDP, UNEP, WFP)
- **Members of the Alliance** for Hydromet Development
- Could **partner** with other national or international organizations

SOFF creates the foundation for “last mile” investments



SOFF funders' opportunities

- **Contribute to SOFF Trust Fund as highly visible global initiative**
 - Increase impact of own resources by blending with resources from other funders
 - Provide climate and adaptation finance through a foundational initiative
- **Decide SOFF strategy, policies, investments**
 - Direct SOFF operations and SOFF further development
- **Deploy know-how of National Meteorological Services**
 - Support effective SOFF implementation with long-term peer-to-peer support
- **Partner with Implementing Entities**
 - Bilateral agencies as potential operational partners of IE
- **Link with funders' other bilateral and multilateral investments**
 - SOFF creates basis for increased effectiveness of other investments
- **Second staff to SOFF Secretariat**
 - Strengthen SOFF Secretariat through secondments or JPOs