

How to Donate to the International Forum of Meteorological Societies

The International Forum of Meteorological Societies (IFMS) coordinates the efforts of the National Meteorological Societies (NMSocs) and Regional Meteorological Societies (RMSs) of the World in the same manner as the World Meteorological Organizations (WMO) does it for the National Meteorological Services (NMSs). The following figure also depicts the role of the HydroMet Equipment Industry (HMEI) Association and the World Bank (WB).

Organizations involved in creating a "Weather Ready Globe"				
Weather & Water Related Organizations				
Beneficiary	National Meteorological Services	National Meteorological Societies	HydroMet Equipment Industry	World's Least Developed & Developing
Financed by	UN	Donations (Volunteer-Based)	Industry	World's Richest Nations

IFMS plans to assist **WMO** and the **WB** in their efforts to create capacity in developing countries through its various programs such as creating NMSocs in all countries, RMSs in all continents, assisting in Education and Training Programs (E&T), creating collaboration in Science and Technology (S&T) between practitioners and in various other creative ways. IFMS is also assisting all of its members to facilitate their work by sharing best practices. **Both WMO and WB being employee-based organizations with defined budgets have their limitations; there is a need for a Volunteers-based organization such as IFMS, NMSocs and RMSs which can provide even larger pool of volunteers to fulfill the needs of Capacity Building around the world to save society at large from the negative impacts of Global Warming and Climate Change (GW&CC).**

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

Ways to donate to IFMS

Please note that the following mechanisms are available for sending Contributions/Donations to IFMS:

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.
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 organizations, practitioners and well wishers to assist IFMS in strengthening existing societies and creating new ones.

