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## **1 WHY DONATE TO IFMS?**

Countries around the world are feeling the effects of greater climate variability and change, from more intense heat waves, droughts, floods and storms to slower-moving changes like ocean acidification. We need to mobilize all resources to combat Global warming and Climate Change (**GW&CC**).

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) held an Open Science Conference in 2014 (WWOSC-2014) in Montreal. Three panels of top experts from Public, Private and Academic (PPA) sectors were constituted to discuss Future Weather Enterprise. Among many other conclusions, the following were the major outcomes of these discussions:

1. No Nation by itself can combat Global Warming and Climate Change, all nations must work together to get optimum results
2. No single sector – Public or Private or Academic – can tackle all the problems caused by Global Warming and Climate Change, all sectors must cooperate.
3. Weather sees no political boundaries; therefore, we must create infrastructure and knowledge capacity in those nations where it is lacking.

The above conclusions call for some organizations which can assist in achieving the above objectives.

One such organization is WMO which assists all National Meteorological Services of the World to work together for capacity building. The other one is the World Bank (**WB**) which assists needy nations financially through loans and grants to develop infrastructure.

Both these organizations are employee-based, hence with defined budgets, they can achieve only so much. That brings us to Volunteer-based organizations which in this case are the National Meteorological Societies which can contribute strongly to this effort.

Unfortunately, despite being potentially very useful and powerful component of the Global Weather Enterprise (**GWE**), most of the National Meteorological Societies are under-funded and hence cannot achieve what they are capable of achieving. This problem needs to be resolved for the betterment of GWE. National Meteorological Societies have membership from all three sectors (PPA) of the GWE. Therefore, as per the experience of the American Meteorological Society, the ***strong*** National Meteorological Societies can be a great source of collaboration between the PPA sectors which is being promoted by both WMO and WB.

Collaboration between National Meteorological Societies of the world is one of the ways we can strengthen these societies by stronger ones mentoring the developing ones. That brings us to the **International Forum of Meteorological Societies (IFMS), an organization which was conceived in 2010 but started developing strongly after the WMO's WWOSC-2014 Conference.** Its purpose is to

create collaboration between the National Meteorological Societies of the world in the same manner as the WMO does it for the National Meteorological Services of the world. However, even though IFMS is a volunteer-based organization, it cannot fulfill its potential without reasonable amount of funding.

## 2 Funding Requirements of IFMS

Funding is required for the following facilities and activities:

1. Operation of a very small Secretariat which is required for organizational operations and continuity.
2. Publication of the Newsletter and Maintenance of Website,
3. Limited Travel expenses of delegates of LDCs who cannot afford to pay for the travel for their participation in biennial Meetings of the IFMS and some travel of the Secretariat personnel, and Council Members for very essential business,
4. Running Training Programs (through Webinars) and in person – the latter, especially during our IFMS Global Meetings (IGM) & Networking events,
5. Financial assistance to developing societies, to arrange local training and educational Programs. This assistance will be on a Project by Project basis. The society will define a project which will be evaluated by IFMS and if found meaningful and useful for capacity building, IFMS will finance it partially or fully depending upon the circumstances.
6. Some initial funding to Newly formed Societies in developing and least developed countries.

## 3 How we Plan to Fund IFMS

We plan to fund IFMS in various ways which include assistance from International Aid Agencies, Philanthropic organizations, some contribution (but not mandatory) from member societies which can afford it and donations from individuals who believe in this cause.

The progress we have made was presented in our Webinar on July 22, 2020 (also available on our Website). However, before approaching above sources, we must show some additional results for which some funding is required. Since many people believe that it is a worthwhile cause to **build collaboration between volunteer-based organizations to strengthen capacity against Global Warming and Climate Change** in all countries, rich and not so rich, by strengthening volunteer-based organization like IFMS, we have devised the following means of making contribution however small or big to support this worthy cause.

*Please see Annex A to learn various ways of making this donation to IFMS for this worthy cause.*

## How to Donate to the International Forum of Meteorological Societies

The International Forum of Meteorological Societies (IFMS) is meant to coordinate the efforts of the National Meteorological Societies of the World in the same manner as the World Meteorological Organizations (WMO) does for the National Meteorological Services. In addition, the Association of HydroMet Equipment Industry (HMEI) represents Industry in its dealings with WMO, World Bank (WB) and IFMS.



IFMS plans to assist **WMO** and the **WB** (World Bank) in their efforts to create capacity in developing countries through WMO's Global Campus and many other Programs and World Bank's infrastructure and capacity development programs. IFMS is also assisting all of its members to facilitate their work by sharing best practices and creating S&T collaborations between practitioners. ***Both WMO and WB being employee-based organizations with defined budgets have limitations; there is a need for a Volunteers-based organization such as IFMS which can provide even larger pool of volunteers to fulfill WMO, WB and IFMS mandates.***

Although IFMS operates through the generosity of its volunteers who donate their time to fulfill its objectives, it still needs some finances for a small Secretariat, covering out-of-pocket expenses, infrastructure expenses (e.g. Web Site, Communication, etc.), Event related expenses, etc., hence the appeal for donations.

### Ways to donate to IFMS

Please note that the following mechanisms for sending Contributions/Donations to IFMS can be used:

1. The Crowdfunding we have established is most useful for donations between e.g. \$5 to \$500. Larger donors should use one of the other mechanisms listed below. A Charitable Donation Receipt will be issued by the site.

Please use the following link to donate funds to IFMS through "Crowdfunding" mechanism:

<https://www.classy.org/campaign/IFMS-Funding-2019/c244490>

2. When an individual in a given country wants to make a financial contribute to IFMS, another mechanism he/she can use is to donate money to his/her National Meteorological Society *clearly indicating that the donation is meant for IFMS.* The local National Meteorological Society can issue its own charitable receipt to the donor and then the money so collected from all donors needs to be transferred say on a quarterly or biennial or annual basis to IFMS. An official receipt will be issued by IFMS to the Society for its contribution to IFMS..
3. When a Society wishes to contribute to IFMS, it should use the Bank Transfer information which has been provided to all member societies.
4. The Society can also send an international money order or cheque directly to IFMS on AMS address (45 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02108, USA) c/o Dr. Keith Seitter clearly indicating that the contribution/donation is meant for IFMS. Please remember that societies can claim such a donation as an expense and a receipt for this purpose will be issued by IFMS with its Charitable Registration Number clearly indicated on the receipt.

We would greatly appreciate the contributions made by all practitioners and well wishers to assist IFMS in strengthening existing societies and creating new ones.