

## Systematic Observations Financing Facility MPTF OFFICE GENERIC ANNUAL PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT REPORTING PERIOD: 1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2022

<div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Programme Title &amp; Project Number</b></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programme Title: <b>Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF)</b></li> <li>Programme Number <i>(if applicable)</i></li> <li>MPTF Office Project Reference Number:<sup>3</sup> 00133696</li> </ul> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Participating Organization(s)</b></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Meteorological Organization</li> <li>United Nations Environment Programme</li> <li>United Nations Development Programme</li> </ul> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Programme/Project Cost (US\$)</b></div> <p>Total approved budget as per project document: \$ ,088,920 (data from MPTF Gateway)</p> <p>MPTF /JP Contribution<sup>4</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 3,000,000</li> </ul> <p>Agency Contribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p>Government Contribution N/A</p> <p>Other Contributions (donors) N/A</p> <p><b>TOTAL: \$ 3,000,000 (net funded amount)</b></p> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.</b></div> <p>Assessment/Review - if applicable <i>please attach N/A</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: <i>dd.mm.yyyy</i></p> <p>Mid-Term Evaluation Report – <i>if applicable please attach N/A</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: <i>dd.mm.yyyy</i></p>	<div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results<sup>2</sup></b></div> <p>Global</p> <p>Early Warnings for All</p> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Implementing Partners</b></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National counterparts (National Meteorological and Hydrological Services – NMHSs) and International Organizations</li> </ul> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Programme Duration</b></div> <p>Overall Duration (<i>months</i>) <b>multi years</b></p> <p>Start Date<sup>5</sup> (<i>dd.mm.yyyy</i>) <b>28 October 2022</b></p> <p>Original End Date<sup>6</sup> (<i>dd.mm.yyyy</i>) <b>December 2031 (as per the MoU)</b></p> <p>Current End date<sup>7</sup>(<i>dd.mm.yyyy</i>) <b>December 2031</b></p> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Report Submitted By</b></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name: Markus Repnik</li> <li>Title: Director of the SOFF Secretariat</li> <li>Participating Organization (Lead): Anthony Rea, Director of Infrastructure Department, WMO</li> <li>Email address: <a href="mailto:area@wmo.int">area@wmo.int</a> <a href="mailto:mrepnik@wmo.int">mrepnik@wmo.int</a></li> </ul>
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<sup>1</sup> The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

<sup>2</sup> Strategic Results, as formulated in the Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) or project document;

<sup>3</sup> The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as “Project ID” on the project’s factsheet page the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

<sup>4</sup> The MPTF or JP Contribution, refers to the amount transferred to the Participating UN Organizations, which is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

<sup>5</sup> The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

<sup>6</sup> As per approval of the original project document by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

<sup>7</sup> If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If there has been no extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF / JP have been completed. As per the MOU, agencies are to notify the MPTF Office when a programme completes its operational activities.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Systematic Observations Financing Facility was legally established as a United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund by WMO, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and UN Development Programme (UNDP) at the 26th session of the Conference of Parties (COP26) of the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in November 2021. This followed a breakthrough resolution at the 2021 Extraordinary World Meteorological Congress which approved the WMO Unified Data Policy, along with two other sweeping initiatives – the Global Basic Observing Network (GBON) and the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF) – to dramatically strengthen the world’s weather and climate services through a systematic increase in much-needed observational data and data products from across the globe.

SOFF aims to close the climate and weather observations data gap in countries with the most severe shortfalls in observations, prioritizing Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States. Improving the availability of weather and climate observations from the most data sparse areas is essential for weather forecasts, early warning systems and climate information services that save lives and livelihoods as well as protect property across the whole globe. The lack of such observations limits countries' capacity to adapt to climate change and build resilience.

Throughout 2022, the SOFF has become operational and started its business. To this end, the SOFF governance structure was established, including the Steering Committee and Advisory Board: The SOFF Steering Committee was formed and held three meetings in which decisions were taken regarding the governance structure, such as the SOFF Secretariat establishment, Operational Manual, the work plan for the First Implementation Period and its funding needs, the programming criteria, Gender Action Plan and the first batch of SOFF programming countries that will kick off with SOFF Readiness support in 2023. These fundamental decisions or policies approved by the SOFF Steering Committee also set the operational environment for SOFF implementation; The SOFF Advisory Board was formed, held two meetings in 2022 and provided recommendations to the Steering Committee on SOFF strategic direction. The Advisory Board brings together 16 relevant stakeholders across the meteorological value chain to ensure the impact of SOFF operations is carried across the value chain, including the major multilateral climate funds including the Green Climate Fund.

The initial funders of the SOFF were Austria, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Ireland, Iceland, Spain, USA and the Nordic Development Fund with pledges totalling USD 49 million. The SOFF Resource Mobilization and Outreach Strategy and Short-term Actions were adopted by the SOFF Steering Committee at its 3rd meeting. SOFF was also prominently featured at the COP27, including through a decision on Systematic Observation and Early Warnings for All initiative of the COP27 Sharm-El-Sheikh Implementation Plan.

The first batch of 26 SOFF programming countries was approved by the Steering Committee in November 2022, supported by the SOFF operational partners (27 Peer Advisors<sup>8</sup> and 8 Implementing Entities<sup>9</sup>). A

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<sup>8</sup> **SOFF Peer Advisor:** NMHSs (National Meteorological and Hydrological Services) that are members of WMO are eligible to become peer advisors for the SOFF. The SOFF peer advisors provide advice and analysis to support beneficiary countries and Implementing Entities in designing and implementing activities related to the Readiness, Investment, and Compliance phases. The peer advisor is responsible for the quality and timely delivery of the advisory services assignments and corresponding substantive and financial reporting per the assignment agreement and its terms of reference.

<sup>9</sup> **SOFF Implementing Entity (IE):** Major multilateral development partners that play an important role in supporting countries' hydromet development are eligible to serve as the SOFF IEs. The SOFF IE is expected to collaborate with the beneficiary country

workshop was held from 31 August to 02 September 2022 in Vienna, with the aim of preparing Peer Advisors and Implementing Entities for SOFF implementation.

## I. Purpose

SOFF is a financing mechanism that aims to support and accelerate the sustained collection and international exchange of the most essential surface-based weather and climate observations in compliance with the internationally agreed GBON. ([See SOFF TOR](#))

## II. Results

### i) Narrative reporting on results:

- **Outcomes<sup>10</sup>:**

- **Outcome 1:** The SOFF became operational from July 2022.
- **Outcome 2:** The SOFF momentum kept on growing in 2022
- **Outcome 3:** The SOFF got ready to start implementation

- **Outputs:**

- **Output 1.1** The establishment of the SOFF governance structure, including the Steering Committee and the Advisory Board
- **Output 1.2** The SOFF operational environment was set
- **Output 1.3** The establishment of the SOFF Secretariat, including budget and work plan and creation of WMO Trust Fund for its support
- **Output 2.1** Founding funders made pledges
- **Output 2.2** The SOFF funding base was expanded
- **Output 3.1** The SOFF operational partners (27 Peer advisors, 8 IEs) got ready to work with SOFF and a workshop was held for IEs and Peers.
- **Output 3.2** First batch of 26 SOFF programming countries were adopted.

- **Describe any delays in implementation, challenges, lessons learned & best practices:**

N/A

- **Qualitative assessment:**

According to the [MoU for the establishment of the SOFF](#) signed in November 2021, the SOFF will be operational until December 2031. As per SOFF Steering Committee [Decision 1.7](#), the SOFF adopted a 3-year work plan to cover its First Implementation Period (July 2022 to June 2025). From July to December 2022, the SOFF followed the work plan and fully delivered on it.

The SOFF successfully mobilized collaboration among its co-founders, namely WMO, UNDP and UNEP. To support the operationalization of SOFF Secretariat, UNEP seconded Mr. Jing ZHENG as the P3 level Portfolio Officer in the SOFF Secretariat.

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and the peer advisor in the Readiness phase to ensure that the outputs of this phase address the technical needs for the design and implementation of the Investment phase. The IE is responsible for preparing and managing the implementation of the Investment phase grant within the specified terms as approved in the funding request and in collaboration with relevant national partners

<sup>10</sup> As mentioned in the executive summary, SOFF became operational from July 2022. The progress achieved by SOFF in 2022 were mainly related to its inception, namely the establishment of government structure, operationalization of the Secretariat, adoption of key operational policies, etc. SOFF will start implementation or programming of its first to third batch projects in 2023. Therefore, the thematic outcomes will be reported from 2023.

Moreover, the SOFF also successfully built partnerships with Peer Advisors, Implementing Entities and beneficiary countries. In 2022, 27 Peer Advisors and 8 Implementing Entities were mobilized, and the initial 126 beneficiary countries were programmed.

**ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:**

Using the **Programme Results Framework from the Project Document / AWP** - provide an update on the achievement of indicators at both the output and outcome level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, clear explanation should be given explaining why, as well as plans on how and when this data will be collected.

	<b><u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)</b>	<b>Source of Verification</b>
<p><b>Outcome 1</b> The SOFF became operational from July 2022.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established the SOFF governance structure which includes Steering Committee and Advisory Board</li> <li>Established operational environment, namely a series of policies or decisions for the SOFF operation</li> <li>Established the SOFF Secretariat</li> </ul> <p><b>Baseline: 0</b></p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize 2 -3 Steering Committee meetings per year and prepare all necessary documents</li> <li>Organize 2 -3 Advisory Board meetings per year and prepare all necessary documents</li> <li>Establish a series of operational policies</li> <li>Establish the SOFF Secretariat with approval on its budget and work plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Steering Committee meetings were held in 2022</li> <li>2 Advisory Board meetings were held on 2022</li> <li>The operational environment was created through adoption of several key operational decisions or policies by the Steering Committee, including SOFF Operational Manual, programming criteria, preliminary work programme, SOFF Results Framework – Readiness Phase Baseline and Targets for the First Implementation Period, SOFF Gender Action Plan: Targets for the First Implementation Period, first batch of the SOFF programming countries, etc.</li> <li>The SOFF Secretariat was established at the First SOFF Steering Committee Meeting, including budget, work plan and the creation of a WMO Trust Fund for SOFF Secretariat Operation</li> </ul>	N/A	The SOFF Official Website <a href="https://alliancehydromet.org/soff/">https://alliancehydromet.org/soff/</a>

<p><b>Output 1.1</b> The establishment of the SOFF governance structure including the Steering Committee and the Advisory Board</p> <p><b>Indicator 1.1.1</b> number of Steering Committee meetings in 2022  <b>Baseline:</b> 0  <b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize 2 -3 Steering Committee meetings per year and prepare all necessary documents</li> </ul> <p><b>Indicator 1.1.2</b> number of Advisory Board meetings in 2022  <b>Baseline:</b> 0  <b>Planned Target:</b> Organize 2 -3 Advisory Group meetings per year and prepare all necessary documents</p>	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 1.1.1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Steering Committee meeting were held in 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The First Steering Committee Meeting was held on 30 June 2022</li> <li>The Second Steering Committee Meeting was held on 04 October 2022</li> <li>The Third Steering Committee Meeting was held on 02 November 2022</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The SOFF Steering Committee Documents Repository  <a href="https://alliancehydromet.org/governance-documents-repository/">https://alliancehydromet.org/governance-documents-repository/</a></p>
	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 1.1.2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Advisory Board meeting were held in 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The First Advisory Board Meeting was held on 07 September 2022</li> <li>The Second Advisory Board Meeting was held on 19 October 2022</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The SOFF Advisory Board Documents Repository  <a href="https://alliancehydromet.org/governance-documents-repository/">https://alliancehydromet.org/governance-documents-repository/</a></p>
<p><b>Output 1.2</b> The SOFF operational environment was set.</p> <p><b>Indicator 1.2.1</b> Established operational environment, namely a series of policies or decisions for operation  <b>Baseline:</b> 0  <b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A series of operational polices or decisions are adopted by SOFF Steering Committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 1.2.1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first to third SOFF Steering Committee meetings adopted a series of key operational decisions or policies, including SOFF Operational Manual, programming criteria, preliminary work programme, SOFF Results Framework – Readiness Phase Baseline and Targets for the First Implementation Period, SOFF Gender Action Plan: Targets for the First Implementation Period, first batch of SOFF programming countries, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The SOFF Steering Committee Documents Repository  <a href="https://alliancehydromet.org/governance-documents-repository/">https://alliancehydromet.org/governance-documents-repository/</a></p>

<p><b>Output 1.3</b> The establishment of the SOFF Secretariat</p> <p><b>Indicator 1.3.1</b> The establishment of the SOFF Secretariat including budget and work plan</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> 0</p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SOFF Secretariat is established</li> </ul>	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 1.3.1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The First SOFF Steering Committee officially established the SOFF Secretariat</li> <li>The SOFF Secretariat budget and a 3-year work plan were approved through SOFF Steering Committee meeting <a href="#">Decision 1.7</a></li> <li>WMO set up a trust fund for SOFF Secretariat Operation. The first allotment with amount of USD 3 million was disbursed by MPTFO to this trust fund</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The SOFF Steering Committee meeting <a href="#">Decision 1.7</a></p>
<p><b>Outcome 2</b> The SOFF momentum kept on growing in 2022</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>number of founding funders</li> <li>SOFF resource mobilization strategy</li> <li>SOFF exposure in high-level events</li> </ul> <p><b>Baseline:</b> 0</p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 founding funders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the first SOFF Steering Committee meeting, the SOFF had 7 funders and close to 30 million USD in financial pledges.</li> <li>At COP27, 2 additional funders joined the SOFF (United States of America and Spain), and together with a substantial increase in Norway’s contribution, the total pledges to the SOFF at the end of 2022 are close to 49 million USD.</li> <li>SOFF Resource Mobilization and Outreach Strategy and short-term actions were approved through SOFF Steering Committee <a href="#">Decision 2.3</a> and <a href="#">2.4</a></li> <li>SOFF was also prominently featured in the COP27, through a decision on Systematic Observation and Early Warnings for All initiative of COP27 Sharm-El-Sheikh Implementation Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Pledge letters from donors</p> <p>The SOFF Steering Committee <a href="#">Decision 2.3</a> and <a href="#">2.4</a></p> <p><a href="#">Chapter VII of the COP27 Sharm-El Sheikh Implementation Plan</a></p>
<p><b>Output 2.1</b> Founding Funders made pledges</p> <p><b>Indicator 2.1.1</b> number of founding funders</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> 0</p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 founding funders</li> </ul>	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 2.1.1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the first SOFF Steering Committee meeting, the SOFF had 7 funders and close to 30 million USD in financial pledges.</li> <li>At COP27, 2 additional funders joined the SOFF (United States of America and Spain), and together with a substantial increase in Norway’s contribution, the total pledges to the SOFF at the end of 2022 are close to 49 million USD.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Pledge letters from donors</p>

<p><b>Output 2.2</b> the SOFF funding base was expanded</p> <p><b>Indicator 2.2.1</b> SOFF resource mobilization strategy  <b>Baseline:</b> 0  <b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established SOFF resource mobilization</li> </ul> <p><b>Indicator 2.2.2</b> SOFF exposure in high-level events  <b>Baseline:</b> 0  <b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOFF exposure in high-level events</li> </ul>	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 2.2.1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOFF Resource Mobilization and Outreach Strategy and short-term actions were approved through SOFF Steering Committee <a href="#">Decision 2.3</a> and <a href="#">2.4</a></li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The SOFF Steering Committee <a href="#">Decision 2.3</a> and <a href="#">2.4</a></p>
	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 2.2.2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOFF was also prominently featured in the COP27, through a decision on Systematic Observation and Early Warnings for All initiative of COP27 Sharm-El-Sheikh Implementation Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><a href="#">Early Warnings for All Action Plan unveiled at COP27</a></p> <p><a href="#">Chapter VII of the COP27 Sharm-El Sheikh Implementation Plan</a></p>
<p><b>Outcome 3</b> The SOFF got ready to start implementation</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of operational partners, including Peer Advisors and Implementing Entities</li> <li>Workshop for the operational partners</li> <li>Number of first batch programming countries</li> </ul> <p><b>Baseline:</b> 0  <b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 programming countries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SOFF operational partners (26 Peer Advisors and 8 Implementing Entities) were mobilized.</li> <li>A workshop was held from 31 August to 02 September 2022 in Vienna, in which Peer Advisors and Implementing Entities got ready to work with SOFF.</li> <li>26 countries were approved by the SOFF Steering Committee through <a href="#">Decision 3.4</a>, covering African, Asian, Pacific, Latin American and Caribbean countries</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The SOFF Steering Committee <a href="#">Decision 3.4</a></p>
<p><b>Output 3.1</b> the SOFF operational partners (26 Peer Advisors, 8 IEs) got</p>	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 3.1.1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 Peer Advisors and 8 Implementing Entities were mobilized</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	



<p>ready to work with SOFF and a workshop was held for IEs and Peers.</p> <p><b>Indicator 3.1.1</b> Number of operational partners, including Peer Advisors and Implementing Entities Committee  <b>Baseline:</b> 0  <b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlimited</li> </ul> <p><b>Indicator 3.1.2</b> Workshop for the operational partners  <b>Baseline:</b> 0  <b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum 1 workshop</li> </ul>	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 3.1.2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A workshop was held from 31 August to 02 September 2022 in Vienna, in which Peer Advisors and Implementing Entities explored opportunities on potential countries and sub-regions.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>A summary of Vienna Workshop outputs as a section of SOFF Steering Committee <a href="#">Decision 3.4</a> (Part 2 Programming Approach)</p>
<p><b>Output 3.2</b> First batch of 26 SOFF programming countries were adopted.</p> <p><b>Indicator 3.2.1</b> First batch programming countries as approved by the SOFF Steering Committee  <b>Baseline:</b> 0  <b>Planned Target:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlimited</li> </ul>	<p><b>Targets achieved under Indicator 3.2.1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 countries were approved by the SOFF Steering Committee through <a href="#">Decision 3.4</a>, covering African, Asian, Pacificn, Latin American and Caribbean countries</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The SOFF Steering Committee <a href="#">Decision 3.4</a></p>

### iii) A Specific Story (Optional)

#### **Success Story: SOFF at COP27 and the UN Early Warnings for All initiative**

SOFF was prominently featured at COP27.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres unveiled the [Executive Action Plan for the Early Warnings for All initiative](#) at a [meeting](#) during the World Leaders Summit of the COP27 with the target to protect every person on the planet with early warnings within 5 years. SOFF is a foundational element of this initiative – warnings are only as good as the data they are built upon – and is a delivery vehicle and funding mechanism of the initiative.

The strong support of many Parties led to a decision on Systematic Observation and the Early Warnings for All initiative as part of the [COP27 Sharm-El Sheikh Implementation Plan](#), emphasizing the need to address existing gaps in the global climate observing system, particularly in developing countries. SOFF is supporting countries in closing the Global Basic Observing Network data gaps, and in the [SBSTA 57 conclusions](#) Parties noted with appreciation the progress in supporting systematic observation through SOFF.

SOFF was also showcased in two high-visibility events of the COP27: the [SOFF event](#) with Ministers from funder and beneficiary countries and other senior-level speakers including the IMF Managing Director; and the [Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action event](#), where the finance and meteorological communities came together to discuss how to close weather and climate data gaps and how to use climate data for more effective economic policies.



*Image. Attendees to the SOFF high-level event with Ministers of funders and prospective funders on stage. Source: Nordic Development Fund.*

### III. Other Assessments or Evaluations (if applicable)

N/A

### IV. Programmatic Revisions (if applicable)

N/A

### V. Resources (Optional)

- **Human Resource:** Structure of SOFF Secretariat was approved through the SOFF Steering Committee [Decision 1.7](#) and key positions were identified .
- **Financial Management:** WMO established a SOFF Secretariat Trust Fund. According to the SOFF Steering Committee [Decision 1.7](#), MPTFO disbursed USD 3 million to this trust fund for the SOFF Secretariat operation.