

Some remarks:

1. The preamble states that “IHP is aimed at advancing hydrological knowledge ..., but has strong human and socio-cultural dimensions, where social sciences play a critical and increasingly important role” (paragraph 1). Here, in the Preamble (paragraph 3), it is indicated that it is necessary to address many unsolved problems in hydrology (a link to the author of the publication on this issue is given), but specific problems are not mentioned further.
2. In the entire introductory part, which includes, in addition to the preamble, such sections as Global Water Challenges and Opportunities, Global Water Landscape, IHP Vision, IHP-IX Mission, and which occupies more than a quarter of the entire document, there are no new arguments and justifications for the proposed main tasks for IHP-IX.
3. The sections of the introductory part are not logically related.
4. There are many Expected outputs in all Priority Areas, but they are not specific.
5. 10 outputs are given in the section “Science Research and Innovation”, but only 3 of them are really related to scientific problems.

General view:

We consider it necessary to note that the draft Strategy requires revision in terms of bringing the content of its sections to a single, logically built and interconnected structure.

All the sections should be of the same structure.

It seems expedient in the priority areas and expected results to shift the emphasis from socio-political issues related to water problems to scientific issues in the field of hydrology, the development of modern methods, methodologies and approaches in the study of hydrological processes and phenomena.

The main part of the Strategy, in general, is to be changed. The expected outputs should be more concrete and their quantitative characteristics should be mentioned.