**World Water Council Membership Solidarity Fund Procedure**

**Aim**

The Membership Solidarity Fund was established in January 2004. Its aim is to provide organisations which have limited financial means an opportunity to be members of the World Water Council. As such, their voice will be heard in international debates, and they will benefit from the exchange of experiences within the multi-stakeholder network of the Council.

**Eligibility criterias for the subsidy**

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

Be a member of the Council or a new applicant.

In the second case, the membership application must have already been validated by the Board of Governors.

**Amount of the subsidy**

The subsidies granted to organizations can reach up to 50% discount on the total amount of the membership fees for the year.

**Applications**

Eligible applicants must duly complete and sign the subsidy application form in order to justify their request.

**Allocation of the subsidy**

The Fund is administered in a fully transparent way by the WWC Headquarters under the supervision of the Bureau of the World Water Council. The Bureau allocates the subsidies based on type and origin of applicants, their motivation and their availability of funds.

**Donations**

* Donations are made on a voluntary basis.
* Both member and non-member organisations are invited to contribute to the Fund.
* There is no fixed amount for donations which may be made at any time of the year.
* The Council’s Headquarters will issue a receipt upon reception of the donation.
* Donations will be placed in a separate bank account of the Council.