Third Potential Funders’ Forum

Agenda item 3
SOFF governance and operational approach

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SOFF Governance

UN coalition fund
WMO, UNDP and UNEP
Specific and complementary roles

UN MPTF Office
SOFF Trustee
Flexibility, simplicity and speed
SOFF Governance

Steering Committee

Decision makers:
- Funding partners and WMO

Other members:
- UNDP and UNEP as co-chairs Advisory Board
- UN MPTF Office as Trustee
- Head of SOFF Secretariat
- CREWS
Beneficiary countries

- National Meteorological and Hydrological Services

SOFF Implementing Entities

- Major multilateral development partners members of the Alliance for Hydromet Development
- Implementing Entities to partner with national and international organizations

SOFF peer advisors

- Pool of 25-30 advanced met offices
SOFF Governance

Advisory Board
• Synergies with adaptation and “last mile” action
• Multi-stakeholder composition

WMO Technical Authority
• Verify GBON gap and compliance
• Confirm GBON national contribution plan
• Endorse and support peer advisors
• Host SOFF Secretariat
Who benefits from SOFF?

- SIDS and LDCs benefit most from improvements in weather and climate prediction
- All countries benefit from global improvements

SOFF direct support: First Implementation Period

- Focus on SIDS and LDCs
- Other developing countries – Readiness technical advisory
SOFF Operational approach

SOFF prioritization criteria - following a risk-based approach

• Close the most significant data gaps: highest impact to prediction products
• Target “easy fixes”: small interventions and quick wins
• Maximize delivery capacity: Implementing Entities and peer advisors readiness to operate
• Create leverage: opportunities for blended finance
• Ensure balance: among SIDS and LDCs, among regions, and for Fragile and Conflict-affected States
SOFF Operational approach

SOFF phases of support

1. READINESS PHASE
   - Eligibility: SIDS and LDCs, other developing countries
   - Main partners: Peer advisors, WMO Technical Authority

2. INVESTMENT PHASE
   - Eligibility: SIDS and LDCs
   - Main partners: Implementing Entities, Peer advisors

3. COMPLIANCE PHASE
   - Eligibility: SIDS and LDCs
   - Main partners: WMO Technical Authority, Peer advisors, Global Producing Centers
SOFF Operational approach

Private sector role

SOFF beneficiary

• Improved weather and climate prediction products freely available
• Weather prediction - USD 96 billion minimum annual benefits on optimized economic production

SOFF implementation support

• Private sector engagement through different business models
Continuous learning

SOFF will capture and exchange information, incl. on:

• Lessons on implementation
• Innovations, incl. on private sector engagement and technology
• GBON compliance and the impact of increased observations in prediction