

COMMENTS 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.



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