



IFMS Value Proposition

IFMS helping to create a 'Weather Ready Globe'.

Relevant: Valuable: Unique

The IFMS plays a key role in supporting developed and developing meteorological societies to be custodians of both the profession and science of meteorology, hydrology and oceanography in their own country or region. The real strength of the IFMS is that it brings together societies and related organisations to collaborate, deliver shared outcomes and share best practice for the benefit of all.

The IFMS is distinct from the World Meteorological Organization. Whereas, the WMO is an agency of the United Nations that facilitates international agreement for observations, standards, data exchange and technology transfer among its 188-member states and territories, the IFMS supports the individual meteorological societies to play an active role supporting the national meteorological services and science institutes in each nation. The fundamental goal of the IFMS is to foster and encourage communication and exchange of knowledge, ideas and resources among the world's meteorological societies. In other words, IFMS role is envisaged to be supplementing and supporting WMO efforts to provide additional value to the population of the world.

The IFMS has over 30 international members, many of them are meteorological societies and together they take on the important role to help each other become stronger and support other developing societies, to help create a "Weather Ready Globe".

Currently the IFMS uses the volunteer services of its members. It aims to attract donor organisations to invest in the work of the IFMS. Because activities will continue to be delivered mostly by volunteers, the benefit of a small investment will produce a high yield.

Some envisioned objectives of the IFMS aims include:

1. Collaborating on joint activities

Objective: Collaboration between the NMSocs on joint activities, where appropriate, to advance the science and profession of meteorology.

2. Establishing access to an information channel

Objective: To create meaningful communication channels to unite the member societies and provide a means distributing information and creating discussion groups.

3. Gaining support from WMO and International Organizations

Objective: To create a meaningful relationship with WMO to create a win- win situation.

4. Outreach to developing Societies

Objective: Helping Developing Societies and creating new ones to address issues concerning global warming and create a “weather ready globe”

5. Creating Global Context/Collaboration with – EMS, FLISMET, EAC, etc.

Objective: Creating a global context for the varied activities of Met Societies and to collaborate with Regional Associations of Met Societies, such as the European Met Society (EMS), Iberian and Latin American Federation of Met Societies (FLISMET), African Regional Economic Cooperation (REC) groupings, etc., is a core activity for IFMS.

6. Assistance in Accreditation/Certification and Training (ACT)

Objective: Providing assistance in Accreditation/Certification and Training (ACT)

7. Promote Public-Private-Academic - NGO (PPAN) Sector Partnerships

Objective: To create strong collaboration between Public/Private/University/NGO sectors to create bigger value by optimal use of resources.

8. Aligning IFMS Plans with WMO strategic plans/priorities to increase cooperation

Objective: To increase the probability of strong collaboration between WMO and IFMS for societal benefit

9. Promoting the contributions of individuals

Objective: Promoting the contributions of individuals within the meteorological community and beyond by highlighting excellence

10. Assistance to Industry through local Met Society

Objective: Assistance to Industry through local Met Society to increase collaboration and assistance in connecting with business in that country to develop required infrastructure.