

## International Hydrological Programme

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### INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AT UNESCO

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

#### SUMMARY

This document summarizes several institutional and programmatic issues of relevance to IHP, in particular:

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#### **b. within IHP**

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- 3.5 Water Sciences Division related extrabudgetary activities
- 3.6 Report of the IHP Finance Committee
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Actions expected from the Bureau:

- 3.1. Congratulate the new Director and Secretary of the Programme and express their concern to their Permanent Delegations on the mobility exercise as far as acquiring non-experts in crucial posts for the Programme is concerned
- 3.2. Take note of the report on UNESCO's Strategic Transformation and Medium-Term Strategy 38 C/4
- 3.3. Congratulate the Task Force members and Experts of Member States for their work and raise awareness of all IHP National Committees and Focal Persons in their regions to ensure their active participation in formulating IHP-IX.
- 3.4. Discuss and ensure that the upcoming Bureau Members Elections will include input from the IHP focal persons and to call for the identification of the Task Force Members who will prepare a draft for the approval of the IGC at its 24<sup>th</sup> session.
- 3.5. Take note of the IHP related extrabudgetary activities, suggest ways of enhancing the current portfolio and support such efforts.
- 3.6. Take note of the report of the IHP Finance Committee and encourage National Committees in their regions and partners to further strengthen their support to IHP
- 3.7. Take note of the report of the IHP Communication & Outreach Committee, support the increase of staff dedicated to IHP's communication and encourage National Committees in their regions and partners to further strengthen their support to IHP.

## **DEVELOPMENTS AT THE DIVISION OF WATER SCIENCES FOLLOWING THE 205<sup>th</sup> and 206<sup>th</sup> SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND THE PREPARATION OF UNESCO'S 40<sup>th</sup> GENERAL CONFERENCE and 40 C/5 (Agenda sub-item 3.1)**

1. This document summarizes issues of relevance to UNESCO's water programmes in connection with the 205th session of the Executive Board (11-24 October 2017), and of the 39th session of the General Conference, including the Programme and Budget for 2018-2019 (39 C/5).

### **Decisions of the 205<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board**

2. The Executive Board, at its 205th session (October 2018), noted that the Ninth World Water Forum will be held in Dakar, Senegal, in 2021 with the theme "Water security for peace and development", and requested the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO and IHP will continue to contribute to the organization and debate at the next Forum. It also requested the Director-General to continue implementing and strengthening the action of IHP in promoting the potential of the young generation as agents for change and innovation in the search for solutions for water and sanitation challenges and in implementing and sharing water-related policies and best practices on water and sanitation, as highlighted in the Ministerial Declaration of the Eighth World Water Forum.

3. The Executive Board, at its 205th session (October 2018), took note of the Director-General's recommendation to renew the designation of the Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management (RC-IRBM) (Nigeria) and the Regional Humid Tropics Hydrology and Water Resources Centre for South-East Asia and the Pacific (HTC Kuala Lumpur) (Malaysia) as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2). It also took note of the deviations between the model agreement for category 2 institutes and centres in attachment to the Annex to document 37 C/18 Part I and the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Malaysia concerning the Regional Humid Tropics Hydrology and Water Resources Centre for South-East Asia and the Pacific (HTC Kuala Lumpur). The Executive Board confirmed that the Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management (RC-IRBM) (Nigeria) and the Regional Humid Tropics Hydrology and Water Resources Centre for South-East Asia and the Pacific (HTC Kuala Lumpur) (Malaysia) have performed satisfactorily as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) and decided to renew the designations of the Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management (RC-IRBM) (Nigeria) and the Regional Humid Tropics Hydrology and Water Resources Centre for South-East Asia and the Pacific (HTC Kuala Lumpur) (Malaysia) as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2).

### **Decisions of the 206<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board**

4. The Executive Board, at its 206<sup>th</sup> session (April 2019), considered the proposed revisions of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of IHP. It recommended that the General Conference approve the Statutes after amending Article X.2 of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP-IGC) in order to meet the travel expenses of representatives of least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) at meetings of the IHP-IGC and its Bureau (see [Annex I of document 206 EX/8](#)). The Executive Board expressed its appreciation for the successful efforts of the IHP-IGC in revising its Statutes and aligning them, where appropriate, on the recommendations on governance endorsed by the General Conference at its 39th session by means of 39 C/Resolution 87.

5. Furthermore, the Executive Board approved the extension of the current agreement regarding the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM) in Tsukuba, Japan, until 22 February 2020 to allow sufficient time for the completion of the assessment process, including the negotiation of the draft renewal agreement, and the presentation to it at its 207<sup>th</sup> session of the assessment results and the recommendations of the Director-General thereon.

6. The Executive Board decided to renew the designation of the Regional Centre on Capacity Development and Research in Water Harvesting (RCWH) in Khartoum, Sudan, as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) and took note of the information provided by the Government of Brazil regarding the decision to cease the activities of the International Centre for Education, Capacity Building and Applied Research in Water (HidroEx) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2).

### **The preparation of UNESCO's 40<sup>th</sup> GENERAL CONFERENCE**

7. The 40<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference (12 – 27 November 2019), will examine in document 40 C/62 (206 EX/Dec.8) the revision of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP).

### **Developments at the Natural Sciences Sector and Division of Water Sciences**

8. A new Assistant Director General for Natural Science, Ms. Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, was selected and took the helm of the sector as of 1 April 2019. The change in ADG is not going to be followed by any changes in the organigram for the Natural Sciences Sector which will remain the same.

9. Mr Youssef Filali-Meknassi was selected as the new Director of the Division of Water Science and Secretary of the International Hydrological Programme on 1 June 2019. Mr Abou Amani, Chief of the Hydrological Systems and Water Scarcity (SC/HYD/HSS) moved laterally and was tasked with the duties of the Sector's Executive Officer.

10. At the time of this report, there are 3 vacant professional posts in the Division (one P5, one P4 and one P3), and the overall number of posts are 12 (9 professionals and 3 Assistants) funded by the regular programme. Extrabudgetary funds support one professional post at P5 level (with the support of the Republic of Korea) and two support staff, one on Project Assignment and one on Service Contract. Three additional professionals have been provided by the Government of the Republic of Korea on loan.

11. At Regional Offices no changes in numbers of Hydrologists were experienced as the total of posts remained to be four (4) but the time devoted to the programme was reduced from full time to part time. At field offices, other posts supporting water programmes are also funded.

12. A mobility exercise has commenced in order to identify candidates suitable to fulfil the P3 post on Water Education. It needs to be noted that the mobility exercise could result in non-experts becoming the new incumbents of posts responsible for the global coordination of IHP's thematic areas.

### **Actions expected by the Bureau:**

**The Members of the Bureau might wish to congratulate the new Director and Secretary of the Programme and express their concern to their Permanent Delegations on the mobility exercise as far as acquiring non-experts in crucial posts for the Programme.**

## **UNESCO'S STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION AND MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY C/4 (Agenda sub-item 3.2)**

13. The Strategic Transformation was launched by UNESCO's Director General at the 204<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board, in June 2018 and is underpinned by four main objectives: (a) repositioning the programmes at the heart of the Organization; (b) further strengthening UNESCO's role as a laboratory of ideas; (c) opening up UNESCO to ensure that the Organization's voice is heard around the world and develop partnerships with stakeholders from civil society, foundations and businesses, and (d) further strengthening the overall efficiency of the operations and modernizing the way we operate internally.

14. The Strategic Transformation is designed to strengthen the Organization's programmes and priorities through guiding principles of transparency, inclusiveness, innovation, consultation, accountability, ethics, comprehensiveness and results-based management. The main elements of the Strategic Transformation process will last from April 2018 to December 2019, although the implementation of some initiatives will continue into the next biennium. It will be marked by formal presentations every 6 months at the 205<sup>th</sup>, 206<sup>th</sup>, and 207<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Executive Board and through other forms of engagement with Member States, including information sessions and presentations by the thematic working groups.

15. A Steering Committee, led by the Deputy Director General is leading the process. Members of the Committee are the, Assistant Director-Generals, Director of the Cabinet, Director of the Bureau of Strategic Planning, Director of Human Resources Management, Director of Internal Oversight Services, and Director of UNESCO Montevideo Office.

16. A Transformation Support Unit (TSU) has been established to contribute to the work carried out by the Thematic Working Groups, ensure consistency and coordination between the various teams and departments, ensure that the transformation process runs smoothly and support the Steering Committee, led by the Deputy Director General. The Support Unit counts on the DPI's support for communicating on the transformation process.

17. The TSU is headed by Mr Charaf Ahmimed, with the support of two programme managers, Ms. Tarja Turtia and Mr Hyeon Ju Kim and a programme assistant, Ms. Natasha Lazic.

18. The Strategic Transformation is composed of 3 distinct pillars

19. Pillar 1 on changing structure to strengthen management culture, aims at strengthening the management culture of the Organization and to improve the flow of the decision making chain by reducing the number of entities directly under Director General. Changing the internal structure of the Organization HQ and creating of an 'Administration and Management' sector led by an ADG, Mr Nick Jeffreys helped in materializing the first step of the transformation.

20. Pillar 2 on strengthening the efficiency of the means of action, aims at improving the means of action by establishing thematic groups to improve the following lines of action: a) Operational efficiency of the Organization; b) UNESCO's Communication; c) Strategic partnerships and development of activities with the private sector; d) UNESCO's presence worldwide. Pillar 2 will be presented at the General Conference in Autumn 2019

21. Pillar 3, on the strategic positioning for 2030 aims at strengthening and adjusting the content of programmes by introducing strategic reflection groups to prepare the evolution of programmatic lines of action in regard to the challenge of today's world. The work of the

groups will involve external eminent personalities and will shape the framework of the next Medium term strategy (C/4).

### **PROGRESS ON THE NINTH PHASE OF IHP (IHP-IX, 2022-2029) (Agenda sub-item 3.3)**

22. Following up resolution XXIII-6 of the IGC at its 23<sup>rd</sup> session, Member States identified the experts to comprise the two main bodies responsible for developing the draft document for the consultation of the UNESCO Water Family: the Task Force (TF) and the Experts of Member States (EoMS). All experts are serving on a voluntarily basis, cover complementarily the relevant scientific disciplines, are geographically representative and show an appropriate gender balance.

23. The Secretariat, within the reporting period, facilitated two sessions of the IHP-IX Task Force (TF). The first one, in January 2019, when the zero draft order document of IHP-IX was developed. The document, which reflected mainly the contents of the new IHP Phase, was presented during a special technical session of the Bureau Members and received their feedback. Subsequently, it was shared with the Experts of Member States. Comments of the EoMS were incorporated to the extent possible and a full-fledged consultation with UNESCO's Water Family Members followed. The Members of the TF met for a second time at UNESCO's headquarters in Paris, in Paril 2019, to review the consolidated comments received and to develop the 1st order draft of IHP-IX (see reference document IHP/Bur-LVIII/Ref. 2). The draft was then circulated to the Experts of Member States in July 2019 and will be sent for a full consultation in September 2019 to all Members of the Water Family. The consultation process will last 3 months.

#### **Actions expected by the Bureau:**

**The Members of the Bureau might wish to congratulate the TF and EoMS Members for their work and raise awareness of all IHP National Committees and Focal Persons in their regions to ensure their active participation in formulating IHP-IX.**

### **UPDATE ON THE PROCESS TOWARDS THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTES OF THE IHP INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (Agenda sub-item 3.4)**

24. Right after the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP, the Secretariat contacted central services to follow-up on the requests of the Council for clarification and to finalize the document (reference document IHP/Bur-LVIII/Ref. 1).

25. The revised Statutes were presented during the 206<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board, which expressed its appreciation for the successful efforts of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP-IGC) in revising its Statutes and aligning them, where appropriate, on the recommendations endorsed by the General Conference at its 39<sup>th</sup> session by means of 39 C/Resolution 87;9 and recommended that the General Conference at its 40<sup>th</sup> session approve the amendments to the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP-IGC).

26. Following an initiative of the representative from Zambia, the proposed decision was edited to "Recommend that the General Conference amends Article X.2 of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP-IGC) in order to meet the travel expenses of representatives of least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) at meetings of the IHP-IGC and its Bureau of which they are members".

27. The revised Statutes call for the election of new Bureau Members as soon as the session of the General Conference elects the new Council Members. Furthermore, the re-

election of the Chairperson as an Ex-Officio does no longer apply. This translates in having new Bureau Members as soon as November 2019.

28. The revised Statutes, call for revising the Rules of Procedure. A Task Force of Council Member States could be formed to address this need with a view of having the new RoP ready for the decision of the upcoming Council session.

**Actions expected by the Bureau:**

**The Members of the Bureau may wish to**

- a. discuss and ensure that the upcoming Bureau Members Elections will include input from the IHP focal persons.
- b. Call for the identification of the Task Force Members who will prepare a draft for the approval of the IGC at its 24<sup>th</sup> session.

**WATER SCIENCES DIVISION RELATED EXTRABUDGETARY ACTIVITIES (Agenda sub-item 3.5)**

29. Water Sciences Division extrabudgetary activities and projects represent a total of approximately USD 40.1 million in 45 projects over the different executing periods (not limited to the March 2018 to May 2019 reporting period). The World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) in particular has a portfolio of approximately USD 10.9 million. The combination of IHP and WWAP extrabudgetary activities sum up a total of USD 51 million.

30. Among the major donors to IHP (excluding institutes and centres) are the Belgium – Government of Flanders, Brazil, the European Union (EU), Global Environment Facility (GEF), Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

31. It must be noted that the Division of Water Sciences has developed a fundraising strategy with the Global Environment Facility (GEF). It is anticipated that IHP may obtain more than USD 15 million in extrabudgetary projects from the GEF for the next 6 years.

32. The table below summarizes the funds received by ER, donor and period of execution.

<b><u>ER 7: Member States have strengthened their response to water security challenges towards the achievement of water-related SDGs and targets, and other targets from relevant international water agendas</u></b>				
<i>Project title</i>	<i>Funding agency</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Period of execution</i>	<i>Amount (USD)</i>
African Drought Early Warning System Expansion to Southern Africa	Sweden - Sida	IHP	2014-2019	261,498
Addressing Water Security: Climate Impacts and Adaptation Responses in Africa, Asia and LAC	Belgium - Government of Flanders	IHP	2014-2019	661,895
The impact of glacier retreat in the Andes: International Multidisciplinary Network for Adaptation Strategies	Belgium - Government of Flanders	IHP	2012-2019	440,000

Needs assessment for Climate Services for improved Water Resources Management in vulnerable regions to Southern Africa	Government of Flanders	IHP	2016-2019	50,000
Enhancing Climate Services for Improved Water Resources Management in Vulnerable Regions to Climate Change: Case studies from Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean (ClimWaR)	Government of Flanders	IHP	2017-2020	641,296
Water disaster Platform to enhance climate resilience in Africa	Government - Japan - Ministry of Foreign Affairs	IHP	2019-2020	1,700,000
Strengthening the resilience of Central Asian countries by enabling regional cooperation to assess high altitude glacio-nival systems to develop integrated methods for sustainable development and adaptation to climate change (Preparation Phase)	GEF/UNDP	IHP	2019-2020	200,000
Using Drones and Early Warning Systems for Pre- and Post-Floods Disaster Management in the Gambia	United Nations - United Nations - India-UN Development Partnership Fund	UNESCO Office in Dakar	2019-2021	1,165,048
Urgent Capacity Development for Managing Natural Disaster Risks of Flash Floods in Egypt, Jordan, Sudan and Yemen	Japan – Ministry of Foreign Affairs	UNESCO Office in Cairo	2015-2019	500,000
Strategic Strengthening of Flood Warning and Management Capacity : Phase 2	Japan – Ministry of Foreign Affairs	UNESCO Office in Jakarta	2015-2019	4,071,404
Governance of Groundwater Resources in Transboundary Aquifers (GGRETA) - Phase 2	Switzerland – Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	IHP	2016-2019	1,917,122
MedProgramme: Protection of coastal aquifers and groundwater related ecosystems – Project Preparation Grant (PPG)	GEF/UN Environment	IHP	2017-2018	51,000
Strengthening the institutional capacity of African Network of Basin Organization (ANBO), contributing to the improved transboundary water governance in Africa	GEF/UNDP	IHP	2018-2020	360,000
Fostering multi-country cooperation over conjunctive surface and groundwater management in the Bug and	GEF/UNDP	IHP	2018-2019	100,000

Neman Transboundary River Basins and the underlying aquifer systems (Preparation Phase)				
Implementation of the SAP of the Dinaric Karst Aquifer System: Improving Groundwater Governance and Sustainability of Related Ecosystems (Preparation Phase)	GEF/UNDP	IHP	2018-2019	150,000
Enabling implementation of the Regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the rational and equitable management of the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System (NSAS)	GEF/UNDP	IHP	2019-2022	3,990,000
Advanced Survey of Hydrogeological Resources in Iraq - Phase II (ASHRI-2)	European Union (EU)	UNESCO Office in Baghdad	2013-2018	6,355,606
GEF International Waters: Learning Exchange And Resources Network (IW:LEARN) 4th Phase (Groundwater component)	GEF/UNDP	IHP and IOC	2015-2019	250,000
Design and testing of a multi-purpose transboundary groundwater monitoring network in the Extended Drin River Basin	GEF/GWP	IHP	2018-2019	200,000
Emerging Pollutants in Wastewater Reuse in Developing Countries	Sweden - Sida	IHP	2014-2018	470,288
Strengthening FUST impact by outreach on successful water security tools	Government of Flanders	IHP	2018-2019	50,000
Water Security for Turkana, Kenya	Government - Slovakia	UNESCO Office in Nairobi	2018-2021	340,909
Safeguarding Applied Management of Water Resources (SAMoWaR) in the autonomous Kurdistan region of Iraq	Switzerland - Department of Foreign Affairs	UNESCO Office in Baghdad	2016-2019	1,042,000
Coping with Water Scarcity in the Arab Region	Multi-donor special account	UNESCO Office in Cairo	2014-2019	125,000
Transboundary Water Resource Management for Afghanistan and Iran	Government - Germany	UNESCO Office in Teheran	2017-2018	66,967
Sustainable Water Security for Human Settlements in Developing Countries under Climate Change	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation (MOLIT) of RoK	IHP	2017-2027	3,130,000

Senior Programme Specialist (P5) Secondment to Hydrology Division	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation (MOLIT) of RoK	IHP	2017-2019	503,601
Global Water Pathogen Project	The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	IHP	2015-2019	300,000
Upscaling water security to meet local, regional, and global challenges	Government - Malaysia	UNESCO Office in Jakarta	2014-2019	476,219
Upscaling Water Security to Meet Local, Regional, and Global Challenges - Designing local ecohydrology and IWRM educational resources for Africa	Government - Malaysia	UNESCO Office in Jakarta	2018-2019	100,000
UNESCO film on biodiversity issues at Lake Tana	Government - Germany	UNESCO Office in Addis Ababa	2017-2019	31,650
Enhanced capacity building and governance for the sustainable management of freshwater	Government - Spain - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation - Agency	UNESCO Office in Montevideo	2014-2019	450,000
UNESCO International Water Conference: Leveraging intersectorality for sustainable water security and peace	GEIDCO	IHP	2019	150,000
Development of a Community Based Management System for Water Harvesting Facilitates in the Rural Areas of Sudan	Government – Sudan	UNESCO Office in Khartoum	2019	100,000
<b><u>ER 8: Member States have improved policies and increased institutional and human capacities for water security through scientific cooperation</u></b>				
<i>Project title</i>	<i>Funding agency</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Period of execution</i>	<i>Amount (USD)</i>
IHP-WISER in AP International Hydrological Programme Water Informatics for Sustainability and Enhanced Resilience in Asia and the Pacific	Government - Japan - Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	UNESCO Office in Jakarta	2016-2019	371,954
UN Water activities implemented by UNESCO - GEMI initiative	UNOPS	IHP	2019	94,265
NEPAD African Network of Centres of Excellence on Water Sciences and Technology	Multilateral - European Union (EU) - Joint Research Centre	IHP	2016-2019	2,564,628
International OpenWater symposium	Government of Flanders	IHP	2018-2019	50,000
Capacity building for sustainable water management in Uzbekistan	UNDP	UNESCO Office in Tashkent	2017-2019	143,380
Strengthening the work of the Brazilian National Water Agency (ANA) and of the Brazilian Water Sector organizations in the preparatory actions for the 8th World Water Forum	Government - Brazil - Agência Nacional de Aguas	UNESCO Office in Brasilia	2016-2021	773,404

South-South cooperation to strengthen the integrated management and sustainable use of water resources in the context of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP)	Government – Brazil – Agência Nacional de Aguas	UNESCO Office in Brasilia	2014-2019	3,475,564
Support for the technical and institutional preparation of ADASA for the 8th World Water Forum	Government - Brazil – Water, Energy and Basic Sanitation Regulatory Agency of Brazil's Federal District (ADASA)	UNESCO Office in Brasilia	2016-2020	2,000,000
Design and application of a model of participatory management which promotes research, education, conservation and the sustainable use of the Colonso Chalupas Biological Reserve and its surroundings involving the biosphere reserve concept (Ecuador)	Spanish Cooperation Agency (AECID)	UNESCO Office in Quito	2016-2018	253,757
<b>UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)</b>				
<i>Project title</i>	<i>Funding agency</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Period of execution</i>	<i>Amount (USD)</i>
UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme	Government of Italy	WWAP	2013-2020	10,769,500
GEF International Waters: Learning Exchange And Resources Network (IW:LEARN) 4th Phase (Gender component)	GEF/UNDP	IHP and IOC	2015-2019	110,000

**Actions expected by the Bureau:**

The Bureau may wish to take note of the IHP related extrabudgetary activities, suggest ways of enhancing the current portfolio and support such efforts.

**REPORT OF THE IHP FINANCE COMMITTEE (Agenda sub-item 3.6)**

33. The present report recalls the financial information provided for the last IHP Council (June 2018) which was also presented at the 56th Bureau meeting, held February 2018. It takes into consideration the budgetary period 2018-2019 (39 C/5) and funds allocated and reported for activities under expected result 7 and 8 (ER 7, ER 8). In November 2017, 39th session of the General Conference approved the Programme and Budget for 2018-2019 (39 C/5) which endorsed an Implementation and Expenditure Plan based on the expected cash flow for the biennium, the ceiling of which was set at USD 518 Million. Following the budgetary prioritization exercise led by Member States, freshwater-related Main Line of Action 3 was granted approximately USD 14 million (USD 14,015,400).

34. As to the budget figures, the table below (Table 1) contains information on the budget allocation for UNESCO's IHP related Main Line of Action 3 under the Income and Expenditure Plan for 2018-2019. The budgetary figures are provided at the level of Expected Results 7 and 8 and are broken down by operational and staff costs, as well as by allocations to headquarters and the field. In terms of staff allocation, out of US\$ 9.6 million for MLA 3, 63% will be spent at headquarters and 37% in the field network. As to the allocation to operational activities (corresponding to approximately USD 3.6 million for MLA 3), the ratio between headquarters and field is 48% to 52%. Operational activities account for approximately 26% of the total.

**TABLE 1**

MLA 3 39 C/5	OPERATIONAL				STAFF			
	ER7	ER8	MLA 3	%	ER7	ER8	MLA 3	%
Headquarters	950,000	830,100	1,780,100	48	4,336,500	1,671,700	6,008,200	63
Field Offices	1,526,500	377,000	1,903,500	52	2,835,100	756,900	3,592,000	37
Sub-total	2,476,500	1,207,100	3,683,600	100	7,171,600	2,428,600	9,600,200	100
Indirect costs*	491,200	240,400	731,600					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,967,700</b>	<b>1,447,500</b>	<b>4,415,200</b>		<b>7,171,600</b>	<b>2,428,600</b>	<b>9,600,200</b>	

\* Includes contributions towards evaluation, publication, One UN, communication, house-wide cost sharing for maintenance, IT licenses and common operating costs.

35. The budget for 39 C/5 Main Line of Action 3 (MLA 3), is distributed according to Regional Thematic Groupings, referred to as Headquarters, Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America and Latin America and the Caribbean. This change in distribution is as a result of the modification of the structure of the System of Information on Strategies, Tasks and the Evaluation of Results for the 39 C/5 (SISTER) which showed the distribution of the budget of the previous biennium according to IHP Themes (Group 1 to 6). Therefore, Table 2 below shows the distribution of the operational budget for each Regional Group, for the biennium 2018-2019 (39 C/5). Additionally, following the request of the Finance Committee an indicative budget (2018-2019) of the water related category two centres and chairs are also noted in Table 2.

**TABLE 2 - 2018-2019 IHP Operational Budget by ERs and by Region including Chairs and Centres total budget**

Region	ER7	ER8	TOTAL	%	Chairs	Centres
HQ	950,000	830,100	1,780,100	48%	0	0
Africa	595,200	120,000	715,200	19%	360,765	628,000
Arab States	279,460	85,840	365,300	10%	420,000	900,000
Asia and the Pacific	335,800	65,000	400,800	11%	929,418	12,393,400
Europe and North America	56,800	0	56,800	2%	3,620,730	115,770,000
Latin America and the Caribbean	259,240	106,160	365,400	10%	172,515	3,008,000

Total	2,476,500	1,207,100	3,683,600	100%	5,503,428	132,699,400
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The Budget for C2Cs in ENA includes USD 108,000,000 of IHE Delft; the budget for the region without IHE Delft is therefore USD 7,770,000.

36. Table 2 shows that 52% of the IHP 2018-2019 Operational Budget was allocated to the various regions while 48% was allocated to UNESCO's HQ. The Africa region, as UNESCO's Global priority, was given the highest budgetary allocation with 19%. The Asia Pacific region received the second highest allocation of 11% followed by the Arab States, Latin America and the Caribbean with 10% each, and Europe and North America region with 2%.

37. The total 2018-2019 indicative budget obtained for 49% of the chairs (27 responses out of 55) and for 70% of the centres (24 responses out of 36) shows that the budget is higher than the one for IHP. The total budget of the chairs for 2018-2019 is approximately USD 5,503,428 and USD 132,699,400 for Centres (USD 24,699,400 without IHE Delft) while the total budget for IHP is USD 14,015,400. The budgetary distribution of Chairs and Centres according to regions indicate that those from Europe and North America have the highest budget with USD 3,620,730 for chairs and USD 115,770,000 for centres, followed by the Asia Pacific Region with a budget of USD 929,418 and USD 12,397,436, LAC with USD 172,215 and USD 3,080,000, Arab States with USD 420,000 and USD 900,000 and Africa with USD 360,765 and USD 628,000.

#### **Actions expected by the Bureau:**

**To take note of the report of the IHP Finance Committee and encourage National Committees in their regions and partners to further strengthen their support to IHP.**

#### **REPORT OF THE IHP COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE (agenda sub-item 3.7)**

38. The Secretariat continuously increased IHP's visibility by improving communication and outreach activities in the reporting period. IHP's webpages were constantly and substantially updated and IHP's presence on social media increased.

39. Between February 2018 and June 2019, the general Water Security website (<https://en.unesco.org/themes/water-security>) received [figure pending ongoing analysis] visits with [idem] page views. The IHP website (<https://en.unesco.org/themes/water-security/hydrology>) received [pending ongoing analysis] visits with [idem] page views. Page views of the Water Security and IHP websites peaked, respectively, around World Water Day celebrations (WWD, 19-22 March 2019) and the UNESCO International Water Conference (UICW, 13-14 May 2019).

40. The overhaul of the IHP Website is ongoing to improve accessibility, readability and visibility. It involves reviewing and relabeling of current pages; deployment of new templates; simplification of texts and improvement of readability; addition of still images and videos.

41. IHP issued more than [figure pending ongoing analysis] announcements of events and [idem] news items on activities/projects, events and publications, and made them available online. IHP has been featured on social media through the UNESCO accounts on Facebook and Twitter, and Flickr, the latter through dedicated photo albums as part of the UNESCO Natural Sciences account and the dedicated IHP/Water Family account, linking to 467 images and 14 videos in 11 albums, which have received 363 cumulated views<sup>1</sup>. The Twitter account @unescoWATER (launched in February 2018), counts, in June 2019, 263

<sup>1</sup> Flickr: Natural Sciences: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/127450990@N05/albums>, IHP: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/151263658@N06/albums>

Tweets with more than 1007 followers (+900 per cent since the last reporting period) with dynamic growth and more than 202,200 cumulated views (+199,000). The ongoing work on social media also systematizes sharing with relevant twitter accounts through lists of contacts). In the reporting period, [figure pending ongoing analysis] publications went online, as well as 14 videos. The dedicated UNESCO water Youtube playlist<sup>2</sup> currently counts [figure pending ongoing analysis] videos, cumulating over [idem] views. All communication material, including the constantly updated IHP information kit, is available through the following webpages:

<https://en.unesco.org/themes/water-security/hydrology/resources>

<https://en.unesco.org/themes/water-security/resources/videos>

42. For the UNESCO International Water Conference, IHP Secretariat produced a series of 14 videos in English and French for social media communication. Disseminated in partnership with DPI, the participating Sectors and via the @unescoWATER Twitter account, the videos cumulated more than 24,000 Views, 1,300 “likes” and were shared over 600 times. At the issue of the conference, a joint press review of the IHP Secretariat and DPI, collected more than 150 articles and interviews about the Water Conference, worldwide.

43. Temporary assistance for the communication focal point through a communication specialist and journalist between March to July 2019 strongly supported IHP’s visibility. However, certain challenges identified previously largely remain: in the face of an increased need of visibility, experienced temporary staff remains available only intermittently, which disrupts established, dynamic workflows and hampers the implementation of the draft Communication and Outreach Strategy. Close collaboration with the Natural Science Sector’s communication team and the Department for Public Information continues, helping to enhance IHP’s communication and outreach activities, for instance in the case of WWD and UICW.

**Actions expected by the Bureau:**

**To take note of the report of the IHP Communication & Outreach Committee, support the increase of staff dedicated to IHP’s communication and encourage National Committees in their regions and partners to further strengthen their support to IHP.**

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWuYED1WVJIPVor5RZ6GfS\\_RuVyVSK-4-](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWuYED1WVJIPVor5RZ6GfS_RuVyVSK-4-)