

COMMENTS BY ZAMBIA ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME -IX STRATEGY

- a. The strategy period for the IHP strategy is from 2022 to 2029. This almost covers the period of the next two national development cycles. In addition, the priority areas and theory of change listed in the document is just what the Zambian water sector requires if only it can be domesticated and tailored to our local needs. Therefore, the 8th NDP Water Chapter for Zambia should be a domestication of the IHP Strategy incorporating other strategies and experiences as well, and national water priorities;
- b. Three of the priority areas of the IHP strategy have to do with Water Education, Water Research, Water Science and addressing knowledge gaps. For this to be effectively applied to Zambia, there is need to create a National Water Institute whose mandate would be to coordinate and undertake research and training at various competence levels, standardize the professional practice on water and set performance standards, analyze water policy and track implementation, and develop the body of knowledge on water locally to mention but a few;
- c. There should be a national committee/ governance framework responsible for the IHP in Zambia that is backed by law. If it is already there, then it needs to be strengthened so that it can be more visible and effective;
- d. In Science Research and Innovation and Water science and Education, we would like to confirm that most of the issues that we would want to see are there in the document. This strategy however seems to gloss over the issues of sanitation. There is need to strategize on sanitation for us to resolve the water quality and water pollution. The Strategy is also silent on how it will mobilize the resources for its implementation. We hope the implementation plan will bring out this issue;
- e. The Strategy has not articulated the issue of enhanced advocacy on appropriate technologies in water for women and children. This is important for countries like Zambia, hence there is need for its inclusion.

CONCLUSION

It is therefore important that these omissions are mentioned and committed to in the IX Strategy to allow Member States to act on them in their Implementation Plans once mentioned in the IX Strategy.

Commenté [PIN1]: Building institutions that could implement some of the strategies highlighted. This is a good example how MS are encouraged to think out of the BOX and implement new initiatives as a result of IHP – IX strategy

Commenté [PIN2]: Giving a formal recognition to the National IHP committees – Again good example of how MS can localize pronouncements from IHP-IX strategy, formalize them into strong national committees or institutions backed by law for the benefit of the country and in return IHP

Commenté [PIN3]: Sanitation over water quality particularly in Urban areas in Africa in general and Zambia in particular is the leading cause to chronic water borne diseases such as cholera in Africa. IHP is not much into sanitation but can encourage working together with those organizations that do to resolve the water quality.

Commenté [PIN4]: Resource Mobilisation – particularly finances as human resources can be mobilized through the Water Family

Commenté [PIN5]: Research and innovation should be enhanced to uphold WASH programmes for example, IHP working with UNICEF.