

Overview about partners Word Bank – WMO by Daniel Kull

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As part of modern approaches, Word Bank (WB) establishes links with WMO community (not only WMO secretariat but also WMO technical commissions) to lead hydro-meteorological projects in developing countries. The aim of this partnership is have an Experts Group from WMO to identify countries needs in hydro-meteorological fields and to also suggests: technical expertise, resources, and mechanism to implement the projects at the country level. It was highlighted that in case of problems during projects execution, at local level, the WB supports WMO in pressing countries to have a control on the implemented activities, in order to guarantee the fulfilment of the hydro-meteorological projects financed by WB (mostly through loans). WB also support on challenges faced byWMO during the implementation of the projects.

WB finances or loans are provided to both the public sector and the private companies in the countries, as companies as: IBM, Panasonic. This result in competition between the parties , because sometimes private the companies do not follow the approach or standards of the public sector. In such case, the public sector are drafting legislation to reduce the scope of work of private companies mostly in hydro-meteorologyfield.

FFI-AG inquired to Mr. Kull the WB way to ensure the sustainability of the projects. The explanation allowed to know that Work Bank generally funds countries projects for 5 year. Although, in the case of Central Asia, the duration of some projects is 9.5 years. Also, WB has carried out financing based on project results, especially in the public health, where the results of the first phase are evaluated and then funding is provided for the second phase. The latter being a strategy that contribute to guarantee the project sustainability.

Additionally, on operational partnership, WB has collaboration with The Association of Hydro-Meteorological Equipment Industry (HMEI- <http://www.hmei.org/> which has a consultative status with WMO) to provide support in assessing the technical quality through technical specifications and guidance document of the equipment's procured or to be procured by the countries.