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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

Summary

This document includes the Draft Resolutions submitted by Member States or prepared by the IHP Secretariat until 4 June 2018.

Draft resolution 1

**REVISION OF THE STATUTES AND RULES OF PRECEDURE OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL
PROGRAMME**

Submitted by the IHP Secretariat

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

- Recalling** the current Statutes and Rules of Procedure approved during the 18th Session of the General Conference and amended at its 20th, 21st, 23rd, 27th and 28th sessions
- Taking note** of Resolution XXII-1 of the 22nd Intergovernmental Session of IHP that called for the launch of a consultation process among Member States in order to update the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Intergovernmental Council;
- Emphasizing** that the IHP is the only intergovernmental programme of the UN System entirely devoted to water research, water resources management, education and capacity building, tailored to Member States' needs;
- Recognizing** that updates to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Intergovernmental Council may improve the efficiency and efficacy of the IHP Council to guide the implementation of the programme;
- Recalling** the 38 C/Resolution 101 on the governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO;
- Considering** the recommendations of the open-ended working group on governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO established at the 38th session of the General Conference;
- Taking note** of the consultation process initiated in 2015 by the IHP Secretariat and ended in 2018
- Congratulates** the informal working group, established at the 56th session of the IHP Council, composed by the Permanent Delegations of the Bureau Members, for their work in integrating comments received during the consultation process into the documents;
- Decides** to adopt the revisions made to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Intergovernmental Council presented in the document [IHP/IC-XXIII/Ref. 1](#), having taken into account the modifications undergone by its text at the 23rd session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council;
- Requests** that the revised Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Intergovernmental Council be submitted to the 205th session of the Executive Board and subsequently to the 40th General Conference for their approval.

Draft Resolution 2

WWAP TOOLKIT AND GENDER-SENSITIVE INDICATORS FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF SEX-DISAGGREGATED WATER DATA

Submitted by the IHP Secretariat

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

Reiterating that Gender Equality is a UNESCO *global priority*, and that in line with the UNESCO Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 (GEAP II), actions should be taken to ensure that the objectives set for this priority are met by the end of 2021.

Bearing in mind that the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development aims to achieve by 2030 gender equality and women and girls empowerment (SDG 5), as well as access to water and sanitation for all (SDG 6), and that no aspect or impact of the changing hydrological cycle is gender neutral and there are evident interlinkages between targets of SDG 6 and SDG 5.

Recalling that the Agenda 2030 also pledges the need for high-quality, timely and reliable *data disaggregated by sex*, as they are key to decision-making to ensure that no one is left behind, and to measure the progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Acknowledging that the third Dublin Principle (1992) recognizes that “women play a central part in the provision, management and safeguarding of water ... [and that] acceptance and implementation of this principle requires policies to address women specific needs and to equip and empower women to participate at all levels in water resources programmes, including decision-making and implementation, in ways defined by them”.

Being aware that in the 39th session of the General Conference, Member States confirmed their on-going support for UNESCO’s Priority Gender Equality and encouraged the implementation of GEAP II through gender transformative approaches in the 39 C/5.

Noting with pleasure that the UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) of UNESCO developed a “Toolkit on Water and Gender” consisting of a pioneering methodological framework and a list of high-priority indicators to collect and analyze sex-disaggregated water data, which has been successfully tested in IHP projects and included in the Guidelines for Gender and Climate Change of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Recognizing that the WWAP Toolkit can help Member States to build national sex-disaggregated water data bases to inform decision-making and trigger

transformative gender processes in the national and regional management and governance of water through effective water policies.

- Recalling** that during its 55th session, the IHP Bureau requested the IHP Secretariat to prepare the endorsement of the WWAP Toolkit on Water and Gender by the IHP Bureau prior to its 56th session.
- Endorses** the “WWAP Toolkit on Sex-Disaggregated Water Data” as an effective tool to close the gender gap in national and regional water data, enable gender mainstreaming into water policies, foster gender-transformative actions in water strategies, and monitor progress towards SDGs 6 and 5 interlinkages.
- Encourages** UNESCO-IHP and WWAP Secretariats to collaborate to accelerate the dissemination of the Toolkit among the Member States where possible through the development and implementation of joint extrabudgetary projects focused on, *inter alia*, capacity building, training workshops and field surveys, among other tailored-made activities.
- Calls upon** Member States to provide financial and in-kind support to IHP and WWAP to implement the necessary activities for the wide application of the WWAP Toolkit on Sex-Disaggregated Water Data at different levels.

Draft Resolution 3

PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORLD'S LARGE RIVERS INITIATIVE (WLRI) AS PART OF IHP'S WORKPLAN

Submitted by the IHP Secretariat and supported by Austria, Germany, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Switzerland and Tunisia

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

Recalling Resolution XXI-3 adopted during the 21st session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council that established the World's Large Rivers Initiative (WLRI);

Also recalling Sustainable Development Goal 6 of the 2030 Agenda on ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all and its target to implement integrated water resources management at all levels;

Recognizing the important contribution provided by IHP in the field of integrated water resources management and water cooperation, including in the context of large rivers;

Taking note that the initiative, while excluding operational management, aims to establish a purely scientific global platform of researchers and institutions to develop, on a voluntary basis, the scientific foundation for an integrated river research by exchanging expertise and good practices;

Welcomes the commitment of the UNESCO Chair on Integrated River Research and Management to continue to host the Secretariat of the World's Large Rivers Initiative at no cost to UNESCO;

Having reviewed the performance of the initiative as outlined in Reference Doc IHP/IC-XXIII/Ref.9;

Congratulates the working group of Member States of IHP, established by Resolution XXI-3, adopted during the 21st session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council that upon request of the countries concerned, elaborated the scope, activities and desired outputs of this initiative, on the basis of consensus, hereby fulfilling its mandate;

Commends the WLRI for its coordination of three international conferences on the status and future of the World's Large Rivers in Vienna, Austria in 2011, in Manaus, Brazil in 2014 and in New Delhi, India in 2017, and its scientific output thereof, as well as numerous research and educational activities;

Decides to continue the WLRI as part of IHP's workplan, beyond the 23rd session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council;

Requests its alignment with the recommendations of the IHP Flagship Initiatives' evaluation;

Invites Member States and their IHP National Committees to participate in its implementation on a voluntary basis.

Draft Resolution 4

PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INITIATIVE MORE ROOM FOR WATER (MORWater)

Submitted by Slovenia

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

Recalling IHP-IC/ Resolution XXII-4 for IHP-VIII Focal Area 2.1 “Enhancing sustainable groundwater resources management” with increase groundwater storage;

Also Recalling IHP-IC/ Resolutions XXII-5 and XXII-7 for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation, that aims to “ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”, as well as targets of other goals related to water;

Recognizing That population growth and global change, including climate change will increase water scarcity and water hazard worldwide;

Noting Since ancient times, and more intensively from the mid-19th century, inundated areas and wetlands have been lost as the space belonging to water has been reduced. The surfaces ‘taken’ from water were intended primarily for agriculture and urban development. This resulted in the changes reducing water resources of appropriate quality, affecting natural habitats, causing major flood damage, decreasing groundwater storage, and deteriorating water quality;

Noting Water is identified as one of UNESCO’s priorities by its Member States;

Considering That sustainable human development and natural protection are close related to available water resources, water management and policy;

Keeping in Mind That IHP is an intergovernmental programme devoted to water research, water resources management, and education and capacity building tailored to Member States needs;

Considering That appropriate land management is essential to sustainable water management. Water regime needs space sustainable water management. We need more room for: water storages, recharging and protecting groundwater resources, large enough corridors for flood flows and retentions, natural based solution in water management, for water supply and sewage system development;

Bearing in mind that More room for water means: more room for river, more room for creeks, more room for torrent, more room for wadi, more room for ground water recharge, more room for water storage, more room for wetlands, more water resources, more room for water on urban areas, more security for people and ecosystems at all;

Welcomes the willingness of the UNESCO Chair of water related risk reduction (WRDRR) to host the Secretariat of the Initiative More Room For Water (MORWater) at no cost to UNESCO;

- Urges** To establish a platform to build, facilitate and harvest hydrological, ecological and spatial planning science synergies and to provide education and training.
To develop innovative strategies for the sustainable management of MORWater for the benefit of both humans and nature.
To assess the future trends of water regime development in order to develop and test adaptation and mitigation strategies.
To develop a good practices catalogue in MORWater;
- Invites** The Member States and UNESCO Water Family to participate in initiative on the voluntary basis and nominate members of the working groups.

Draft Resolution 5

PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER-RELATED CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO (CATEGORY 2)

Submitted by the IHP Secretariat

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

- Noting** the critical importance of freshwater issues at the global, regional and national levels for sustainable development in face of mounting global changes;
- Considering** UNESCO's fundamental role in enhancing water security as defined by the strategic plan for IHP-VIII through: (1) mobilizing international cooperation to improve knowledge and innovation to address water security challenges; (2) strengthening the science-policy interface to reach water security at local, national, regional, and global levels, and (3) developing institutional and human capacities for water security and sustainability;
- Acknowledging** the role of the network of category 2 water-related centres and institutes in providing IHP with an increasing capability to implement its strategic priorities;
- Noting with appreciation** the willingness of the Government of Uruguay to undertake the establishment of a category 2 water-related centre significantly enhancing thematically the existing network of centres;
- Recognizing** the valuable services that the centre will render to Member States and stakeholders throughout the globe and the valuable contributions that they will provide to the implementation of IHP in particular on water and sanitation;
- Noting** the endorsement of the related proposal by the IHP Bureau;
- After due consideration of the proposal, endorses** the proposal for the establishment of the Regional Experimental Center for Sanitation Technologies (CERTS) in Uruguay, as category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO;
- Requests** the assistance of the Secretariat to prepare the necessary documentation to be submitted to the governing bodies of UNESCO towards the creation of the centre in conformity with the IHP strategy for UNESCO category 2 water-related centres and the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres (document 37 C/18 Part I and Annexes), as approved by the 37th session of the General Conference (37 C/Resolution 93);
- Invites** the IHP National Committee of the concerned country to support the establishment and functioning of the centre;

Also Invites

Member States, the IHP National Committees and other partners, in particular the existing UNESCO Water Family, at the regional and international levels, to actively support the proposed centre and ensure cooperation and collaboration in their common endeavours for the benefit of all.

Draft Resolution 6

GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS AND ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO-IHP IN SUPPORT OF WATER SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATIONAL AND WATER AWARENESS EFFORTS

Submitted by The Netherlands

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO,

- Recalling** the Recommendation adopted by the General Conference at its 38th Session in Paris, 17 November 2015 concerning the ***Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society*** which affirmed that “*the preservation, study and transmission of cultural and natural, tangible and intangible heritage, in its movable and immovable conditions, are of great importance for all societies, for intercultural dialogue among peoples, for social cohesion, and for sustainable development*”;
- Recalling also** that according to the same Recommendation, museums constitute spaces for reflection and debate on historical, social, cultural and scientific issues, spaces for cultural transmission, intercultural dialogue, learning, discussion and training, playing also an important role in education (formal, informal, and lifelong learning), social cohesion and sustainable development;
- Considering** that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes a dedicated goal on “Water and sanitation” (SDG N° 6) which is aimed to “*ensure sustainable management of water and sanitation for all*”, and encourages to attain concrete outputs related to sustainable water management
- Considering also** that the IHP VIII programme includes *Education: Key to Water Security* (Theme 6), which is dedicated with two focal areas to water education for children and youth and promoting awareness of water issues through informal water education;
- Recalling** the Independent External Evaluation in document 185 EX/18 Add. which recommends that UNESCO create synergies between its Sectors to strengthen its impact;
- Stressing** the urgent need to communicate to the largest possible audience the emerging great water challenges humanity is facing, as well as to find innovative solutions for the SDGs, notably SDG 6, by combining past and present approaches to sustainability, and actively involving the present generation in shifting to more sustainable behaviours and attitudes;
- Recognizing** that the increasing number of water museums worldwide are not only unique repositories of different water civilizations and of humanity’s multifaceted water heritage, both tangible and intangible, but also play a leading role in education and awareness raising on a variety of water related issues

- Also recognizing** that, as such, water museums have a great potential to communicate on water challenges and their possible solutions to large audiences, thus acting, along with museum-goers, as “agents of transformation” towards more sustainable and equitable practices of water resources use and management;
- Emphasizing** that two International Conferences of the Global Network of Water Museums have already been organized (in Italy in 2017, and in the Netherlands in 2018), gathering 60 water museums from all over the world, which decided to establish the Global Network of Water Museums, focusing on Water Education and SDGs, with the aim of contributing to the emergence of truly new perspectives concerning water sustainability, and connecting past and present water practices;
- Considering** that the number of museums already involved in the Network reach yearly a potential audience of a minimum of 3 million visitors;
- Noting** that while the Global Network established already its structure for future governance (Board, President, Director), its coordination and secretariat is currently provided by an ad interim Steering Committee. All Network’s projects will be coordinated and financially supported by the members themselves or through funded projects;
- Welcomes and appreciates** the generous offer of the Network to significantly contribute to the aims of IHP by disseminating water-related knowledge to a vast world-wide audience through exhibitions, art performances, educational and public awareness raising activities, web platforms, publications and other communication efforts;
- Decides** to establish the Global Network of Water Museums as an IHP initiative to create synergies within UNESCO with the aim of better using water museums to improve water management via communication and educational activities;
- Requests** its alignment with the recommendations of the IHP Flagship Initiatives ongoing evaluation, and that the 24th session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council shall review the performance of this initiative and consider its integration in IHP’s program, beyond the aforesaid session;
- Invites** the Secretariat to (1) accompany water museums at world scale in view of this aim and to present performance indicators to the next Bureau meeting, and to (2) report to the next Bureau meetings and Council meetings on outputs and impact of this activity on the basis of the aforementioned performance indicators;
- Encourages** Member States and their IHP National Committees to participate in its implementation on a voluntary basis.