



Flexible Funding Pathways to Support WMO's Strategic Objectives (2024–2027)

Aligned with the WMO Strategic Plan 2024–2027, which prioritizes closing capacity gaps in weather, climate, and hydrological services, the WMO Secretariat provides a portfolio of flexible, results-oriented funding pathways through which donors can directly support key programmes and initiatives. These funding pathways allow donors to:

- 1. Pool resources for collective action
- 2. Target strategic and technical priorities
- Drive coordinated investments and build sustainable capacity
- 4. Expand the impact of WMO implementation



Each funding pathway is designed for:

- Simplified Engagement: Well-defined scope of implementation that specifies focus areas (thematic, programmatic, regional) and contribution parameters, making it easy to plug in at any level.
- Targeted Impact: Whether pooling resources for collective action or directing support toward a specific technical theme, every contribution drives measurable progress.
- Robust Oversight: All modalities operate under WMO's governance framework and resultsbased management system, ensuring transparent reporting, efficient resource use, and full accountability.

These pathways are organised into three core channels, each designed to drive coordinated investments, enable technical cooperation, and build operational and sustainable capacity:

- Multi-Donor Projects and Joint Programmes;
- · Thematic and programme-specific funds; and
- Core institutional funds.

Multi-Donor Projects and Joint Programmes

Collaborative funds that allow donors to co-invest in shared priorities and deliver scalable, coordinated outcomes.

- Early Warnings for All (EW4All)
- Voluntary Cooperation Programme (VCP)
- WMO Coordination Mechanism (WCM)
- Project Preparation Facility (scaling technical cooperation through the Development Partnerships Office)

Benefits

Economies of Scale & Cost-Effectiveness: Pooling contributions reduces duplication, optimizes budgets, and scales impact of interventions.

Strategic & Technical Coherence: Aligns donor efforts around common objectives, ensuring harmonized and impactful outcomes.

Catalytic Value: Unlock additional resources or pave the way for larger-scale technical cooperation and implementation.

Thematic and Programme-Specific Funds

Dedicated funding vehicles for contributions to priority themes or departmental areas aligned with both national needs and global agendas.

- Climate Services for Development
- Science and Innovation
- Data Infrastructure and Innovation
- Hydrology
- Cryosphere
- Capacity Development
- Gender, Youth, and Equity in Weather and Climate Services



Benefits

Targeted Strategic Investment: Direct contribution to the implementation of the WMO Strategic Plan's key objectives, accelerating thematic priorities.

Results-Based Management: Structured reporting and performance monitoring through the WMO Operating Plan 2024–2027, with defined outputs, annual milestones, and indicators to track progress toward strategic objectives.

Visibility and Accountability: Provides clear attribution of donor contributions to specific themes, outcomes, and measurable impacts.



Core Institutional Funds

Dedicated funding vehicles that underpin WMO's essential Secretariat functions and service delivery, ensuring the Organization can operate smoothly, convene stakeholder engagement, and communicate critical science and policy messages in a multilingual environment.

- Building Special Account
- Onference Services Special Account
- Communications and Public Affairs
- Mandatory Publications and Multilingualism

Benefits

Operational efficiency: Fund core institutional functions or time-sensitive activities not easily addressed through pooled mechanisms.

Continuity & Knowledge Dissemination: Resources for WMO's core meetings and commissions and for translating and distributing its outputs globally.

Together, these flexible funding pathways provide a structured yet adaptable framework for donors to engage with WMO at various levels—maximizing impact, strengthening institutional sustainability, and ensuring that contributions directly advance the delivery of reliable weather, water, and climate services.

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