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REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE 24TH ORDINARY AND THE 4TH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE IHP INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL

Item 3 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 25th 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.

<u>Resolution XXIV-1: PREPARATION OF IHP-IX</u>	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Further decides:</p> <p>to identify Members of an Open-Ended Working Group to prepare Operational and Financial Plans for the implementation of the IHP-IX Strategic Plan to be carried out in close consultation with the Member States and report progress during the 60th session of the IHP Bureau and the 4th Extraordinary session (September 2021), as well as the 5th Extraordinary session (November 2021) and present full draft plans for approval during the 25th Session of the IGC of IHP Council in 2022.</p> <p>Also decides:</p> <p>that a mid-term review of the IHP-IX implementation be conducted by 2025.</p>	<p>An Open-ended working group (OEWG) was established and chaired by Mrs. Silvia Chavez (Mexico), with Mr. Yasuto Tachikawa (Japan) as vice-chair and Mr. Cheikh Bécaye (Senegal) as rapporteur. The OEWG met 3 times in preparing the implementation plan of IHP-IX. A Final draft operational implementation plan was prepared (documents IHP-IC-XXV-Ref.1 and IHP-IC-XXV-Ref.1bis). A financial analysis on the budget was done and the organization of an integrated structured financing dialogue on financing IHP-IX was proposed.</p> <p>More details are provided within the working, information and reference documents under sub-item 4.2.</p>

<u>Resolution XXIV-2: ALL IHP FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES</u>	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Requests:</p> <p>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 Initiatives and for the alignment of all existing ones, and present this Framework to the 25th</p>	<p>The working group of experts chaired by Mr. Harry Dixon (United Kingdom) and comprising one expert from each region, has worked with the Secretariat and produced the new framework for IHP Flagship Initiatives. The draft framework document is presented under document IHP-IC-XXV-Ref. 2. This document was derived from the results of the evaluation of flagships and initiatives under following reference documents IHP-Bur-LVIII-Ref. 7 (IHP-IC-XXIV-Ref.4) and IHP-Bur-LVIII-Ref. 6 (IHP-IC-XXIV-Ref 4bis)</p> <p>More details are presented under sub-item 4.3.</p>

<p>session of the Council for consideration and adoption,</p> <p>Further requests:</p> <p>current hosts / focal persons of all existing initiatives to, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Working Group, develop plans, describing their specific contribution in achieving IHP-IX Strategic Objectives, Expected Results and Priority Outputs, including clear indicators for monitoring the results achieved for presentation to the IHP Intergovernmental Council for its consideration and approval at its 25th session.</p> <p>Decides:</p> <p>to examine and approve in its 25th session the suggested Framework presented by the ad-hoc Working Group and the proposal, in accordance with IHP/IC Resolution XXI-8, on which IHP Flagship Programmes and Initiatives should be continued as part of the IHP-IX Implementation Plan.</p>	<p>Current hosts / focal persons of all existing initiatives have been consulted and requested to identify outputs and key activities for which they will contribute for the implementation of IHP-IX. Each flagship should later present in line with the new framework their contribution to the implementation of IHP-IX.</p> <p>The ad-hoc Working Group made proposal under a proposed resolution on which IHP Flagship Programmes and Initiatives should be continued as part of the IHP-IX Implementation Plan. More details are presented under sub-item 4.3</p>
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<u>Resolution XXIV-3: MID-TERM EVALUATION OF IHP-VIII</u>	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Recommends</p> <p>that Member States implement the recommendations of the Mid-term Evaluation of Phase VIII of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (2014-2021) applicable to them and ensure their active involvement in the elements requiring their contribution such as:</p>	<p>Member States have been fully engaged and involvement in the preparation of the strategic plan and the implementation through the open-ended working group and should now confirm their commitment in contributing to the implementation of IHP-IX. Under sub-item 4.2 Members States and partners through their statements should commit and identify specific areas that they will contribute financially and in kind in taking them forward for the implementation of IHP-IX.</p>

<p>a. Identify IHP-IX priorities that they will contribute in taking it forward and commit to implement activities towards their implementation, supporting the monitoring of the results of such activities;</p> <p>b. Participate at the SPIC Water II (Science Policy Interface Colloquium on Water);</p> <p>c. Financial support for extra-budgetary project proposals in support to the implementation of IHP;</p> <p>Requests</p> <p>the Secretariat to continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Mid-term Evaluation of Phase VIII of the IHP (2014-2021) applicable to the Secretariat and ensure that they are taken into account in the development and execution of the operational plan for IHP-IX.</p>	<p>In order to continue engaging Members States and all the UNESCO water family throughout the implementation of IHP-IX, the secretariat has proposed the establishment of limited number of thematic working groups each one co-chaired by Members States. More details are presented under sub-item 4.4.</p>
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Resolution XXIV-4: IHP GOVERNANCE

TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Invites</p> <p>the Secretariat to ensure that priority continues to be given at Headquarters and by the Regional Hydrologists to assisting Member States through every means at its disposal</p> <p>i) to implement the revised mandate for IHP National Committees, and</p>	<p>The revised guidelines on IHP National Committees have been presented and disseminated to the different countries during the various regional IHP Committees meetings held in Asia-Pacific, the Arab region and in the Africa region, back-to-back with the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar. Countries have been sensitized to formally established and revamped their national IHP committees in line with the revised guidelines.</p> <p>During their statement under sub-item 4.2., Members States are expected to provide information on the status of their national IHP committees.</p>

<p>ii) to organize regular meetings of National Committees in all regions, taking into account the particular needs of the African region (regional, inter-regional or sub-regional, as appropriate and feasible), in close collaboration with the Bureau members from the relevant regions;</p> <p>Recommends</p> <p>that Member States and the Secretariat seek innovative solutions to address the funding problem to enable all National Committees to take part in regional meetings and contribute to the implementation of the IHP programme;</p> <p>Invites</p> <p>Member States to report to the 25th session of the Council on the status of their National Committees according to these principles and to every regular IGC session thereafter as part of their regular national IHP report.</p>	
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<p>Resolution XXIV-6: PROPOSAL FOR RENDERING SUPPORT TO ACHIEVING SDG 6 AND THE 2030 AGENDA AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO MID-TERM REVIEW OF WATER ACTION DECADE AND UN WATER CONFERENCE 2023</p>	
<p>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN</p>
<p>Decides</p> <p>that IHP shall pursue its involvement in the preparatory process of the Comprehensive Mid-Term Review of the</p>	<p>As a follow up of this resolution, IHP is pursuing its involvement in the preparatory process of the UN 2023 Water Conference.</p> <p>UNESCO is participating in the regional and global preparatory meetings aimed to inform the conference.</p>

<p>“International Decade (2018-2028) for Action – Water for Sustainable Development”, so as to contribute to strengthening the international recognition of the importance of groundwater and of water science in general, as well as of the critical need to fill the gap of available and required capacities, particularly in developing countries, in view of attaining SDG 6 and other SDGs, inter alia by producing relevant publications and messages to be presented during the UN Water Conference 2023.</p>	<p>In line with its IHP-IX Strategic Plan, UNESCO’s messages are focused on strengthening the international recognition of the importance of groundwater and of water science in general, as well as of the critical need to fill the gap of available and required capacities, particularly in developing countries, in view of attaining SDG 6 and other SDGs. UNESCO provided inputs, aligned with these priorities, to the UN-Water proposals for the Interactive Dialogues.</p> <p>On 25 April 2022, the Secretariat organized the scientific side event of the 25th Session of the IHP Council "Science for a water secure world in a changing environment" to feed into the scientific research agenda for the UN Water Conference 2023.</p> <p>It is foreseen to organize, in coordination with UNDESA, the participation of the UNESCO Director-General in the Opening Plenary Session of the UN Conference on Water. Participation of UNESCO in other events will be defined once the modalities will be known.</p> <p>IHP is considering the possibility to organize the third quarter of 2022 regional consultations with IHP National Committees to compile regional needs priorities and visions for the preparation of an UNESCO Water Family position paper for the conference.</p> <p>The output of the UN Summit on Groundwater, that it is being organized by UNESCO and IGRAC at UNESCO HQ, 7-8 December 2022, will consist in a “Joint UN-Water Statement” that will also inform the conference.</p>
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<p><u>Resolution XXIV-7: UNESCO IHP IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS (WAMUNET)</u></p>	
<p>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN</p>
<p>Invites the IHP Secretariat to send out a call to Member States for new water museums to join</p>	<p>The WAMU-NET currently counts 73 members in 31 countries. The IHP Secretariat facilitated the participation of WAMU-NET in the 9th World Water Forum (Dakar, Senegal, March 2022), including the</p>

<p>WAMUNET by directly requesting the IHP Secretariat to liaise with the WAMUNET Secretariat and oversee their admission to the network;</p> <p>Requests</p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to compile an inventory of the different water museums across the world, and encourages Member States and IHP National Committees to support the Secretariat in this effort by communicating to the IHP Secretariat information on their existing water museums;</p> <p>Invites</p> <p>Member States to enable UNESCO IHP's support of the WAMUNET by supporting the IHP Secretariat financially with additional funding for instance through extrabudgetary contributions, secondment of staff or contributions to the Special Account.</p>	<p>only member from Sub-Saharan Africa (Burkina Faso), which has strengthened WAMU-NET's outreach and allowed to showcase the pilot phase of the Global inventory of Water Museums, completed in February 2022, to be presented to a large international audience.</p> <p>An extension of the museum network in Africa and other regions is actively being pursued with the support of the IHP Secretariat and a general information of all Member States on WAMU-NET is being prepared.</p>
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<p align="center"><u>Resolution XXIV-8: On the development of the INTERNATIONAL GLOSSARY OF WATER (IGW)</u></p>	
<p>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN</p>
<p>Requests</p> <p>the Secretariat to establish an open-ended working group on IGW under the custody of IHP UNESCO. The task of the working group is primarily to lead work IGW for SDG purposes. It may, however, later assume the responsibility of supplementing and updating the</p>	<p>The Secretariat has initiated preliminary discussion with World Meteorological Organization (WMO), with whom the previous series of International Glossary of Hydrology was published.</p> <p>At the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar, Senegal, water-related lexical challenges were presented in an IHP-organized session, with a potential to contribute to the IGW development. The IGW working group will be established after the 25th session of the IHP Council in coordination with WMO and other agencies and partners.</p>

<p>IGW according to the needs and requirements of the UN.</p> <p>Invites</p> <p>Member States to adapt the IGW into national and local languages.</p>	
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Resolution XTR-IV-1: PREPARATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “SEAL OF EXCELLENCE FOR URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT

TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Requests</p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to continue cooperating with other UN agencies, especially WHO and UN-HABITAT, and facilitating the work of the Task Force in reviewing the feasibility and implementation plan of the project;</p> <p>Further requests</p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to report to the IHP Bureau at its 62nd session the results with a view of initiating pilot activities and to report the results of these pilots to the 26th session of the IHP Council.</p>	<p>The Secretariat had several consultations with WHO and UN-HABITAT to prepare the pilot project. In particular, the guidelines for the evaluation procedure with tool-kit on UNESCO Seal of Excellence for Urban Water Management will incorporate also the WHO perspective.</p> <p>Furthermore, a Letter of Intent for the pilot project among UNESCO, the Ministry of Environment in the Republic of Korea, two applicant cities (Seoul Metropolitan Government, Daegu Metropolitan City) and K-water (Technical Advisor) was signed on 21 April 2022 in Senegal, Dakar during the 9th World Water Forum.</p>

Resolution XTR-IV-2: UNESCO WWAP-led Call for Action: “Accelerating gender equality in the water domain: bridging the data gap and developing concrete actions”

TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN

<p>Encourages</p> <p>the provision of financial and in-kind support to implement the necessary concrete activities to support this Call for Action, including the implementation of integrative water and gender analyses, capacity development programmes on water and gender and advancing the collection of sex-disaggregated water data in all regions; and to sustain WWAP’s advocacy process (e.g. communication campaign, establishment of a digital community to exchange best practices) and monitoring of actions and progress in light of the Mid-term Evaluation of the UN Water Action Decade in 2023).</p>	<p>WWAP continues to lead the Multi-stakeholder Call for Action initiative launched in August 2021. The initiative has gained so far the support of over 140 individual members from different organizations and 14 Member States. A set of recommendations was agreed by the Multi-stakeholder Coalition and published in a joint Position Paper. In preparation for the UN 2023 Water Conference, the Call and its results have been presented in a dedicated EU event in Brussels (October 2021), the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGS, New York, February 2022), the 2nd Asia World Water Week and at the 9th World Water Forum. The Call’s roadmap continues with the 2nd Water Conference in Dushanbe, the 2022 Stockholm World Water Week and the UN Groundwater Summit (Paris, 2022). The initiative is set to culminate in 2030 (completion of the 2030 Agenda). An active communication campaign is ongoing, as well as the support to MS in the submission of proposals to implement water and gender indicators, the collection of sex-disaggregated data, the joint search for funding assistance, the development of a community of action platform, and a regional (bi-annual) capacity development programme on water and gender.</p>
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<p><u>Resolution XTR-IV-3: ON THE PREPARATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “UNESCO ECOMED¹ Academy Network”</u></p>	
<p>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN</p>
<p>Requests</p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to: facilitate establishing a Task Force to explore the feasibility of the ECOMED Academy, including possible cooperation with UfM, UNEP MED POL and the Mediterranean Action Plan and other UN agencies, especially UN ESCWA, in view of developing an implementation plan of the network,</p> <p>Further requests</p>	<p>The IHP Secretariat initiated establishing the Task Force with Member States and potential partners. 25 countries have been identified. A letter was sent to them in April 2022 to ask them to designate a National Expert (and an alternate) to be a member of a UNESCO-IHP ECOMED Task Force.</p>

¹ Environmental Coastal co-Operation for Metropolitan Eco-sustainable Development

<p>The Task Force to report back on its findings to the 62nd IHP Bureau session;</p>	
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