



## International Geneva

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## WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION | WMO

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### BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) originates from the International Meteorological Organization established in 1873, which in 1951 became the specialised agency of the United Nations for meteorology, operational hydrology and related geophysical sciences. It has 191 member states and territories and is the UN system's authoritative voice on the state and behaviour of the earth's atmosphere, its interaction with the oceans, the climate it produces and the resulting distribution of water resources. WMO works both in strictly scientific aspects of climate, weather and water, and on issues intersecting with those, such as health, energy and broader environment-related issues.

### AREAS OF INTEREST

- climate and weather research, observation, standards and reporting
- water resources and hydrology
- capacity building, disaster risk reduction and prevention, and resilience building in least developed countries
- environment and atmosphere

### HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Climate, weather and water issues impact health as they influence agriculture, vector-borne diseases, natural disasters and emergencies and cause environmental and health challenges such as extreme heat and increased UV radiation. In collaboration with WHO, WMO established a Joint Office for Climate and Health in mid-2014, which aims to address the health impacts of changing temperatures, precipitation levels and weather events. Weather and climate predictions and information are provided and distributed for individuals and communities in order to alleviate the negative health impacts of climate events, as well as to protect food and water security with early warning mechanisms and accurate information. Additionally, climate and weather information is contributing to the prevention of and

preparedness for infectious diseases, air pollution and allergenic pollen-related health consequences. For more information about the Joint Office, see <http://www.who.int/globalchange/mediacentre/news/joint-office/en/>.

## GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The organisation is governed by the World Meteorological Congress, which includes all members and meets every four years. The executive council meets annually and is headed by the president, currently David Grimes. WMO's Secretary-General is Petteri Taalas and the number of staff as of end of 2016 was 302.

## FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

WMO's budget is funded from assessed contributions, including member contributions. Total income in 2016 was CHF 84.7 million. Assessed contributions made up 80.6% of income in 2016, followed by voluntary contributions (8.6%), interest in joint ventures (2.7%), in-kind contributions (2.2%) and other revenue (5.9%).

## PUBLICATIONS

Find all publications at: <http://bit.ly/2aV9wzl>

View the WMO bulletin at <http://public.wmo.int/en/resources/bulletin>

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