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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 193 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, 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 contributes 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 Gerhard Adrian, who was elected in 2019. WMO's Secretary-

General is Petteri Taalas, who was first appointed in 2016 and was re-elected for a second four-year term in 2019. The number of staff as of end of 2018 was 301.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

WMO's budget is funded from assessed contributions, including member contributions. Total revenue in 2018 was CHF 87.8 million. Assessed contributions made up 73.8% of income in 2018, followed by voluntary contributions (20.6%), in-kind contributions (2.1%) and other revenue (3.5%).

PUBLICATIONS

Find all publications at: <http://bit.ly/2aV9wzI>

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

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