

Annex I: Draft "Action Plan" for the SDS Coalition *version 1 prepared 26 Aug. 2019*

The following draft Action Plan is based on and draws from the SDS Coalition Strategy (*n.b. - also in draft ver1*). It includes a series of actions to be undertaken by members of the Coalition, following the five elements of the draft Strategy, along with the actors (both from within and outside of the Coalition proper) and beneficiaries, identifying proposed roles for key agencies and partners; proposed dates for these actions to be carried out between the last quarter of 2019 and 2022; actual/proposed sources of funding; and other relevant details.

Once again, the **key common elements** from the SDS Coalition's mandate, objectives and work areas, as defined in the draft Strategy "five-point plan", are as follows:

1. **UN inter-agency collaboration and dialogue on SDS** on a regular and ongoing basis.
2. **Advocacy and awareness-raising** on SDS, both within and beyond the UN system, to inform relevant entities and affected countries, and help to catalyse appropriate actions on SDS.
3. **Exchange of information**, knowledge/expertise and innovative solutions for SDS-related issues, with national partners and other entities, with related **capacity building/training**.
4. Development of a **forum/platform** to address SDS (this to build on points 1-3).
5. **Fund raising/resource mobilisation** for joint responses to SDS issues.

The **Action Plan matrix** in the following pages details each of these five elements via a series of tasks - derived directly from the proposed Strategy - and under each of the tasks, necessary actions for achieving the same over the coming several years.

Key Actors and Beneficiaries

The **key actors** are considered to be all of the following: the UN Inter-Agency SDS Coalition members (UN agencies and other IGOs); non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are involved in the realm of SDS; international, regional and national bodies and centres with expertise in the realm of SDS (e.g., as one example, the WMO's SDS WAS regional centres); prominent academic and research institutes with expertise in the realm of SDS (e.g. the European Centre for Medium-Range Forecasts, the University of Tehran and others); and private sector entities concerned by or involved in SDS-related issues (e.g., insurance companies, agro-business firms and major commodity suppliers et al.).

The **key beneficiaries** (or target groups) are considered to be all of the following: SDS-affected and vulnerable countries and regions, including but not limited to relevant government bodies; municipalities down to village level; citizens impacted by SDS occurrences; economic sectors in particular the farming community; and aid/health/humanitarian personnel "first responders"; SDS planning- and response-related entities at all scales, but particularly national and local; as well as relevant regional entities that have a role in coping with SDS in affected regions.

Some entities such as those involved in emergency response and forecasting roles may be considered as both "actors" and "beneficiaries" in this context.

Some **potential funding entities** to be approached in resource mobilization efforts for the entire suite of activities detailed in the Action Plan matrix include, *inter alia*: the UNCCD's Global Mechanism (which assists countries in the development of projects related to Land Degradation Neutrality), the Global Climate Fund (GCF), the Global Environment Fund (GEF), the UN Fund for South-South Cooperation, the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (*see - <http://mptf.undp.org/>*), the WMO's WAS SDS Trust Fund, the WMO-WHO-UNEP Coalition on Health, Environment and Climate Change; the World Bank and regional development banks, the European Commission, and donor countries in the SDS belt but also world-wide, et al.

In general terms, the roles of key SDS Coalition members could include the following:

- UNCCD can play a lead role in both the policy and governance realm, as well as on adaptation and mitigation issues, and awareness-raising on SDS at global level. (*co-lead on Policy & Governance and Adaptation & Mitigation working groups*)
- UNEP can play a supporting role for scientific aspects such as early warning & forecasting, and policy & governance (along with UNCCD), and continue its support for the EMG. (*co-lead on Forecasting & Early Warning and Policy & Governance working groups*)
- WMO can take the lead on early warning and forecasting issues, along with health and safety (joined by WHO on socio-economic impacts of SDS if the latter so desires). (*co-lead on Health & Safety and Forecasting & Early Warning working groups*)
- ESCWA and FAO can take the (co-)lead on adaptation and mitigation issues, supported by other agencies including UNDP.
- The Regional Commissions (mainly ESCAP, ESCWA and UNECE) can take the lead for mediation, regional collaboration and downscaling or transfer of global activities and decisions of the SDS Coalition to the regional and ultimately national level. (*co-leads on Mediation & Regional Collaboration working group*)

The roles of other UN members of the SDS Coalition and external partners can be defined in the aftermath of the formal launch of the Coalition in New Delhi in early September 2019.

The **Action Plan matrix** that follows is meant to be a living document that can be added to, and modified, according to the needs and preferences of the SDS Coalition members and external partners over the course of its lifetime.

Matrix of Action Plan Elements for the SDS Coalition Strategy 2019 - 2022

Action Plan Element 1: UN Inter-Agency Collaboration and Dialogue on SDS			
Activity 1.1: <i>Continue and expand the work of the SDS Coalition and its members; consider enlarging the Coalition to include key players from the public and private sectors around the world.</i>			
Description of the Task proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Invitations to other UN entities including Rio Conventions and international/regional entities dealing with agriculture, land degradation, desertification and climate change etc.	EMG in collaboration with UNCCD, UNEP, WMO, FAO et al.	by end of 2019 for first meeting of the SDS Coalition in early 2020	none required; invitees to be approved by full SDS Coalition
Invitations to academic/research institutes	(same as above)	(same as above)	(same as above)
Invitations to disaster planning and emergency response groups	(same as above)	(same as above)	(same as above)
Invitations to private sector (insurance companies et al.)	(same as above)	(same as above)	(same as above)
Activity 1.2: <i>Continue to hold regular online general meetings of the SDS Coalition, i.e. at least twice per year, and special-purpose ones when needed for planning purposes.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Schedule and organise two general meetings of the SDS Coalition members per year (e.g., March and September)	EMG in collaboration with all SDS Coalition members	twice per year at agreed dates	Staff time only required unless it is decided to hold a face-to-face mtg.
Schedule one special-purpose meeting per year on a theme to be decided by SDS Coalition members	(same as above)	once per year in between regular mtgs.	Staff time only required to prepare/participate
Activity 1.3: <i>Consider a range of high-visibility, high-impact projects that could involve two or more Coalition members/partners, including affected countries, and fast track these.</i>			

Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Call for proposals from SDS Coalition members	SDS Coalition members	by end of 2019	(none required)
Selection of best proposal(s) by overall consensus	SDS Coalition members	by 31 March 2020	(none required)
Implementation of the selected project	One or more SDS Coalition member and external partner(s)	April 2020 to March 2021	depends on proposal selected
Activity 1.4: <i>Assure that SDS-related activities and projects undertaken by any and all Coalition members dovetail with similar activities/projects already underway or planned by other members</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Include a virtual "bulletin board" of SDS-related activities and projects for SDS Coalition members to post to and keep up-to-date, as part of the "Plat-forum" (see Element 4 below)	SDS Coalition members with IT consultant/designer	March 2020 onward	(see 4.1 below)
Activity 1.5: <i>Participate in numerous high-level international and regional events, through one or more Coalition member(s), in order to highlight the inter-agency collaboration for broad audiences</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
SDS Coalition member(s) to potentially participate at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN Climate Action Summit in New York, 23 Sept. 2019 - GEO Week in Canberra, Australia, 4-9 Nov. 2019 - CBD's SBSTA in Montreal, Canada, 25-29 Nov. 2019 - UNFCCC CoP-25 in Santiago, Chile, 2-13 Dec. 2019 - Appropriate regional events/meetings in the Middle East, North Africa and Asia & Pacific regions ...et cetera throughout 2020 and beyond 	SDS Coalition members on a chosen and voluntary basis, event by event	(ongoing activity)	SDS Coalition member agency travel budgets

Action Plan Element 2: Advocacy and Awareness-Raising			
Activity 2.1: <i>Develop a simple and straightforward communications strategy that helps to address key SDS stakeholders (affected countries, other UN agencies and IGOs, civil society and the private sector).</i>			
Description of the Task proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Develop terms of reference for comms strategy preparation	EMG with SDS Coalition members	by 31 Oct. 2019	(2019 EMG budget)
Approval of ToRs by SDS Coalition	SDS Coalition	by 16 Dec. 2019	(no cost)
Hiring of consultant to develop the comms strategy	EMG, UNEP, UNCCD or WMO	by 31 Jan. 2020	\$10K - TBD
Comms strategy development, approval and adoption	Consultant w SDS Coalition	by April 2020	
Activity 2.2: <i>Develop an easy-to-access and use SDS 'app' that offers information on SDS, including forecasts of SDS events, offering measures for undertaking mitigating actions, along with a health-related advisory element.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Develop terms of reference for SDS 'app' preparation	EMG with SDS Coalition members	by 31 July 2019	(2019 EMG budget)
Approval of ToRs by SDS Coalition	SDS Coalition	by mid-Sept. 2019	(no cost)
Hiring of consultant to develop the SDS 'app'	EMG, UNCCD, UNEP or WMO	by 31 Oct. 2019	\$15K - TBD
SDS 'app' development, approval and dissemination to users	Consultant w SDS Coalition	by 1 March 2020	
Activity 2.3: <i>Develop a series of (mostly online) products that can be used to better explain what are SDS and the potential and real impact of related events, as well as what entities/individuals can do to prepare and help mitigate such occurrences.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment

Develop a series of brochures on major SDS topics (such as causation, mitigation, adaptation and assessment techniques <i>inter alia</i>) for awareness-raising and educational purposes	SDS Coalition members within the five specialised working groups	from last quarter of 2019 and ongoing	Agency comms and publication budgets
Develop a series of information kits on SDS for dissemination and use at country level, in the field and in localities etc.	(same as above)	from last quarter of 2019 and ongoing	(same as above)
Develop a series of quarterly regional newsletters on major activities and events, including trainings etc., for Africa/S'ern Europe, China/S'ern Asia, the Middle East and the Americas	SDS Coalition members in conjunction with, e.g., WMO's SDS WAS regional centres	from early 2020 and ongoing (quarterly)	TBD
<i>Are there other SDS product lines to be considered?</i>			
Activity 2.4: <i>Create a step-by-step road map ("infographic") that can also be used both to explain and to address SDS challenges for policy-level and locally affected stakeholders.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Definition of contents and format of the "road map"	EMG consultant	by 16 Oct. 2019	(2019 EMG budget)
Development of the "road map"	EMG consultant	by 16 Dec. 2019	(2019 EMG budget)
Approval and dissemination/use of the "road map"	SDS Coalition members	by 16 March 2020	(no cost)
Activity 2.5: <i>Create a calendar of SDS-related events that can be used to advocate for and raise awareness about SDS issues and the Coalition itself.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Prepare and maintain a calendar of SDS-related events	EMG w SDS Coalition agencies	immediate & ongoing	(2019 EMG budget)
Action Plan Element 3: Exchange of Information and Capacity Building			
Activity 3.1: <i>Create a virtual catalogue of all available models and tools for SDS, including the full life-cycle of SDS from early warning to mitigation, plus various assessment types, with an emphasis on documenting success stories from varied sources.</i>			

Description of the Task proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Design of the virtual catalogue (database) and its approval	IT consultant with SDS Coalition	by 30 Nov. 2019	TBD
Collection of models/tools and assessment types	(same as above)	by 31 March 2020	TBD
Population of the catalogue/database	IT consultant w agencies' support	April 2020 & ongoing	TBD
Activity 3.2: Document existing research findings (e.g. scientific papers) and principal databases that offer improved knowledge for better understanding of SDS events.			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Undertake online research to gather information on the vast literature covering sand and dust storm-related issues	SDS Coalition members via one or more interns	Oct. thru Dec. 2019	(staff time only for interns' supervision)
Include all major existing databases on sand & dust storms	(same as above)	(same as above)	(same as above)
List/summarize the documents and databases in an Excel file	(same as above)	(same as above)	(same as above)
Activity 3.3: Conduct a gap analysis to identify areas of the SDS lifecycle where information is lacking and further study is needed; then strive to have scientific research conducted that will ultimately help to fill the gaps identified.			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Conduct research to identify information gaps in SDS issues	EMG with SDS Coalition agencies	Oct. - Nov. 2019	(2019 EMG budget)
Develop a short paper describing and analysing the gaps	EMG consultant	by 31 Dec. 2019	(2019 EMG budget)
Circulate paper for approval, followed by its revision	EMG and SDS Coalition agencies	Jan. 2020	(no cost)
Main conclusions to be discussed with appropriate stakeholders, in particular academic/research bodies in SDS	SDS Coalition agencies and various public sector partners	ongoing from Feb. 2020	(no cost; can be done opportunistically)
Activity 3.4: Identify reasons for lack of implementation of SDS source and impact mitigation practices by key stakeholders including local ones, and make available through the virtual catalogue.			

Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Develop an online survey for affected country stakeholders	EMG w SDS Coalition	by 16 Dec. 2019	TBD
Identify the latter and circulate the survey by email	(same as above)	by 16 Jan. 2020	
Collate results of the survey and summarize in a brief report	(same as above)	by 31 March 2020	
Activity 3.5: <i>Promote studies to examine SDS impacts from a gender perspective and on livelihoods, including related humanitarian aspects and political risks stemming from SDS.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Identify several SDS Coalition agencies' staff members with existing contacts to academia/the SDS research community	EMG with SDS Coalition members	by end of 2019	(no cost - staff time only required)
Charge said persons with a liaison function to encourage research into such emerging issues as gender and SDS, impacts on livelihoods of SDS, humanitarian/political aspects of SDS etc.	Selected SDS Coalition members on a voluntary basis	ongoing task throughout all of 2020 and beyond	(same as above; can also be done opportunistically)
Evaluate the utility of these interactions after >one year	SDS Coalition	early in 2021 e.g.	
Activity 3.6: <i>Plan and organize trainings at national and regional levels, targeting different government sectors in line with SDS's cross-sectoral nature and multi-disciplinary impacts.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Develop a course structure and related course materials for government employees in SDS-affected countries	Discipline experts to be identified by SDS Coalition members	first half of 2020 thru at least 2022	TBD
Plan training events in multiple regions and countries based on expressed demands and availability of donor funding	EMG with SDS Coalition members	second half of 2020 thru at least 2022	TBD
Once fully organized/funded, hold training events and assure both evaluation and follow-up with relevant stakeholders	Appropriate regional and national SDS training experts	from late 2020 thru at least 2022	TBD

Activity 3.7: <i>Plan and organize multi-disciplinary training programmes, potentially building on and with the support of UNCCD's SDS training modules for National Focal Points and stakeholders, and similar.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Develop a course structure and related course materials for cross-sectoral trainings in SDS-affected countries	Discipline experts to be identified by SDS Coalition members	first half of 2020 thru at least 2022	TBD
Plan training events in multiple regions and countries based on expressed demands and availability of donor funding	EMG with SDS Coalition members	second half of 2020 thru at least 2022	TBD
Once fully organized/funded, hold training events and assure both evaluation and follow-up with relevant stakeholders	Appropriate regional and national SDS training experts	from late 2020 thru at least 2022	TBD
Activity 3.8: <i>Plan and organize trainings for international aid and humanitarian groups, focusing on the advice given to local communities to help prepare for and cope with SDS events.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Develop a course structure and related course materials for aid/humanitarian group employees in SDS-affected countries	Discipline experts to be identified by SDS Coalition members	first half of 2020 thru at least 2022	TBD
Plan training events in multiple regions and countries based on expressed demands and availability of donor funding	EMG with SDS Coalition members and aid/humanitarian groups	second half of 2020 thru at least 2022	TBD
Once fully organized/funded, hold training events and assure both evaluation and follow-up with relevant stakeholders	Appropriate regional and national SDS training experts	from late 2020 thru at least 2022	TBD
Action Plan Element 4: Development of a "Plat-forum" for SDS			
Activity 4.1: <i>Develop an online SDS "Plat-forum" including a database of assessments/papers/studies/tools for sand and dust storms, to be accessible to all SDS Coalition members, affected countries and the general public.</i>			

Description of the Task proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Prepare a concept note for the online SDS "plat-forum" interface, including the proposed database catalogue (3.1) and other products and tools to be incorporated (2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 3.2 et al.)	EMG with SDS Coalition members	by mid-Dec. 2019	(2019 EMG budget)
Based on above, prepare ToRs for a "plat-forum"/database design consultant and engage the selected expert	(same as above)	by end February 2020	(2019 EMG budget for ToRs prep only)
Develop the overall "plat-forum"/database design proposal and, once approved, begin the "plat-forum"/database development	IT/Database design consultant	by 16 March 2020	\$65K total for eight months; source TBD
Continue the "plat-forum"/database development, with test and evaluation by SDS Coalition members at multiple stages	IT consultant with SDS Coalition members	up to 30 Sept. 2020	(above cont'd.)
Finalise and operationalise the SDS "plat-forum"/database	(all)	by 30 Nov. 2020	(above cont'd.)
Activity 4.2: Allow for a "citizen science" bottom-up approach and real-time reporting as part of the plat-forum, including use of interactive maps, with function allowing citizens to upload latest/local information.			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
(to be included in design specifications for the "plat-forum")	IT/Database design consultant	by 16 March 2020	(see above)
Activity 4.3: Include in the plat-forum the SDS products (e.g. brochures, instruction kits, newsletters etc.), calendar of events and roadmap to be developed as part of element 2 above			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
(to be included in design specifications for the "plat-forum")	IT/Database design consultant	by 16 March 2020	(see above)
Activity 4.4: Also include an up-to-date register of current and planned SDS-related capacity building activities/projects for users of the plat-forum to consult.			

Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
<i>(to be included in design specifications for the "plat-forum")</i>	IT/Database design consultant	by 16 March 2020	(see above)
Action Plan Element 5: Fund Raising / Resource Mobilisation			
Activity 5.1: <i>Begin by defining the set of potential funding entities/mechanisms that can be targeted in resource mobilization efforts (including but not limited to those listed on page 2 above).</i>			
Description of the Task proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Conduct an email survey of all SDS Coalition members to obtain a full list of potential SDS-related proposal funding entities	EMG with SDS Coalition members	Oct. - Nov. 2019	(internal exercise)
Collate the results of the survey and use the information as a basis for a series of initial proposals to be developed (see 5.2)	EMG with SDS Coalition members (EMG consultant)	Dec. 2019	(2019 EMG budget)
Also include the results in the "plat-forum" register of SDS capacity building activities (see activity 4.4 above)	Plat-forum IT developer	in 2020	
Activity 5.2: <i>Prepare a series of proposals, ranging from source mitigation to early warning and forecasting and educational/outreach activities, for potential donor funding, that reflect the highest priority needs of SDS regional partners and affected countries.</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Funding proposal(s) on mitigation of SDS in source areas	Selected SDS Coalition members, external partners and countries	late 2019 to mid-2020 (& ongoing thereafter)	Agency budgets/staff time/consultants(?)
Funding proposal(s) on SDS early warning/forecasting	(same as above)	(same as above)	(same as above)
Funding proposal(s) on studies/tools for assessing SDS	(same as above)	(same as above)	(same as above)
Funding proposal(s) on SDS education and outreach	(same as above)	(same as above)	(same as above)

Funding proposal for development of the SDS "plat-forum"	Consultant to SDS Coalition	as soon as possible	EMG consultant
Other proposals; e.g., to support SDS Coalition global activities?	TBD		
Activity 5.3: Organize a "donor - recipient workshop" for the SDS Coalition and affected countries to call on potential donor entities for their support, and for participating donors to make pledges, either of a general nature or toward specific funding requests.			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Determine the best dates and venue for such a workshop	EMG with SDS Coalition members	by end of 2019	(no cost)
Prepare a list of donor agency and stakeholder invitees	(same as above)	by 31 March 2020	(no cost)
Prepare an agenda and a general letter of invitation	(same as above)	by 31 March 2020	(2020 EMG Budget?)
Organise and hold the donor-recipient workshop	EMG + SDS members, perhaps with a main sponsor identified (gov't?)	in May 2020?	\$40K, mostly to support country participation
Assure follow-ups to all pledges received and proper contacts	EMG with SDS Coalition members	June 2020 ongoing	
Activity 5.4: For any funding proposal that is to go forward, identify which of the SDS Coalition members will take the lead in the entire process from the start, as well as in assisting the country/region to make contact and follow through with prospective donors.			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Review all current funding proposals during the periodic SDS Coalition meetings, or by email exchange, to decide on the responsible member(s) for each newly-prepared proposal	SDS Coalition	at least semi-annually	(no cost)
Assure that the responsible/selected agency follows up with recipient country or region and proposed donor entity	individual SDS Coalition member(s) selected as responsible	on as-needed basis	(no cost)
Activity 5.5: Assist regional entities and countries throughout the process of preparing and submitting funding proposals, matching available/potential resources with their defined needs, in terms of SDS capacity building at the national and regional levels.			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment

Establish and maintain regular contact between responsible selected agency with recipient country(-ies) and agreed donor entity(-ies) throughout the proposal and funding process	Individual SDS Coalition member and any other supporting partner	on as-needed basis but no less than monthly	(staff time only)
Assure that the specific capacity building needs of the country(-ies) or region in question are well-integrated in the funding proposal, and that the donor entity(-ies) are interested in supporting and well-matched to the recipient's needs	(same as above)	(same as above)	(staff time only)
When/where possible, hold an inception workshop at start of the actual project, to bring together representatives of recipient country(-ies) or region and donor entity(-ies)	all project participants	by project start date	cost of an inception workshop to be included in proposal
Activity 5.6: <i>Where possible, add value to funding proposals by involving private partners such as insurance companies, weather services et al., e.g. through creation of SDS private-public partnerships (PPPs).</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Circulate funding proposals in their early stages to concerned private sector entities to elicit their interest/involvement	responsible SDS Coalition member	depends on proposal	(no cost)
Follow up with private sector entities and, where agreed, include them as partners in a given funding proposal	responsible SDS Coalition member	(same as above)	(staff time only)
Activity 5.7: <i>Develop and maintain an active register of funding proposals and their status (e.g. an Excel file).</i>			
Description of the Task Proposed	Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task	Implementation period proposed	Potential Source of Funding / Comment
Create a list of newly-prepared funding proposals based on inputs received from all SDS Coalition members	EMG with inputs from all SDS Coalition members et al.	by mid-2020	(staff time only)
Convert the list into an Excel file, including information on the status of each proposal (e.g. 'sent to donor', 'active', 'closed')	EMG	by 31 Aug. 2020	2020 EMG budget?
Maintain the funding proposal register through time	EMG with SDS Coalition	(ongoing)	(staff time only)