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INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AT UNESCO

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

Summary

This document summarizes several institutional and programmatic issues of relevance to IHP, in particular:

- Developments at the Natural Sciences Sector and the Division of Water Sciences following the 200th and 201st sessions of the Executive Board
- Report on the governance of UNESCO and dependent funds, programmes and entities
- Report on the consultation for the update of the IHP Statutes and of the Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council
- IHP-related extrabudgetary activities
- Report of the IHP Finance Committee
- Report of the IHP Communication and Outreach Committee

Actions expected from the Bureau:

- 3.1. To take note of recent institutional developments and provide recommendations as appropriate.
- 3.2. To request the Secretariat to report on the approved changes to the Chairperson of the open-ended working group and report at the 23rd session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council on the latest developments.
- 3.3 To review and discuss the completed proposal for the update of IHP Statutes and Rules of Procedure, in order to finalize the document for submission to the 23rd session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council.
- 3.4. To take note of the IHP related extrabudgetary activities, suggest ways of enhancing the current portfolio and support such efforts.
- 3.5. To take note of the report of the IHP Finance Committee and encourage National Committees in their regions and partners to further strengthen their support of IHP and engage in a fundraising programme
- 3.6. To take note of the report of the IHP Communication and Outreach Committee and encourage National Committees and partners in their regions to further strengthen their support to IHP on communication and outreach.

DEVELOPMENTS AT THE DIVISION OF WATER SCIENCES FOLLOWING THE 200TH AND 201ST SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, INCLUDING THE PREPARATIONS FOR 2018-2019 ([39 C/5](#)) (Agenda sub-item 3.1)

1. This document summarizes issues of relevance to UNESCO's water programmes in connection with the 200th (7 to 21 October 2015) and 198th (20 November 2015) sessions of the Executive Board, and of the 38th session of the General Conference, including the Programme and Budget for 2016-2017 ([38 C/5](#)).

Decisions of the 200th session of the Executive Board

2. Within the decisions taken by the Executive Board during its 200th session, was the approval of the proposal for the establishment in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, at the K-Water Institute, of the International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2). The Board noted the provisions of the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Republic of Korea, contained in document 200 [EX/12 Add.](#), that deviate from the model agreement for institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) and authorized the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

3. The Executive Board further decided to renew the designation of the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) until 31 December 2021 and authorized the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

4. The Government of Netherlands requested the withdrawal of a scheduled item on IHE on the discussion of the Executive Board. It has to be noted that following the expiration of the Agreement for the operation of UNESCO-IHE as a Category 1 Institute on 31 December 2016, UNESCO and IHE in The Netherlands entered into a Partnership Agreement running from 1 January 2017 and until 30 June 2018. In the meantime, procedures to establish IHE as a Category 2 Institute under the auspices of UNESCO were initiated.

5. The Executive Board, requested the Director-General to take all necessary measures to support the establishment of a Special Account for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), so as to enable it to receive the financial assistance it needs to meet the demands of Member States, mainly in the field of capacity-building activities in support of Member States and the major initiatives approved under the strategic plan for the eighth phase of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP-VIII); it further requested the Director-General to submit at the 201st session a report regarding contributions of the IHP to the implementation of the outcomes of the twenty-first and twenty-second sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21 and COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as appropriate.

6. Documents [200 EX/30](#); [200 EX/DG.INF](#); [200 EX/36](#) discussed the contribution of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) to the preparations for and follow-up to the 22nd Conference of Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that prompted the decision in the previous paragraph.

7. Document [200 EX/5 Part I \(C\)](#) mentions IHP for its management of GEF-funded important portfolios of programmes and its full engagement in the implementation of UNESCO's Climate Change Strategy, as well as its work on Climate Change and in Africa.

201st session of the Executive Board (19 April -1 May)

8. In accordance with [Decision 200 EX/Dec.30](#), the Director-General presented a report on UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme's (IHP) involvement at the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that took place in Morocco 7-18 November 2016, and on the establishment of an IHP special account ([document 201 EX/5 Part I \(D\)](#)). The document calls on Member States to make voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to support the UNESCO-IHP work on climate change and water resources management and invites the Director-General to report to the Board at its 204th session on the follow-up of IHP on COP21 and COP22, and its involvement in the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP23) to be held 13-14 November 2017 in Bonn, Germany.

Preparations for 2018-2019 (39 C/5)

9. The [39 C/5](#) includes IHP within its Major Programme II (MPIO - Natural Sciences), Main Line of Action (MLA) 2: "Advancing science for sustainable management of natural resources, disaster risk reduction and climate change action through IHP, MAB and IGGP", Expected Result (ER) 4: "Member States have strengthened their responses to local, national and regional water security challenges towards achievement of water-related SDGs and targets". Five (5) performance indicators have been developed for ER4. This is a source of concern for the Programme, as its visibility will suffer further. By being reported to an ER level, compared to an MLA, it will be difficult to identify IHP's results when these are combined with those of MAB and IGGP. Practically, and due to the limitation of characters in the SISTER reporting field, the reporting will need to be very short and shared with the aforementioned programmes. Although major efforts were done to ensure that the targets set for the ER reflect the IHP-VIII themes, themes had to be condensed and combined in order to comply with the limited number of Performance Indicators (PI). Due to the PI limitation only language that mainstreams the two Global Priorities of UNESCO, Gender Equality and Africa could be used. The identification of PIs and targets especially dedicated to the Priorities was not possible.

Developments at the Natural Sciences Sector and Division of Water Sciences

10. On January 2016, a new organigram for the Natural Sciences Sector was released. Three sections are currently operational within the Division of Water Sciences: Section on Hydrological Systems and Water Scarcity (SC/HYD/HSS), Section on Groundwater Systems and Settlements (SC/HYD/GSS) and Section on Ecohydrology, Water Quality and Water Education (SC/HYD/EQE), in addition to the Office of the Director and the WWAP Secretariat.

11. Regarding its staffing, the Division was reinforced and currently counts one D1 post, nine professional posts and four assistants posts excluding vacancies (two posts, one P4 which will be opened for recruitment and one P1/P2 at the final stage of the recruitment), extrabudgetary posts (one P3 post in Paris and one P4 in Bruxelles), secondments (one P4 post) and loans (one P3 and one P4). The post of the Regional Hydrologist in Eastern Africa (P5) is in the final stage of the recruitment.

Actions expected by the Bureau:

The Bureau may wish to take note of recent institutional developments and provide recommendation as appropriate.

REPORT ON THE GOVERNANCE OF UNESCO AND DEPENDENT FUNDS, PROGRAMMES AND ENTITIES, [38 C/23](#) (Agenda sub-item 3.2)

12. With its [38 C/Resolution 101](#), the General Conference decided to establish an open-ended Working Group (WG) on governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO. The Working Group, chaired by the President of the General Conference, held its first meeting on 17 February 2016. After focusing on the governance of UNESCO's two main governing bodies (EXB & GC; phase I in 2016), the WG initiated the review of the governance of the other subsidiary bodies, intergovernmental/international programmes/committees and organs of UNESCO conventions in 2017. It then invited IHP to submit a questionnaire with information on its statutes and rules of procedure. The questionnaire was completed and sent by the Chairperson of IHP. On 28 February the WG held a meeting to present the results of their preliminary assessment to other Member States. Within the discussion, IHP was praised for a number of its rules and procedures, notably the preparation of decisions in advance to the Council meeting; the report of meeting available on line; the availability of an introduction process for MS and IHP national committee to better understand and use the programme; the use of electronic and inclusive consultations etc.; the use of all six official languages in the Council sessions; the drafting of resolution on the same day the topic is discussed during the Council sessions.

13. Member States expressed several preferences. Among them, the wish for more direct information from intergovernmental programmes and would like to see IHP better linked to the EXB and GC, and with a clear reflection of its contribution in the planning and implementation of the C4 and C5. Statutory meetings outside Paris are not desired to allow proper follow-up by all Member States. Bureau members (six, one per region, including the Chairperson) should provide views with a regional perspective and not with a personal /national view. They would like to have the bureau in all UN languages and at minimum to add French.

14. It was strongly requested to all international and intergovernmental programmes to remind the Chairpersons and Bureau Members of the need to consult with all the member of their Councils as appropriate.

Actions expected by the Bureau:

The Bureau may wish to request the Secretariat to report on the approved changes to the Chairperson of the open-ended working group and report at the 23rd session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council on the latest developments.

REPORT ON THE CONSULTATION FOR THE UPDATE OF THE IHP STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE IHP COUNCIL (Agenda sub-item 3.3)

15. The 52nd IHP Bureau meeting in Paris (June 2015), had highlighted the need to update and modernize the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council, last updated in 1996, in order to strengthen the conduction of Council sessions and the programme's actions, while ensuring consistency with the decisions of the Governing Bodies of UNESCO.

16. After internal consultations, the Secretariat had submitted to the 22nd session of the IHP Council (June 2016) a report for the update of IHP Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council. The Council adopted [Resolution XXII-1](#) recognizing that these updates may improve the efficiency and efficacy of the IHP Council to guide the implementation of the Programme, and requested the IHP Secretariat to carry out a wider consultation process amongst all IHP National Committees and UNESCO Member States.

17. The Council requested that this process also includes an update and review of the procedures, working methods and statutes, as well as a clarification on the interpretation of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure regarding, among others: 1) whether members of the IHP Bureau are elected on personal capacity or as representatives of Member States, and 2) to propose scenarios that could ensure that all regions are represented in a specific IHP Bureau session if a Bureau member is unable to attend.

18. The consolidated comments and suggestions of the Member States have been completed on 31 December 2016 and are presented in detail to the Bureau in Reference Document 1 and 2 (item 3).

19. The update of the IHP Statutes and Rules of Procedure is carried out in parallel with the overall review of the governance of UNESCO's intergovernmental bodies as discussed in Agenda sub-item 3.2 and will be taking into account the recommendations of the WG.

Actions expected by the Bureau:

The Bureau may wish to review and discuss the completed proposal for the update of IHP Statutes and Rules of Procedure, in order to finalize the document for submission to the 23rd session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council.

IHP RELATED EXTRABUDGETARY ACTIVITIES (Agenda sub-item 3.4)

20. IHP extrabudgetary activities are summarized in the table below, representing a total of approximately USD 43 million in 31 projects over different executing periods. Among the major donors to IHP (excluding institutes and centres) are the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the European Union (EU), Brazil, Spain, Italy, Belgium – Government of Flanders, Japan, Switzerland, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Sweden.

ER 10: Responses to local, regional and global				
Theme 1: Water-related disasters and hydrological change				
Project title	Funding agency	Executing agency	Period of execution	Amount (USD)
The impact of glacier retreat in the Andes: International Multidisciplinary Network for Adaptation Strategies	Belgium - Government of Flanders	IHP	2012-2017	440,000
Addressing Water Security: Climate Impacts and Adaptation Responses in Africa, Asia and LAC	Belgium - Government of Flanders	IHP	2014-2018	661,895
African Drought Early Warning System Expansion to Southern Africa	Sweden - Sida	IHP	2014-2017	261,498
Urgent Capacity Development for Managing Natural Disaster Risks of Flash Floods in Egypt, Jordan, Sudan and Yemen	Japan	UNESCO Office in Cairo	2015-2016	500,000
Strategic Strengthening of Flood Warning and Management Capacity: Phase 2	Japan - Ministry of Foreign Affairs	UNESCO Office in Jakarta	2015-2017	4,071,404

Needs assessment for Climate Services for improved Water Resources Management in vulnerable regions to Southern Africa	Government of Flanders	IHP	2016-2017	50,000
Theme 2: Groundwater in a changing environment				
Project title	Funding agency	Executing agency	Period of execution	Amount (USD)
Advanced Survey of Hydrogeological Resources in Iraq - Phase II (ASHRI-2)	European Union (EU)	UNESCO Office in Baghdad	2013-2017	6,784,260
Governance of Groundwater Resources in Transboundary Aquifers (GGRETA) - Phase 2	GEF	IHP	2016-2018	1,895,162
Formulation of the Project Preparation Grant (PPG) - Enabling implementation of the Regional SAP for the rational and equitable management of the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System (NSAS)	GEF	IHP	2017	150,000
Theme 3: Addressing water scarcity and quality				
Project title	Funding agency	Executing agency	Period of execution	Amount (USD)
Managing Water Resources in Arid and Semi Arid Regions of Latin America and Caribbean (MWAR - LAC)	Belgium - Government of Flanders	IHP	2012-2016	341,002
Strengthening of Local Capacities for Climate Change Adaptation and Water Resources Management at the Huascarán National Park, Peru	Spain - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation	UNESCO Office in Lima	2014-2016	180,000
Coping with Water Scarcity in the Arab Region	Multi-donor special account	UNESCO Office in Cairo	2014-2017	125,000
Emerging Pollutants in Wastewater Reuse	Sweden - Sida	IHP	2014-2018	527,415
Safeguarding Applied Management of Water Resources (SAMoWaR) in the autonomous Kurdistan region of Iraq	Switzerland - Department of Foreign Affairs	UNESCO Office in Baghdad	2016-2018	1,042,000
Theme 4: Water and human settlements of the future				
Project title	Funding agency	Executing agency	Period of execution	Amount (USD)
Global Water Pathogen Project	The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	IHP	2015-2017	300,000
Theme 5: Ecohydrology, engineering harmony for a sustainable world				

Project title	Funding agency	Executing agency	Period of execution	Amount (USD)
Ecological and Eco-hydrological Solutions for Sustainable Management in Indonesia and Asia Pacific Region	Indonesia	UNESCO Office in Jakarta	2014-2017	475,000
Upscaling Water Security to Meet Local, Regional, and Global Challenges	Malaysia	UNESCO Office in Jakarta	2014-2017	476,219
Theme 6: Water education, the key for water security				
Project title	Funding agency	Executing agency	Period of execution	Amount (USD)
South-South Cooperation to Strengthen the Integrated Management and Sustainable Use of Water Resources in the Context of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP)	Brazil	UNESCO Office in Brasilia.	2014-2017	2,906,891
Enhanced Capacity Building and Governance for the Sustainable Management of Freshwater	Spain - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation	IHP	2014-2016	200,000
FREEWAT: Free and Open Source Software Tools for Water Resources Management	Multilateral - European Union (EU)	IHP	2015-2018	82,244
NEPAD African Network of Centres of Excellence on Water Sciences and Technology	Multilateral - European Union (EU) - Joint Research Centre	IHP	2016-2019	2 441 736
Strengthening of capacities on water governance and sustainable management of freshwater in LAC	Spain – AECID	UNESCO Office in Montevideo	2015-2017	200.000
<u>ER 11: Knowledge, innovation, policies and human and institutional capacities for water security strengthened through improved international cooperation</u>				
Project title	Funding agency	Executing agency	Period of execution	Amount (USD)
International Hydrological Programme - Water Interoperability Networks for Global Change Adaptation (WINGA - ASPAC)	Japan - Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	UNESCO Office in Jakarta	2009-2017	1,035,216
Coordination of 2013 International Year of Water Cooperation and World Water Day	UNOPS	IHP	2012-2017	125,000

IHP-WISER in AP International Hydrological Programme Water Informatics for Sustainability and Enhanced Resilience in Asia and the Pacific	Government - Japan - Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	UNESCO Office in Jakarta	2016-2019	371,954
Technical support for preparation and institutional ADASA for the creation of the world water forum 8, Brasilia, 2018	Government - Brazil - Agência Reg de Águas, Energia e Saneamento Básico do DF	UNESCO Office in Brasilia.	2016-2020	5,163,569
UN-Water Vice-Chair Leadership	UNOPS	IHP	2014-2017	35,000
UN Water activities implemented by UNESCO - GEMI initiative	UNOPS	IHP	2010-2017	85,134
The United Nations World Water Assessment Programme - WWAP	Italy	IHP	2014-2016	4,372,852
The United Nations World Water Assessment Programme	Multi-donor special account	IHP	2013-2017	7,396,966
Development of a Synthesis Report for SDG 6	UNOPS	IHP	2016-2018	288,381

Actions expected by the Bureau:

The Bureau may wish to take note of the IHP related extrabudgetary activities, suggest ways of enhancing the current portfolio and support such efforts.

REPORT OF THE IHP FINANCE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3.5)

21. In November 2015 UNESCO's General Conference approved the Programme and Budget for 2016-2017 ([38 C/5](#)) and endorsed an Implementation and Expenditure Plan based on the expected cash flow for the current biennium, the ceiling of which was set at USD 518 million; in light of a budgetary prioritization exercise led by Member States, freshwater-related Main Line of Action was granted approximately USD 14 million (USD 13,973,100).

22. As to the budget figures, the table below contains information on the budget allocation for UNESCO's IHP related Main Line of Action 6 under the Income and Expenditure Plan. Numbers are given at the level of Expected Results 10 and 11 and are broken down by operational and staff costs, as well as by allocations to headquarters and the field. In terms of staff allocation, out of US\$ 9.5 million for MLA 6, 59% will be spent at headquarters and 41% in the field network. As to the allocation to operational activities (corresponding to USD 4 million for MLA 6), the ratio between headquarters and field is 51% to 49%. Operational activities account for approximately 32% of the total.

	OPERATIONAL				STAFF			
	ER10	ER11	MLA 6	%	ER10	ER11	MLA 6	%
Headquarters	1,370,100	730,400	2,100,500	51	4,263,500	1,377,000	5,640,500	59
Field Offices	1,333,000	647,400	1,980,400	49	3,011,700	857,200	3,868,900	41
Total	2,703,100	1,377,800	4,080,900	100	7,275,200	2,234,200	9,509,400	0
Indirect costs	257,200	125,600						

23. As requested by the Council at its 22nd session (2016), information is being sought on a more disaggregated level of budget for IHP themes concerning both Regular Budget and Extrabudgetary resources. The breakdown by IHP theme is presented in the below table for the current year 2017.

BUDGET 2017		
REGULAR BUDGET		EXTRABUDGETARY (2017)
MLA 6:		
Strengthen Water Security	2,779,704	8,273,563
	Current Allocation (2017)	Allocation (2017)
ER10 : Responses to water challenges	1,970,503	6,211,868
1 Water Disasters	287,169	2,629,846
2 Groundwater	450,106	2,082,368
3 Water scarcity/quality	443,114	511,383
4 Settlements	122,769	419,740
5 Ecohydrology	283,165	184,433
6 Water education	384,180	384,098
ER11: Institutional capacity	809,201	2,061,695
1 Governance	665,681	95,819
2 Institutional Capacities	143,520	0
3 WWAP	0	1,965,876

24. Following up on the IHP Intergovernmental Council [Resolution XXII-7](#) as well as on the Finance Committee request, the IHP Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of Strategic Planning (BSP), prepared the establishment of a special account. That special account will enable IHP to receive the financial assistance it needs to meet the demands of the Member States, mainly in the field of capacity-building activities in support of Member States and the major initiatives approved under the strategic plan for the eighth phase of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP-VIII). The related process was initiated by the Secretariat and is currently ongoing (in the visa process from other central services).

25. With reference to changes in the staff within the Division the situation in headquarters is the following:

- Ms Alice Aureli's post, Chief, Section on Groundwater Systems and Settlement (SC/HYD/GSS) was reclassified at P5 level
- Mr Anil Mishra's post within the Section on Hydrological Systems and Water Scarcity (SC/HYD/HSS), was reclassified at P4 level
- Mr Giuseppe Arduino was appointed with promotion to the post of Chief of Section (P5), Ecohydrology, Water Quality and Water education (HYD/EQE).

Actions expected by the Bureau:

To take note of the report of the IHP Finance Committee and encourage National Committees in their regions and partners to further strengthen their support of IHP.

REPORT OF THE IHP COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE (agenda sub-item 3.6)

26. The Secretariat continued to increase the visibility of IHP through enhanced communication and outreach activities. IHP's website was constantly and substantially updated, inter alia through the upload of most webpages in Spanish, the addition of new pages with information on IHP initiatives and projects, as requested per [Resolution XXII-3](#), such as the International Initiative on Water Quality (IIWQ), the new IHP-Water Information Network System (WINS) and the Global Water Pathogen Project, as well as access to the archive of the former water portal's newsletter 2005-2011.

27. The Secretariat established a communication plan collecting the events of the UNESCO Water Family for 2016-2017, listing to date 66 events. IHP issued 24 announcements of events and 15 news items on activities/projects, events and publications and made them available online. IHP has been featured on social media through the general accounts of UNESCO on Facebook (10 posts) and Twitter (23 tweets). IHP events have also been featured on Flickr through dedicated photo albums as part of the UNESCO Natural Sciences account (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/127450990@N05/albums>) and the dedicated IHP account (IHP Water Family).

28. The 52nd IHP Bureau concluded that informative e-mail messages should be sent to the IHP National Committees and Resolution XXII-3 requested that quarterly updates be sent to the UNESCO Water Family. The Secretariat sent one quarterly informative email and prepared a second one, in the period October 2016-March 2017, to disseminate a summary of information, past and upcoming events and invite contributions to the communication plan. It furthermore communicated per email on specific activities and events to the Programme's networks, inviting to attend and/or to contribute on key issues related to IHP and its further development.

29. In the reporting period, 27 publications were uploaded online as well as 7 videos. A dedicated Twitter account managed by the Secretary of IHP issued 330 tweets and has 543 followers to date. Between June 2016 and March 2017, the general Water Security website received 232 632 visits (+113% compared to June 2015-March 2016) with 417 384 page views (+174%). The IHP website received 30 747 visits (+600%) with 68 976 (+336%) page views. As in past years, pageviews of the Water Security website reached a peak around World Water Day, on 22 March 2017, with 25 189 views (+417% compared to 2016). The aforementioned figures are valid for the web pages on the new platform (Drupal) introduced since 2014/2015 and reflect the successful migration and effective maintenance of the website, as well as the impact of UNESCO water events.

30. Challenges and lessons learnt encountered in past years largely remained: Lack and movement of staff caused delays in implementing the draft Communication and Outreach Strategy and the [Resolution XXII-3](#) and in disseminating the quarterly e-mail circular to the UNESCO Water Family; close collaboration with the Natural Science Sector's communication team helped establish solutions and substantial enhancements of IHP's communication and outreach activities.

31. Cost effectiveness measures included the use of temporary staff to respond to the need for communication personnel. Close collaboration with partners and other UNESCO Water Family Members allowed for increased communication output and multiplier effects.

32. The recruitment of a communication officer at level P1/P2 is ongoing.

Actions expected by the Bureau:

To take note of the report of the Communication and Outreach Committee and encourage National Committees in their regions and partners to further strengthen their support of IHP.