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1. Approved by the IIASA Executive on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

# Donations Policy

## 1. Scope

- 1.1. This Policy applies to voluntary donations (“donations”) from individual natural persons acting in a private capacity, the private sector and other donors, as foreseen under Article XII, Section 1 (c) of the Charter of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and in accordance with Article 14 subparagraph 14.1 of the Financial Principles of IIASA (“Financial Principles”), and regulates the acceptance of donations pledged to IIASA.

## 2. General

- 2.1. A donation is a voluntary contribution made without expectation of any material, financial, or professional return, including scientific results, authorship, or preferential access. It must be unconditional and solely support the institution’s mission.
- 2.2. Donations, whether or not in cash, may be accepted by the Director General on behalf of IIASA, subject to the conditions laid out herein and taking into consideration the involvement of direct and indirect financial liabilities for IIASA.
- 2.3. The Director General shall report all donations to the Council Finance, Risk and Audit Committee under this Policy. Any (potential) donations exceeding (the value/equivalent of) 100,000 Euros shall be reported to the Council Finance, Risk and Audit Committee as early as possible/before acceptance.
- 2.4. Donations must be consistent and in compliance with IIASA’s mandate, IIASA Core Values, strategies, and policies; in particular they shall further the purpose, mission, values, and objectives of IIASA, and shall not jeopardize IIASA’s integrity, independence, impartiality, transparency, and good reputation.

## 3. Principles

- 3.1. Donations shall support IIASA’s purpose, mission, values, and objectives.
- 3.2. IIASA shall not be influenced by any donor or third party in exchange for a donation.
- 3.3. Donors shall be seen as supporting IIASA, not the other way around.
- 3.4. Donations shall not compromise IIASA’s integrity, independence, impartiality, transparency, and good reputation.
- 3.5. Donors shall only donate in their own capacity and in their own name, but not on behalf or in the name of others.

#### **4. Due Diligence / Integrity**

- 4.1. Donations shall neither be sought nor accepted from any donor whose policies, actions and activities, products, and/or services are contrary to IIASA's mandate, or if such an association were to sternly affect IIASA's good reputation.
- 4.2. Donors should seek to maintain the highest ethical standards, inter alia, the [UN Global Compact's Ten Principles](#).
- 4.3. IIASA reserves its right to conduct research about a donor as required under the present Policy.

#### **5. Transparency and Independence**

- 5.1. Terms associated with donations shall not deprive IIASA of its independence, in particular its control over programs and activities, events, and publications.
- 5.2. In case of any serious doubt as to the appropriateness of a donation, it shall not be accepted.
- 5.3. IIASA shall publish this Policy on its website.

#### **6. Acknowledgements**

- 6.1. A donation may be acknowledged in an appropriate manner that shows IIASA's appreciation for the support provided.
- 6.2. IIASA's acceptance of any donation does not imply an endorsement of, or preference for, the donor, its policies, actions and activities, products or services.
- 6.3. If a publication is funded by donations, it is appropriate to mention the donation(s) in the foreword or a similar section. Donors to conferences, programs and activities, or other events may have their donations acknowledged in the official records of the events.

#### **7. Rejection / Return of Donations**

- 7.1. IIASA reserves its right to decline donations without stating its reasons.
- 7.2. If any of the terms described herein are violated by a donor, IIASA reserves the right to return any [parts of] donations received.

#### **8. Review of the Policy**

- 8.1. This Policy will be reviewed at routine intervals and may be adjusted as necessary.