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Objet : Written comments/statements from the Norwegian UNESCO IHP-committee on the current 2nd IHP-IX order draft

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Dear Dr. Abou Amani,

With reference to your e-mail below, the Norwegian IHP-committee would like to give the following comments/statements on the current 2nd IHP-IX order draft:

The Norwegian IHP-committee appreciates the substantial amount of work that has been invested in providing the 2nd order draft of the strategic plan of the 9th phase of IHP (IHP-IX, 2022-2029). We would like to thank IHP for this opportunity to express our view on the draft, and would like to stress the following:

- IHP is per se, a scientific programme covering the discipline hydrology, i.e. *a scientific discipline concerned with the waters of the Earth, including their occurrence, distribution, and circulation via the hydrologic cycle and interactions with living things. It also deals with the chemical and physical properties of water in all its phases.* This is not reflected in the 2nd order draft where, on the contrary, scientific research and innovation is listed as one of five priority areas.
- The role of IHP should be to focus on hydrology as a scientific discipline. There are still numerous unresolved scientific problems and the IHP-IX needs to describe what the previous IHPs have achieved and what remains for IHP-IX. including the need for data to conduct hydrology as a science and the need for education.
- Given the limited resources of IHP, It is important to avoid overlap with other already existing activities. A description is welcomed, however, of how IHP will *collaborate* with other disciplines and other UN activities to amongst others improve water management, combat climate change and adapt to the effects of climate change and achieve the SDGs.

On behalf of the Norwegian IHP-committee,

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