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

**Outputs**
- 8 outputs across three phases of support: Readiness, Investment, Compliance

**Outcome**
- Sustained compliance with the GBON

**High-level Outcome**
- Improved weather and climate prediction products

**GOAL**
- Strengthen climate adaptation and resilient development through improved weather forecasts, early warning systems and climate information services

- Paris Agreement
- SDGs
- Sendai Framework
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

Weather and climate-related infrastructure - must be designed and coordinated globally

Last-mile activities undertaken primarily at regional, national and local level

Effective decision-making and action
Delivery of weather and climate services
Local data processing, forecast, warning and advisory products

“Last-mile” financing mechanisms and partnerships (e.g. CREWS, REAP, InsuResilience and other climate and development funds)
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