

DRAFT RESOLUTION XXV-1
Preparation of Operational Implementation Plan of IHP-IX

The Intergovernmental Council of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO

Noting	IHP/IC Resolution XXIV-2 on the preparation of IHP-IX,
Considering	IHP/IC documents IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.1, IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.1bis, which present, in a matrix and narrative form, the Operational Implementation Plan (OIP) for IHP-IX,
Also considering	IHP/IC IHP/IC-XXV/Inf.4, which presents IHP-IX financial plan for the biennium 2022-2023 for IHP,
Commends	the Members of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) and the Members of the Thematic Groups for their valuable contribution in developing the draft Operational Implementation Plan IHP-IX;
Expresses	its gratitude to the IHP Secretariat for supporting and coordinating the efforts of the OEWG and of the Thematic Groups teams in preparing the Operational Implementation Plan for IHP-IX;
Recalls	that the Operational Implementation Plan and the Financial Plan for IHP-IX are living documents that will require periodic updates;
Decides	to take note of the draft documents IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.1, IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.1bis and IHP/IC-XXV/Inf.4 as the Operational Implementation Plan and Financial Plan for IHP IX;
Invites	the IHP Secretariat to organize a periodic Structured Financing Dialogue for IHP IX, that will bring together current and future donors, stakeholders and partners, including Member States, development agencies, public and private actors to support the implementation of the IHP-IX strategic plan;
Further Invites	the IHP Secretariat to update every biennium the Financial Plan and the Operational Implementation Plan and submit them to the ordinary session of the Intergovernmental Council of the IHP;
Encourages	all Members of the UNESCO Water Family to support the implementation of the OIP by providing technical and/or financial support.

4.3. IHP Flagships and Major Initiatives framework and their contribution to the implementation of IHP-IX (Agenda sub-item 4.3)

10. Pursuant the decision taken by the IHP Intergovernmental Council at its 21st Session (IHP/IC Resolution XXI-8) on the synchronization of all IHP programmes and activities within IHP phases and the establishment of an evaluation mechanism, and as a follow-up of 22nd session decision on “The Monitoring and Review of IHP Programmes and Major Initiatives” (IHP/IC Resolution XXII-6), the IHP Secretariat made an international call for proposals to evaluate the 15 IHP Flagship Initiatives.

11. During its 23rd session, the “Terms of Reference for an evaluation of the Flagship Initiatives under the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme” was

submitted (IHP IC-XXIII/Ref.3) and the Council further requested the Secretariat to present to the 58th IHP Bureau session the results of the evaluation of the 15 IHP Programmes and major Initiatives, and to prepare recommendations regarding a future continuation of IHP Programmes and major Initiatives for the 24th IHP Council session (IHP/IC Resolution XXIII-12).

12. The Evaluation of IHP's Programmes and Major Initiatives ([IHP/Bur-LVIII/Ref.6](#)) and the Development of Guidelines for IHP Priority initiatives ([IHP/Bur-LVIII/Ref.7](#)) were presented to the Bureau of IHP at its 58th session (September 2019).

13. The Evaluation of IHP's Programmes and Major Initiatives identified knowledge gaps and requirements to further increase the added value of the initiatives and to ensure their alignment with the priorities of UNESCO and IHP's specific phases, and to reinforce the commitment of Member States. Following the presentation of the related documents, a Working Group was created, with six experts identified (one expert per Regional Group) to finalize the Framework.

14. The IHP Intergovernmental Council in its 24th session requested (IHP/IC Resolution XXIV-2) the Members of the Working Group to develop a Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Flagship Initiative Framework, aligned with the IHP-IX Strategic Plan and its Implementation and Financial Plans, detailing the minimum requirements for the establishment, operation and evaluation of new Flagship Initiatives and for the alignment of all existing ones. The Council further requested to present this Framework during the 25th session of the Council for consideration and adoption.

15. Following various meetings and with the support of the secretariat, the Working Group further revised the Flagship Initiative Framework which is presented as [IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.2](#) and reviewed the current flagships and initiatives. Based on this document, and on the Evaluation of IHP's Programmes and Major Initiatives (IHP/Bur-LVIII/Ref.6), two separate draft resolutions are submitted for Council's consideration:

- IHP Flagship Initiative Framework for the Planning, Implementation and Monitoring including governance mechanism;
- Continuation of Flagship initiatives during IHP-IX.

16. The Council may wish to discuss and approve the proposed Draft Resolutions