

La Réunion, 27 July 2026

## **SC- CIRCULAR n° 2026-04**

### **SUBJECT: Proposed Scientific Committee Workshops in 2026 and 2027**

**Dear Heads of Delegation of the SIOFA Scientific Committee,**

**Dear Colleagues,**

The 2026 SIOFA Scientific Committee report (SC11 report) was considered by the SIOFA Meeting of the Parties at its annual meeting in 2026 (MoP13), including endorsement of the 2026/27 SC workplan (MoP-13-05-Rev1 & SC-11-20-Rev1) and the five workshops proposed by the SC for the 2026-2027 intersessional period.

For these workshops, the workshop conveners, Science Officer, and I have developed provisional dates for the workshops for the upcoming year (Annex 1), and we invite your feedback on these dates.

The workshops cover a range of topics including the implementation of the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management (PAM) projects, harvest strategies, the SIOFA Scientific Observer Manual, the SIOFA Climate Change Assessment Tool, and the development of a SIOFA Scientific Data Management Framework. Further details on each workshop, including objectives and outputs, are provided in SC-11-20-Rev1.

I note that WS2027-HSS will be a joint workshop between the MoP and the SC and will be held between SC12 and MoP14 in 2027. The date and meeting arrangements for this workshop will be proposed in a future circular.

Please consider the anticipated workshop dates and provide any feedback on the timing, format, or any other considerations to the SIOFA Science Officer ([marco.milardi@siofa.org](mailto:marco.milardi@siofa.org)), by Monday 10 August 2026.

Once we have collated the responses, I will confirm the workshop dates and circulate further details to delegations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Alistair Dunn - SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair

## Annex 1 - SIOFA SC workshops for the 2026/27 period.

| Workshop code     | Lead                                                  | Summary Title                                               | Hours             | Proposed date            |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>WS2026-DAT</b> | FR-OT (Alexis Martin) / SC Chair (Alistair Dunn)      | SIOFA scientific data management framework workshop         | 4<br>(1 session)  | 2026-11-26               |
| <b>WS2026-CLI</b> | AUS (Trent Timmiss)                                   | SIOFA Climate Change Assessment Tool Test workshop          | 4<br>(1 session)  | 2026-12-03               |
| <b>WS2026-OBS</b> | FR-OT (Nicolas Gasco / Charlotte Chazeau)             | SIOFA observer manual workshop                              | 4<br>(1 session)  | 2026-12-08               |
| <b>WS2027-IPA</b> | SC Chair (Alistair Dunn)                              | Implementation of the SIOFA precautionary approach workshop | 8<br>(2 sessions) | 2027-02-02<br>2027-02-04 |
| <b>WS2027-HSS</b> | MoP Chair (Fiona Harford)<br>SC Chair (Alistair Dunn) | Joint SIOFA MoP-SC harvest strategies workshop              | 4<br>(1 session)  | TBA                      |

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Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn – SIOFA SC Chairperson