

Updated Terms of Reference for the AMDAR Trust Fund
Approved by WMO SG, December 2012.

1. The AMDAR Trust Fund will be administered in accordance with the these Terms of Reference (ToR) and WMO rules, regulations and policies;
2. The unit of account for the Trust Fund shall be the Swiss Franc. When commitments of contribution are made, the appropriate funds will be converted, as necessary, to the currency of account in at least the amount of the commitment;
3. The income of the AMDAR Trust Fund will include:
 - a. Voluntary contributions from Members and WMO partners;
 - b. Interest on investments as may be made by the Secretary-General (SG) in accordance with the provisions of Financial Regulations; and
 - c. Miscellaneous income.
4. The AMDAR Trust Fund shall be managed according to an annual budget (Budget) developed in accordance with these Terms of Reference by the Aircraft-based Observations Programme Management Group (AOPMG), which shall consist of the SG or their delegate within the Secretariat and the Presidents of the relevant WMO Technical Commissions (nominally CBS and CIMO) or their respective delegate;
5. Expenditure of the Trust Fund shall be primarily based on the Budget supporting the aircraft-based observations related activities as defined under the work programmes of the relevant WMO Technical Commissions;
6. Requisitions for all expenditure from the AMDAR Trust Fund must be approved by the SG or their delegate within the Secretariat;
7. All expenditures of funds outside the Budget must be approved in writing by all Members of the AOPMG.
8. The expenditure of funds of the AMDAR Trust Fund will be used to:
 - a. Assist in the establishment and operation of programmes of automated meteorological reporting from aircraft;
 - b. Meet appropriate costs incurred by WMO in providing support to the aircraft-based observations work programme activities;
 - c. Meet other costs including such items as meetings and consultants;
 - d. Purchase specified items of equipment and software; and
 - e. Support other activities required to meet the ToR and work programme.
9. Any change to the terms of reference of the AMDAR Trust Fund shall require the approval in writing of all Members of the AOPMG.
10. In line with the request of Cg-XVI, the Secretariat should continue to seek contributions to the AMDAR Trust Fund from Members on an annual basis in support of technical developments and capacity-building related to the aircraft-based observations programme; and,
11. The AMDAR Trust Fund will be closed only at the discretion and direction of WMO Executive Council (EC). The use of the remaining balance at the closure of the Trust Fund should be determined in accordance with the EC decision.
12. These ToR will be applicable from 1 January 2013.