

World Water Council

Membership Fund

Aim:

The aim of the membership fund is to provide organisations with limited financial means and from developing countries an opportunity to be members of the World Water Council and to have their voice heard in the global water debate. The fund will be made up of voluntary donations, which will be used to subsidise membership fees of organisations.

Amount of the subsidy:

The subsidies will be a fixed amount of 210 Euros equivalent to 250 USD.

Eligibility criteria for the subsidy:

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the subsidy:

1. Comply with the standard membership requirements:
 - Duly completed and signed membership application form
 - Endorse the membership core values
 - Commit themselves to supporting the missions of the WWC and to pay an annual share of their membership fees
2. Present a case to justify why they wish to be members of the Council and why their organisation should be subsidized.
3. The average GDP per capita of the country of origin of the organisation must be under 7,500 USD, the reference source used for the GDPs being the Human Development Indicator of UNDP. (www.undp.org/hdr2003/indicator/indic_4_1_1.html).
4. Preference will be given to organizations from civil society, academic and research institutions, local authorities or user associations.
5. Membership will only be awarded after candidates have paid the remaining amount of their fees according to the table below:

GDP per Capita in USD	Less than 1,000	1,000 – 2,500	2,500 – 7,500
Full Membership Fees in Euros	250	420	585
Remaining fees to be paid by subsidized members in Euros	40	210	375

Donations:

- Donations are made on a voluntary basis.
- There is no fixed amount and the donation may be made at any time in the year.
- The WWC Headquarters will issue a receipt upon reception of the donation.
- As well as choosing the size of the contribution and the duration of the subsidy, donors may also indicate their preference regarding the background and the geographical origin (continent, region or country) of the potential members they wish to subsidise.
- Donations will be placed in a specific bank account of the Council.
- Donors will be mentioned on a special section of the Council's website, unless they indicate their wish to remain anonymous.

Procedure:

1. The fund is administered in a fully transparent way by the WWC Headquarters under the supervision of the WWC Commission on Legal and Financial Affairs.
2. Member and non-member organisations are invited to contribute to the fund.
3. Donors can indicate their preferences for the type of organisation and/or the country/region for which they would like to see their donation utilised. They can also indicate the name of an organization they have already identified.
4. A list of organizations requesting to be subsidized is available on the Council's website.
5. The WWC Commission on Legal and Financial Affairs allocates the subsidies based on donor's preferences, the number, type and origin of applicants, their motivation and the availability of funds.
6. Upon the Commission's evaluation the applicant is either granted a subsidy of US\$ 250 or rejected.
7. Priority is given to applications from the lowest income countries, countries with no current member organisations, and organisations from civil society and local authorities.
8. The subsidies are allocated every other month in the first semester of the year: February, April and June.
9. The subsidies are allocated for a period of one membership year, unless explicitly indicated otherwise by the donor that the donation covers a multi-year contribution for one specific candidate.
10. Applicants are to be considered as new members only after the Commission on Legal and Financial Affairs has allocated them subsidies and the payment of the remaining membership fees has been received on the account of the Council.
11. Applicants have a two-month period in which to pay their share. If, after this period, they have not paid their share, their allocated subsidy returns to the fund.
12. Organisations wishing to benefit from the fund need to renew their application annually. For renewed applications, organizations should demonstrate how they have been contributed to the Council during the previous year.
13. The donor form, the application form, the allocation procedure, a list of donors (with the exception of those who wish to remain anonymous), as well as a summary of the development of the fund is available on the World Water Council's website. A detailed account of the allocated subsidies is available on the Extranet, for members only. Any information or document may also be requested from the Headquarters.