

## **Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme**

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# **REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE IHP INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL**

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

### Summary

The document presents a summary of actions taken in the implementation of the Resolutions adopted at previous sessions of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP, to be reported upon at the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the IHP Council.

Action expected of the Council:

- The Council may wish to express its views and appreciation on the implementation of each of the Resolutions adopted at the previous session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council.

<b><u>Resolution XXIII-1: REVISION OF THE STATUTES OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME</u></b>	
<b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p><b>Requests</b> the IHP Secretariat to submit the revised Statutes of the IHP Intergovernmental Council to the 205<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board and subsequently to the 40<sup>th</sup> General Conference for their approval.</p>	<p>The revised statutes of the IHP was approved by the General Conference at its 40<sup>th</sup> session. The revised Statutes are presented in document 40 C/RESOLUTIONS VOL.1 + CORR., <a href="#">40 C/Resolution 23</a>.</p>

<b><u>Resolution XXIII-2: WWAP TOOLKIT AND GENDER-SENSITIVE INDICATORS FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF SEX-DISAGGREGATED WATER DATA</u></b>	
<b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p><b>Encourages</b> IHP and WWAP Secretariats to facilitate the dissemination of the Toolkit among the Member States where possible through the development and implementation of joint extrabudgetary projects focused, among others, on capacity building, training workshops and field surveys;</p>	<p>The WWAP Toolkit has been applied in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 intra-household gender surveys (Botswana and Namibia in Southern Africa &amp; El Salvador and Honduras in Central America), and</li> <li>- 8 capacity training workshops in 5 countries (Botswana, Namibia and South Africa in Southern Africa &amp; El Salvador and Honduras in Central America), within the GGRETA project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).</li> <li>- 6 webinar series, face-to-face workshops, an online library platform, developed within the GEF-funded International Waters Learning Exchange and Resources Network (IW:LEARN) project.</li> </ul> <p>These actions have reached a total of 502 persons (175 men, 326 women, 1 anonymous) in 41 countries.</p> <p>For the first time, selected gender-responsive indicators of the WWAP Toolkit have been applied at the country level by Argentinian and Colombian water institutions (ongoing projects).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WWAP has launched in early 2020 a dedicated regional capacity development</li> </ul>

	<p>programme financed by the Italian core funds of WWAP. The 2020-2021 programme targets the Pacific Small Island developing States (SIDS), West Africa, Central and South America, and the Arabic States. It is implemented with the support of the UNESCO field offices and the Water Family. Subject to additional external funding, the capacity program could be expanded for more trainees, and/or extended to other regions, including individual countries, on demand. Follow up and long-distance mentoring after the trainings are also foreseen in the programme.</p>
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<p align="center"><b><u>Resolution XXIII-3: PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORLD'S LARGE RIVERS INITIATIVE AS PART OF IHP's WORKPLAN</u></b></p>	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p><b>Requests</b> its alignment with the recommendations of the IHP Flagship Initiatives' evaluation;</p> <p><b>Further invites</b> the IHP Secretariat and the UNESCO Chair on Integrated River Research and Management in Vienna, Austria, to continue to collaborate with relevant institutions of Member States for the possible further development of the World's Large Rivers Initiative.</p>	<p>Within the framework of the World's Large Rivers Initiative, an International Conference had been scheduled to take place in Moscow from 3 to 7 August 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Status and Future of the World's Large Rivers, will be organized as an online-onsite hybrid conference in Moscow, Russia, from 3 to 6 August 2021.</p> <p>The World's Large Rivers Conference aims at providing a global forum for a wide-ranging discussion of key issues related to research on large rivers and to their effective and sustainable management, involving scientists from different regions</p>

<p align="center"><b><u>Resolution XXIII-4: PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER-RELATED CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO (CATEGORY 2)</u></b></p>	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN

<p><b>Requests</b> 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);</p>	<p>The Regional Experimental Center for Sanitation Technologies (CERTS) in Uruguay, was approved as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of UNESCO General Conference in November 2019.</p> <p>The Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay was signed on 2 December 2019 in Montevideo, Uruguay.</p>
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**Resolution XXIII-5: GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS AND UNESCO IHP IN SUPPORT OF WATER SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AND WATER AWARENESS EFFORTS**

<b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p><b>Invites</b> the IHP Secretariat to (1) follow up with 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;</p> <p><b>Requests</b> its alignment with the recommendations of the IHP Flagship Initiatives ongoing evaluation, and that the 25th</p>	<p>The Secretariats of IHP and WAMU-NET closely cooperate on communication and branding, as well as on institutional matters, such as the forthcoming application of the guidelines for IHP Flagship Initiatives under development, including of performance indicators, such as, but not limited to, membership and visitor numbers.</p> <p>The IHP Secretariat submitted reports on the WAMU-NET related activities to the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the IHP Bureau in documents <a href="#">IHP/Bur-LVIII/7</a> (sub-item 4.7.2).</p> <p>An oral report on activities will be delivered during the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the IHP Council.</p>

<p>session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council shall review the performance of this initiative and consider its integration in IHP's program;</p>	
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<b><u>Resolution XXIII-6: PREPARATION OF IHP-IX</u></b>	
<b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p><b>Requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Bureau to decide on the timeframe for the production of the Strategic Plan for IHP-IX (2022-2029), to approve the Task Force members, and to regularly review and where necessary redirect the activity of the Task Force;</p> <p><b>Invites</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to carry out an all-inclusive consultative process;</p> <p><b>Requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to conduct an electronic consultation for the endorsement of the draft concept paper for the IHP-IX Strategic Plan by December 2018.</p>	<p>A draft strategic plan was developed and is presented in document <a href="#">IHP/IC-XXIV/Ref.1</a>. The Strategic Plan is based on an extensive consultative process that provided five priority areas that comprise its foundation of the plan.</p>

<b><u>Resolution XXIII-7: EVALUATION OF IHP-VIII</u></b>	
<b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p><b>Requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat and other UNESCO entities to provide the</p>	<p>A mid-term evaluation of IHP-VIII was finalized in 2018 and the results were presented to the Task Force responsible for the drafting of IHP-IX along</p>

<p>necessary information to the external evaluation team with a view of supporting the preparation of IHP-IX;</p> <p><b>Further requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to publish a comprehensive report on the IHP-VIII implementation, to carry out an external evaluation of IHP-VIII, taking also into account the discussions at the 23rd session of the Council, and to submit it directly to the IHP Council upon its completion using it as an input to the preparation of IHP-IX;</p>	<p>with the Members of the Bureau, during a technical session of the Bureau in January 2019. Additionally, the results were presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the Bureau of IHP (September 2019) to ensure its use as an input of IHP-IX.</p> <p>Sub-item 3.3 presents in detail the Secretariat's response to the item</p>
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**Resolution XXIII-8: IHP SUPPORT TO MEMBER STATES TOWARDS THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATOR 6.a.2 ON WATER EDUCATION**

<b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p><b>Requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to start developing a methodology, in cooperation with OECD, WHO, and UNEP, for an effective indicator on water education, within IHP-VIII Theme 6 "Water Education, Key for Water Security", in coordination with the UNESCO Water Family, in view of potential submission to the IAEG-SDGs as a new SDG indicator, or as a substantial contribution to the 2030 Agenda</p>	<p>Actions were taken to develop a methodology for a new indicator on water education at the tertiary education level in Member States and Associate Members, in cooperation with the UNESCO Water Family, within the framework of IHP-VIII Theme 6 "Water Education, Key for Water Security", as a substantial contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>These actions included organizing meetings, the preparation of related documents and questionnaire, as well as working with pilot countries (including Gabon as the first pilot country following UNESCO's global priority Africa and in line with the Agenda 2063 - The Africa we Want). A comprehensive report will be presented in future sessions of the IHP Council.</p>

<b><u>Resolution XXIII-9: ENHANCING IHP's VISIBILITY</u></b>	
<b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p><b>Requests</b></p> <p>the Secretariat to raise IHP's profile in New York UN Headquarters by developing and distributing an information note on UNESCO's contributions to Members States' permanent delegations and by organizing sessions during high-level events with the support of permanent delegations and the participation of UNESCO Category 2 Centers and Chairs;</p> <p><b>Further Requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to continue organizing within the framework of its sessions a Science Policy Interface Colloquium on Water (SPIC Water).</p>	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic a number of high level events were cancelled and / or postponed. Thus the Secretariat was not able to organize sessions in New York nor the 2<sup>nd</sup> version of the SPIC Water</p>

<b><u>Resolution XXIII-10: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAND SUBSIDENCE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE</u></b>	
<b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p><b>Requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to assist in the establishment and implementation of the initiative and to report to its 24th session on the progress achieved in this regard;</p> <p><b>Further Requests</b></p>	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Land Subsidence International Initiative's 5-yearly International Symposium had to be postponed, as well as the annual meeting of the Initiative. The new date for the Tenth International Symposium on Land Subsidence (TISOLS) was initially set for 17 to 21 May 2021 but had to be postponed anew due to the persistence of the travel restrictions effected by the continuous pandemic situation.</p> <p>As such and as the progress for establishing a Framework that will detail the establishment, operation, monitoring and evaluation of Initiatives is</p>

<p>its alignment with the recommendations of the IHP Flagship Initiatives' evaluation</p>	<p>postponed to the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the IGC of IHP, a series of meetings were organized with some of the founding members of the Initiative and the Secretariat to initiate the process of their alignment with the currently proposed Guidelines.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Initiative has promoted the publication of a monthly newsletter shared through the LaSII website (<a href="https://www.landsubsidence-unesco.org">https://www.landsubsidence-unesco.org</a>). The LaSII website has been continuously updated and two world land subsidence maps have been published in the LaSII website (<a href="https://www.landsubsidence-unesco.org/maps/">https://www.landsubsidence-unesco.org/maps/</a>). The Initiative published a main article in SCIENCE entitled "Mapping the global threat of land subsidence" that widely contribute to raise awareness about land subsidence to aquifer overexploitation worldwide.</p>
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<p><b><u>Resolution XXIII-11: PRESENTATION OF DECISIONS AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS</u></b></p>	
<p><b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b></p>	<p><b>ACTION TAKEN</b></p>
<p><b>Decides</b></p> <p>that, as is the practice of other UNESCO's intergovernmental bodies, the IHP Intergovernmental Council Draft Resolutions and their explanations shall be integrated within the relevant working documents;</p> <p><b>Requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to distribute the working documents for the IHP Intergovernmental Council, including their Draft Resolutions, in the six working languages, at least six weeks before the first day of the Intergovernmental Council.</p>	<p>The Secretariat presented the working documents of the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the IGC of IHP within the agreed timeframe, containing only Draft Resolutions (no Draft Decisions) and thus following a singular format.</p> <p>Furthermore, communication was sent to Member States reminding them of the Resolution and requesting to receive any Draft Resolutions for circulation 2 weeks prior to the date of the 24<sup>th</sup> IGC session.</p>

<b>Resolution XXIII-12: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE FUTURE GOVERNANCE OF ALL IHP PROGRAMMES AND MAJOR INITIATIVES</b>	
<b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p><b>Requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to present the results of the evaluation of the fifteen IHP programmes and major initiatives at the 58th IHP Bureau session and to prepare recommendations regarding future continuation for approval at the 24<sup>th</sup> IHP Intergovernmental Council session;</p> <p><b>Invites</b></p> <p>the IHP Intergovernmental Council at its 24th session to, in accordance with IHP/IC Resolution XXI-8, consider which IHP programmes and major initiatives should be continued into IHP-IX;</p> <p><b>Also, requests</b></p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to present to the 58th IHP Bureau details of the proposed new mechanism, requested in IHP/IC Resolution XXII-6, for the ongoing, routine collection and reporting of monitoring information on the outputs, impacts and governance for all IHP Programmes and major initiatives and a defined set of criteria for periodically assessing their progress and potential future road maps;</p> <p><b>Decides</b></p> <p>to consider, with a view to approve them, the details of the proposed review mechanism;</p>	<p>The IHP Secretariat presented the results of the evaluation of the fifteen IHP programmes and major initiatives at the 58<sup>th</sup> IHP Bureau session and prepared guidelines that propose the way the flagship initiatives could follow.</p> <p>A Working Group composed of six experts from UNESCO's Regional Groups, met twice in May 2021 to examine the proposed document and decided that further to the Guidelines, a Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Flagship Initiative Framework, aligned with the IHP-IX Strategic Plan and its Implementation and Financial Plans, would be required.</p> <p>Sub-item 3.2 presents in detail the Secretariat's response to the item</p>

<p><b>Decides</b></p> <p>that all future proposals to establish new IHP programmes or major initiatives will only be considered where they include information on the specific contributions they will make to IHP Phases, provide estimates of the cost which will be incurred by the Secretariat in coordination and, request its regular performance review.</p>	
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<p align="center"><b><u>Resolution XXIII-13: PROPOSAL FOR THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SNOW AND ICE IN 2020</u></b></p>	
<p><b>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</b></p>	<p><b>ACTION TAKEN</b></p>
<p><b>Requests</b></p> <p>the assistance of the IHP Secretariat to initiate consultations and formalities for establishing a United Nations International Year of Snow and Ice in 2020;</p> <p><b>Requests</b> the IHP Secretariat to transmit this resolution to the 205<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board of UNESCO with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider declaring the year 2020 as the International Year of Snow and Ice.</p>	<p>The Secretariat held several consultations with Iceland regarding the way forward and to prepare the process for the UNESCO Executive Board session consideration, however Iceland proposed to postpone the process.</p>