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**Objet :** Re: Update and way forward on IHP-IX [Document Review by The Bahamas]

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Good Day,

A Very Happy New Year.

Please see the following comments from The Bahamas, on the review of the draft document.

UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological (IHP) Programme Review of the 2nd Order Draft Strategic Plan of the 9th Phase of IHP - The Bahamas:

1. Support that the Alternative Title of the Document: "Science for a Water Secure World in a Changing Environment".
2. We have noted that the IHP-IX phase shall be guided by a 'Strategic Plan' and 'an Operational-Implementation Plan.
3. Suggested that within the Document Preamble, possibly include mention of the recent milestone anniversaries of both UNESCO and UNESCO-IHP.
4. We have noted the comments on the current COVID-19 global pandemic, restrictions, and the clear "relationship between clean water and basic sanitation and the need for cooperation...".
5. Under Global Water Challenges - "One of the greatest challenges for the hydrological community is to identify appropriate and timely adaptation measures in a continuously changing environment..." has been placed as the final paragraph but is the most powerful synopsis of 'Global water challenges and opportunities'.
6. We have noted that under 'Global Water Landscape: framework and global agendas' - mention of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) framework and its 2030 Agenda, along with the Paris Agreement, etc...
7. We have reviewed the document to ensure coverage of the 'IHP-IX Mission' To this end IHP-IX will: ... It's key that we ensure that this Strategic Plan addresses each of the 6 Mission Points.
8. Noted that the 9th phase of IHP has 2-strategic objective, 3-outcomes (1-enabling outcome), and 5-priority areas - all priority areas being linked with the SDGs/Agenda2030
9. Initial concerns that IWRM was not highly visible, but notable under Priority Area #1, Scientific Research and Innovation.
10. On a very personal note pertaining to Small Island Developing States (SIDs) and their very extreme vulnerability to "a Changing Environment", we were looking for specific mention of the present UNESCO-IHP Graphic Programme which encapsulates the key concerns for SIDs - resources under the Pressures of Humanity and Climate Change.

Many thanks for the continued opportunities to voice our opinion from a SIDs Perspective, under LAC.

Regards,

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