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**Pakistan National Committee on Intergovernmental Hydrological Program**

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**Comments**

Overall, the document is well drafted. However, the following are comments/suggestions:

1. The draft emphasizes the member states to accelerate the implementation on SDGs but IWRM approach is completely missing in the document. Moreover, top-down approach has been adopted while drafting the document.
2. The proposed vision and mission talk about the communities but focus is only given on the capacity building of managers in the education component.
3. Performance indicators have been mentioned for each priority area but these are linked with the number of states. Rather these should be based on scores for better monitoring.
4. Under assumptions, it has been mentioned that member states will make legislation and policies with international standards. It seems not possible. Infact, the standards have to be based on the socio-economic condition of a country.
5. The document should provide some policy about technology transfer mechanism from developed to under developed countries.
6. Priority areas should be based on region specific. Priorities for poor or low-income countries can never be that of rich countries even in science and technology. We are talking about fourth industrial revolutions whereas, a large portion of population is still suffering for hunger, primary education, health facilities and access to safe drinking water.

7. The document has talked about open-data policy but access to high resolution satellite imagery should also be made part of this policy to give benefits to the researchers of developing countries.
8. For each priority area, the targets are very broad. These may be given region-wise.
9. The policy should also provide some mechanism (technological efforts to monitor, rescue, treatment, etc.) for unforeseen disaster like COVID-19. The developing nations not only suffer a lot in terms of their economy due to ban of exports from the rich countries but also to the population due to exposure.
10. The document should present an analysis of the IHP-VIII – what was achieved and what could not be.