



Working towards  
Weather Ready Globe

## VALUE PROPOSITION OF IFMS

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### 1. BACKGROUND

In the past most National Hydromet Societies worked on their own and some of them created bilateral cooperation with other Societies. When industry wanted to have a say in WMO affairs, they were asked to form a society and participate in WMO deliberations. Today WMO and Hydromet Equipment Industry (**HMEI**) as well as the **World Bank** are collaborating in promoting Public, Private and Academic (**PPA**) collaboration. It is important that world's National Hydromet Societies also be a part of WMO collaboration and add another dimension to it – a Volunteer-based Force – that can assist it in Capacity Building around the world - that is what IFMS is! It provides a feeling of "Family" to its members and creates S&T and administrative Collaboration between them and through this cooperation strengthen developing societies to be stronger partners.

### 2. MAIN OBJECTIVE OF IFMS

**The main objective of the International Forum of Meteorological Societies (IFMS) is to strengthen International Cooperation in S&T and to help National Meteorological Societies – especially in developing and least developed countries - to become stronger to help build capacity and S&T cooperation in their countries.**

**Committee 3 (C3)**, consisting of the following two subcommittees is meant to achieve the above objective:

**C3.1: Collaboration** in Science and Technology.

**C3.2: Strengthen** National Hydromet Societies (NHMSoc) around the world – especially in developing and least developed countries – through capacity building assistance and mentoring.

(a) **Recruit** existing societies to be members of IFMS so that we strengthen them, and

(b) **Creating New Societies** where none exists – this can be achieved in all countries, big and small – especially due to the existence of IFMS, Regional Met Societies and other NMSocs coupled with modern means of communication.

**C8: Capacity Building for NHMSocs through Webinars and Training Programs** (e.g. Global Campus Initiative of WMO)

*We have various other activities in support of our core Value Proposition stated above, which are being handled by the following Committees.*

**C1:** Developing cost-effective **Communications Channels** including Website and Newsletter.

**C2: Creating Collaboration with Regional Societies** (like EMS, FLISMET, AfMS, soon to be created Asian Met Society, etc.), to strengthen them and take their assistance in strengthening Met Societies within their Region.

**C4: Collaboration with WMO and WBG** to assist in their Initiatives such as Global Campus Initiative (GCI), PPA Collaboration Initiative, etc.

**C5: Finance Committee** for organizing our finances for all these activities.

**C6:** Assisting interested Societies in their ACT (**Accreditation/Certification and related Training**) Program.

**C7: Sharing Best Practices** with each other e.g., Best Practice to create a Society, to run a Conference, etc.

**C9: Awards Committee** - to honor those who very strongly assist us in strengthening IFMS or excel in conducting and promoting S&T collaboration internationally.

**C10:** Keeping IFMS membership informed about **WMO and WB-GFDRR PPA Collaboration** Initiatives.

**C11: Organizing Meetings and Conferences.** For example, making sure that our International Global Meetings provide maximum benefits to our members. We also plan to assist WMO and Regional or strong National Hydromet Societies in organizing World Weather Open Science Conferences (WWOSC) on a regular basis.

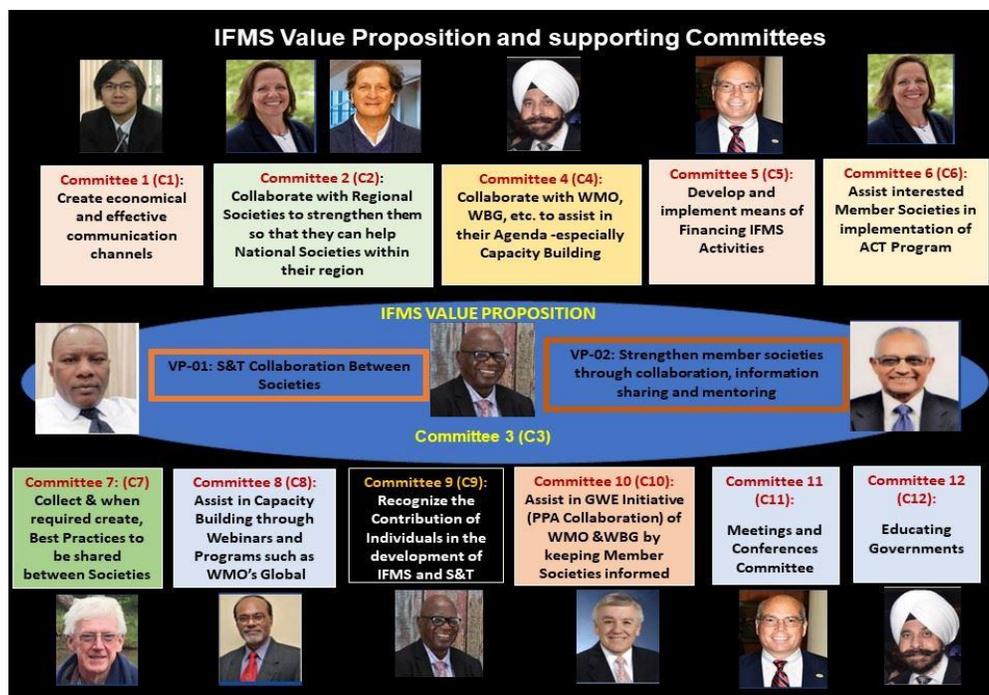
**C12: Promoting infrastructure and Capacity Building** by educating Governments and Public to convince the Governments to support with funding weather and water services capacity and infrastructure, as appropriate.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEES

The following persons are responsible for implementing our main Value Proposition shown in the middle of the following Diagram in blue color: Buruhani Nyenzi, Ammar Gaber and Workneh Degefu.

Other Committees are there for supporting the implementation of our main Value Proposition and strengthening the Member Societies.

The first priority is given to C3 and C8. Other Committee Chairs work in the background and are always prepared to assist C3 and C8 whenever required.



### 4. VOLUNTEERS

Most of the National Hydromet Societies are basically Volunteer-based Organizations and so is IFMS.

In IFMS Newsletter #5, available on ([www.ifms.org](http://www.ifms.org)), we have put a solicitation for Volunteers and have also defined what kind of services we are soliciting from our volunteers.

### 5. FINANCES

Although IFMS is a volunteer-based organization, it does need some finances for:

1. Financial assistance to societies in the Least Developed and Developing Countries 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.
2. Seed money for creating new societies in the Least Developed and Developing Countries.
3. Publication of the Newsletter and Maintenance of Website
4. Travel expenses of delegates of LDCs who cannot afford to pay for the travel for their participation in biennial Meetings of the IFMS.
5. Running Training Programs (through Webinars) and in person – especially during our IFMS Global Meetings (IGM) & Networking events,
6. Operation of the Secretariat and some travel expenses of the Secretariat personnel and Council Members,

IFMS does not oblige its members to pay a fee; however, we do recommend our members to contribute financially, if they are financially capable. Up to now we have been working hard to show value of IFMS and not soliciting finances. In the next term starting 2022, we will organize our finances. Currently, thanks to the generosity of AMS, whenever we need money, they have obliged us.