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NOTE: Decisions by the Bureau and actions required are underlined in the text and reported in the table in Annex I.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The 52nd session of the Bureau of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from 1 to 2 June 2015. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons from all Electoral Groups attended the session. The Chairpersons of the IHP Council Finance Committee and of the Communication and Outreach Committee, nineteen delegations from Member States, two non-governmental organizations, and one category 2 water-related centre were represented as observers. The list of participants is attached as Annex III.

2. The Chairperson of the IHP Council, Mr David Korenfeld Federman (Group III, Latin America and the Caribbean), welcomed the participants in the presence of Mr Johannes Cullmann, Vice-Chairperson of Group I (Western Europe and North America), Mr Mitja Brilly, Vice-Chairperson of Group II (Eastern Europe), Mr Ian White, Vice-Chairperson of Group IV (Asia-Pacific Region), Mr Jean Patrice Roger Jourda Vice-Chairperson of Group Va (Africa) and Mr Mahmoud Abou-Zeid, Vice-Chairperson of Group Vb (Arab States). The Chairperson highlighted the importance of following-up on the decisions of the 21st session of the IHP Council and of the 51st session of the IHP Bureau (June 2014, Paris), as well as the recommendations of the Technical Meeting of the IHP Bureau Members held on 13 and 14 November 2014 in Merida, Mexico. The Chairperson asked the Bureau members if there were objections to the presence of observers, and reminded the participants that with the support of Mexico simultaneous interpretation for English, French and Spanish was available during the meeting.

3. Ms Flavia Schlegel, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences (ADG/SC), welcomed the Bureau members and observers on behalf of the Director-General. She recalled that Member States identified water as a top priority for Natural Sciences and expressed appreciation for their support to IHP. Ms Schlegel called attention to two milestone anniversaries being celebrated in 2015, namely the 70th anniversary of UNESCO and 50th anniversary of the Organization's water programmes. Ms Schlegel highlighted the current water challenges, including the increasing lack of balance between water demand and supply, as well as insufficient access to sanitation, with particularly serious implications for women and children. She stressed that IHP's Eighth Phase aims to strengthen the science-policy interconnections, mobilize international cooperation and the development of institutional and human capacities, in the endeavour to attain water security at local, national, regional and global levels. She also noted the need to contribute to implementing the post-2015 agenda and the strong potential for the UNESCO Water Family to play a crucial role in this regard. Ms Schlegel in addition emphasized the involvement of IHP in the 7th World Water Forum and in the preparations of the forthcoming 21st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 21, Paris, December 2015).

4. Ms Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros, Secretary of IHP, thanked the Chairperson and the ADG/SC for opening the session of the IHP Bureau and presented the meeting's agenda. She proposed that due to serious time constraints of the Bureau session and the large number of items to be considered, the discussion of agenda items already addressed in detail at the meeting of the Bureau members in November 2014 could be limited to clarifications if needed to allow an ample discussion of other agenda items.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. The Bureau adopted the agenda and timetable of the meeting as presented in Annex II.

3. INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AT UNESCO

3.1 Developments at the Natural Sciences Sector and the Division of Water Sciences following the 195th and 196th sessions of the Executive Board, including the preparation for the Programme and Budget for 2016-2017 (38 C/5)

6. The Bureau took note of the report on recent institutional developments. The Vice-Chairperson for group I expressed concern on the number of vacant posts at the IHP Secretariat and its effect on the optimal implementation of the Programme. In this context, the Bureau requested the Secretary to work with all those involved to ensure a swift recruitment process for the vacant posts at the IHP Secretariat and water field network, as well as to ensure that such recruitments seek to maintain the high-level of expertise at the Secretariat, both in terms of doctoral qualifications and extensive background on water. In addition, Bureau members expressed similar considerations regarding other posts connected with the UNESCO Water Family, in particular in respect to the vacant posts of Coordinator of WWAP and Rector of UNESCO-IHE.

The Bureau requested the Senior Management of UNESCO to swiftly act upon the relevant recruitments and to ensure the appropriate level (doctoral) and type of qualifications of the professional staff at the secretariat and in the IHP field network.

3.2 Audit of the governance of IHP

7. The Bureau took note of the developments related to the audit of the governance of IHP, deciding to address recommendations as adequate and applicable to IHP. In relation to the number of Member States in the IHP Bureau and Council, the Bureau considered that there is no need for modifications. It will, however, seek ways to further involve and inform all Member States. The Bureau asked the Secretariat to plan for Council and Bureau sessions in a way that all relevant issues are accomplished satisfactorily, including, if justified, modifying the duration of the sessions.

8. The Secretary of the Finance Committee asked the Secretariat to upload at UNESCO's webpage the resolutions of the IHP Council on the same day they are adopted. He also proposed that the Council discusses resolutions as part of each agenda item, rather than at the end of the session. On the first request, the Secretary of IHP explained that it is not currently possible to ensure that resolutions are uploaded on the same day they are adopted but noted that the process can be accelerated to make them available within three working days of adoption. In relation to the process for the adoption of resolutions, she noted that this is usually decided by the Council itself.

The Bureau recommended the Council to adopt this procedure.

3.3 Proposal for the update of the IHP Statutes and of the Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council

9. The Chairperson highlighted the need to update and modernize the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council, last updated in 1996, in order to strengthen the conduction of Council sessions and the programme's actions, while ensuring consistency with the decisions of the Governing Bodies of UNESCO. The Secretary of IHP noted that several changes were proposed based on earlier comments by Member States, the recommendations of various audits and evaluations and on current UNESCO rules and regulations. She emphasized that the Bureau discussions would be the initial step in a long process and underlined the need for the IHP Secretariat to proceed with internal consultations with several UNESCO services before presenting to the IHP Council proposed

changes to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure. The process would then eventually continue with necessary discussions at the Governing Bodies of UNESCO.

10. The Bureau considered that the proposed changes in paragraph VII.1. of the current Statutes and paragraph IV.5.(1) of the current Rules of Procedure need additional consultations with Member States before presentation to the Council. Several members of the Bureau noted the potential advantages of extending the term of office of Bureau members from two years into four years, particularly in terms of ensuring continuity and efficiency.

The Bureau asked the Secretariat to ensure a consistent regional consultation process and then submit to the 22nd Council a proposal for extension of the terms of office of the Bureau members. In addition, a procedure is needed to ensure that all electoral groups remain represented in the IHP Bureau in case a vice-chairperson ceases to represent a State Member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office.

11. In order to present a proposal to the IHP Council at its 22nd session, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to proceed with internal consultations regarding proposed changes to the following articles and paragraphs of the IHP Statutes, with modifications marked here in bold for ease of identification, deletions presented with strikethrough and inclusions underlined:

II.1. The Council shall be composed of 36 Member States of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization elected by the General Conference at its ordinary sessions, taking due account of the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and appropriate rotation of the representatives of these States ~~from the hydrological viewpoint in the various continents~~ and of the importance of their scientific advice to Member States, in particular decision and policy-makers, and other stakeholders in order to contribute to the Programme.

~~II.3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the term of office of one half of the members designated at the first election shall expire at the close of the first ordinary session of the General Conference following the session at which they were elected. The names of these members shall be drawn by lot after the first election by the President of the General Conference, it being understood that the outgoing members shall be replaced by members belonging to the same regional group.~~

II.6. The persons appointed by the Member States as their representatives on the Council shall preferably be experts in the field covered by the Programme and chosen among those persons, preferably of equal gender balance, who are playing a major part in the implementation of the activities related to the Programme in the said Member States.

III.1.(a). guiding and supervising from the scientific and from the organizational point of view the implementation of the programme, including the allocation of its budget and relevant activities of the Field Regional Offices;

III.3. The Council shall make full use of facilities offered by the agreements or working arrangements between UNESCO, category 1 and 2 water-related Institutes and Centres, UNESCO Chairs, and other inter-governmental organizations ~~mentioned in Article VII, paragraph 2 below as decided by the Council.~~

VII.1. [At the beginning of its first session following (every second) a-session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect a chairperson and four vice-chairpersons. These, with the chairperson of the previous Bureau, who shall be an *ex-officio* member and will remain in office as vice-chairperson for an additional term, shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an

equitable geographical distribution. The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected. **If the chairperson ceases to represent a State Member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, he/she shall be replaced as defined in the Rules of Procedures of the Intergovernmental Council for the unexpired portion of the term of office.]**

VII.2.(a).fix, in consultation with the Secretariat, the dates **and locations** of the Sessions of the Council and of its committees and working groups, ~~in accordance with the general guidelines of the Council;~~

VII.2.(e).discharge all other duties which it may be assigned by the Council, **including the submission of proposals and reports to the Governing Bodies of UNESCO and to the Director-General.**

VIII.2. The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements, water-related Centres and Institutes under the auspices of UNESCO and of UNESCO Chairs, may send observers to Council sessions.

~~VIII.2. Representatives of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.~~

~~VIII.3. Representatives of the International Council of Scientific Unions, of its Committee on Water Research and of its affiliated International Association of the Hydrological Sciences and International Association of Hydrologists, of the International Association for Hydraulic Research, of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the International Commission of Large Dams and of the International Water Resources Association may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.~~

IX.4. The Secretariat shall assemble all proposals sent in by members of the Council, other Member States of UNESCO and the international organizations concerned, with regard to the formulation of **the strategic plans for the implementation of the IHP and of other** international initiatives under the Programme, and shall prepare them for examination by the Council. It shall maintain liaison with the National Committees referred to in Article III, paragraph 2 above, and inform them of the Council's recommendations. ~~IX.5.~~ In addition to the services which it renders to the Council, the Secretariat shall co-operate closely with the respective secretariats of the international governmental and non-governmental organizations mentioned in Article VIII, paragraphs 2 and 3, above; it shall for this purpose take part in inter-secretariat co-ordination meetings as necessary.

IX.5. The Secretariat shall report or coordinate the report of all UNESCO activities on water.

X.1. The international programmes of hydrological investigations recommended by the Council to Member States for concerted action on their part shall be financed by the participating Member States according to the commitments which each state is willing to make. The Council may, however make recommendations to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the other organizations mentioned in **the Rules of Procedures of the IHP Council Article VIII, paragraph 2, above**, concerning assistance to Member States for the development of hydrological research or

the implementation of some particular aspects of the Programme. If UNESCO and the said organizations accept such activities and if the Member States concerned signify their agreement, these organizations shall undertake to finance the related activities in accordance with the provisions of their respective constitutions and regulations.

X.3. Voluntary contributions may be accepted and established as **special accounts trust funds** in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and administered by the Director-General of that Organization. The Council shall make recommendations to the Director-General on the allocation of such contributions for international projects within the Programme.

XI.1. The Council shall submit reports on its activities to the General Conference of UNESCO at each of its ordinary sessions. These reports shall also be communicated to the other **international organizations mentioned designated in the Rules of Procedures of the Council Article VIII, paragraphs 2 and 3, above, and** to all National Committees, **Members and non-Members of the Intergovernmental Council** for the International Hydrological Programme, **water-related Centres under the auspices of UNESCO and UNESCO Chairs.**

12. In order to present a proposal to the IHP Council at its 22nd session, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to proceed with internal consultations regarding proposed changes to the following articles and paragraphs of the IHP Rules of Procedure, with modifications marked here in bold for ease of identification, deletions presented with strikethrough and inclusions underlined:

I.~~(2)~~**2.** Each State member of the Council shall notify the Secretariat of UNESCO of the names of the designated representatives as well as of the advisers and experts, **to extent possible at least one month before the beginning of each session.**

I.3. Each State member is encouraged to observe gender balance among its designated representatives in line with UNESCO's Gender Priority Gender Equality Action Plan.

~~II.(1) The first session of the Council shall be convened by the Director-General of UNESCO. The place and date of that session shall be communicated in advance to all interested Member States and organizations.~~

II.1.~~(2)~~**a.** ~~Other~~ The sessions of the Council shall be convened by the Secretariat of the Council in accordance with the instructions of the Bureau of the Council (hereinafter called "the Bureau").

II.1.~~(3)~~**b.** The Council shall normally meet at the Headquarters of UNESCO. It may meet elsewhere if so decided by a majority of the members, **of the Bureau, provided that it does not imply additional costs to the regular budget of UNESCO.**

~~III.(1) The provisional agenda of the first session of the Council shall be prepared by the Director-General of UNESCO.~~

III.2.~~(2)~~**1.a.** The provisional agenda of the **following** sessions of the Council shall be prepared by the Secretariat of the Council in consultation with the members of the Bureau.

III.2.1.~~(4)~~**c.** The provisional agenda shall be communicated at the same time to Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO which are not members of the Council, **as well as including but not limited to the United Nations, FAO, WHO, WMO, the IAEA and ICSU International Intergovernmental Organizations and Nongovernmental Organizations as listed in rule V.3.**

IV.5-1.(4)a. [Pending consultation as for statutes: At the beginning of its first session, following a session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect a chairperson and four vice-chairpersons. These, with the chairperson of the previous Bureau, who shall be an *ex-officio* member **remaining in office as Vice-Chairperson for his/her respective electoral group for one additional term**, shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution **and, to the extent possible, gender equality**. The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected. **If the chairperson ceases to represent a State Member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, he/she shall be replaced by a person nominated by the subsequent Council Member of the same region of the departing person, in alphabetical order of the country.**]

V.3. Observers: The council can decide to invite other actors as observers to all meetings of the Council, of its Committees and of its working groups, meaning that:

V.3.a. Representatives of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups. This includes particular actors under the above-stated organizations, UNESCO-IHE, the World Water Assessment Programme and UN-Water.

V.3.b. Representatives of the International Council for Science, of its Committee on Water Research and of its affiliated International Association of the Hydrological Sciences and International Association of Hydrologists, of the International Association for Hydraulic Research, of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the International Commission of Large Dams and of the International Water Resources Association, of the International Association of Academies of Sciences, of the International Hydropower Association, and of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.

VII.41-1. Working languages: English, French, Spanish and Russian (Arabic and Chinese) shall be the working languages of the Council.

VII.42-2. Use of other languages: Any representative may make a speech in a language other than the working languages currently in use for a particular session of the Council or of a Committee on the condition that he/she provides at least 1 hour before his/her presentation a text for the interpretation of his/her speech translated into one or other of the said working languages.

VIII.14-2. The working documents of each session of the Council shall, as a rule, be communicated to the members ~~one~~ two and a half months before the opening of each session, in the working languages of the Council as specified in the above-stated Rule VII.

X.48-2. The chairperson shall call upon speakers in the order in which they have expressed the desire to speak, starting with the Members of the Council and followed by the observers.

X.6. Each resolution will be discussed and adopted under the relevant agenda item.

XII.28.1. Special consultation by correspondence: Should the approval of the Council be required for measures of exceptional urgency and importance while the Council is not in session, the chairperson may, by means of the Secretariat, consult the members by correspondence **or electronic means**. The proposed measures shall be adopted if it is approved by two thirds of the members.

3.4 IHP-related extrabudgetary activities

13. A table of recently completed and ongoing IHP extrabudgetary activities and projects under the responsibility of the IHP Secretariat at UNESCO headquarters and field offices is presented in document IHP/Bur-XLII/6, with total financing of approximately 42 million USD. It was highlighted that the major donors to IHP are the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, Belgium, Brazil, Italy, Japan, Switzerland and more recently Sweden. This list does not consider contributions to water-related Institutes and Centres, nor significant in-kind contributions received by the Programme. There was consensus on the need to continue and expand fundraising efforts. Furthermore, it was recognized that the smooth implementation of extrabudgetary projects is crucial to the success of the IHP's work programme.

Consequently, the Bureau decided to ask the Senior Management, based on information to be provided by the Secretariat, to consider the current administrative procedures within UNESCO in order to facilitate the mobilization and implementation of extrabudgetary resources for projects and activities.

3.5 Report of the technical meeting of the IHP Bureau members

14. The Bureau adopted the report of the technical meeting of the members of the IHP Bureau held in Mérida, Mexico, 13-14 November 2014 as presented in reference document IHP/Bur/Technical-Meeting/2014/3 and as summarized in document IHP/Bur-LII/6.

3.6 Report of the IHP Finance Committee

15. The Chairperson of the IHP Finance Committee presented the Committee's preliminary report, outlining the budget scenarios for UNESCO in 38 C/5. In the 667 million USD scenario, IHP would be allocated 16 million USD, whereas in the 518 million USD it would be allocated 13.2 million USD. He explained that the second scenario was the most likely, noting however that the diminished IHP budget under this scenario would be greater than the current IHP expenditure plan under 37 C/5 (12.8 million USD). The Chairperson noted that while IHP had been recognized as a top priority of the Organization, with a corresponding "A rating" in the budget documents, the funding allocated to its activities in the expenditure plan for 2016-2017 had actually decreased while that of a programme with "C rating" had increased. He committed himself to follow-up on this point, to ensure consistency with the decisions of UNESCO's Governing Bodies.

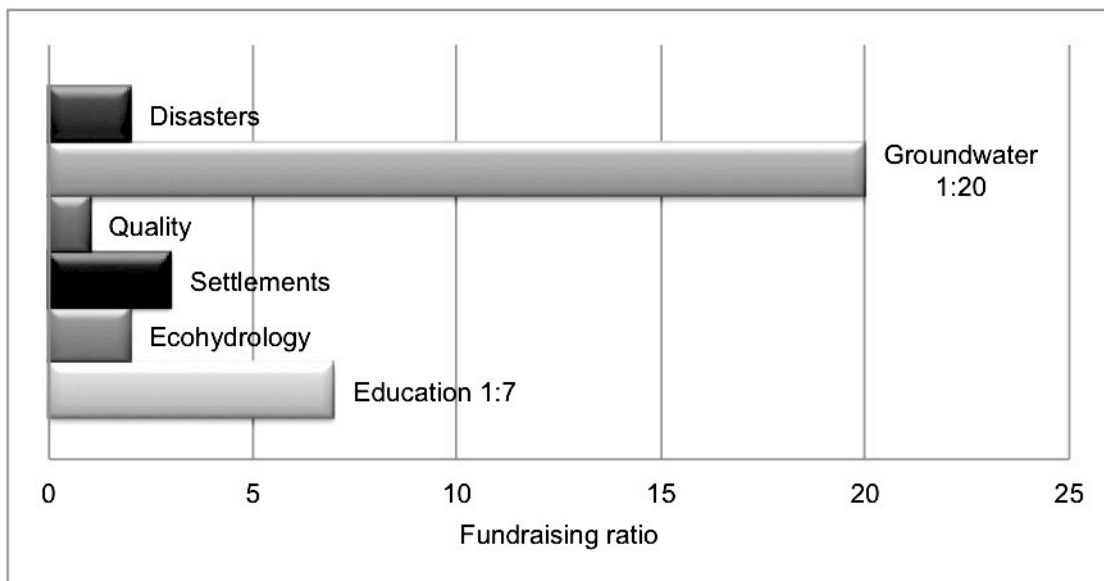


Figure 1: Report of the Chairperson of the IHP Finance Committee: Fundraising

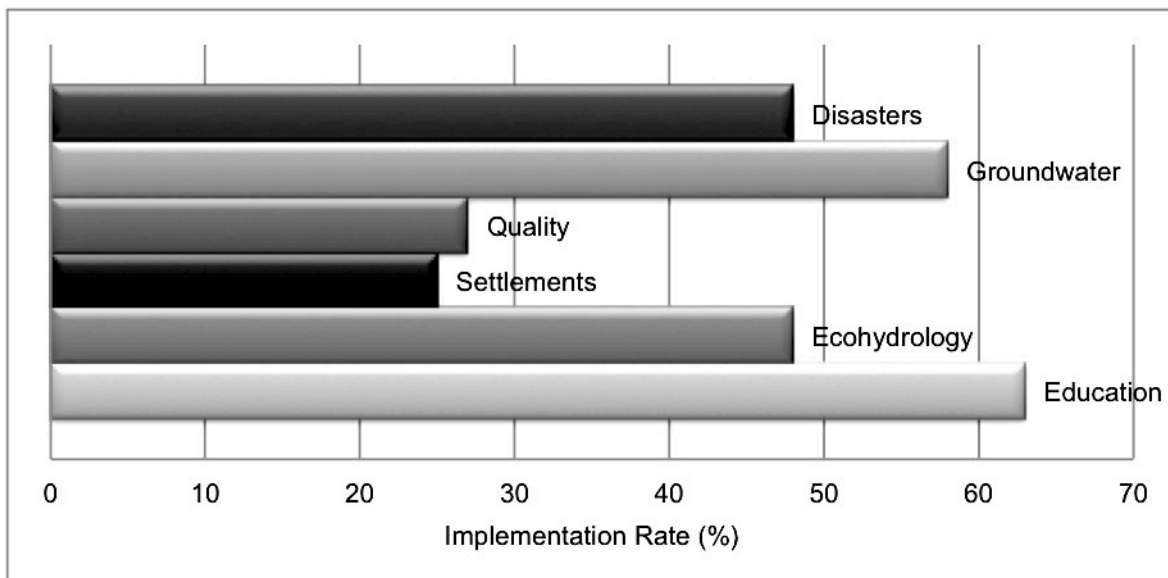


Figure 2: Report of the Chairperson of the IHP Finance Committee: Implementation rates

16. The Chairperson underlined a number of recent challenges in terms of financing activities and achieving programmatic goals, including: a) the inactivity of the ecohydrology theme due to budget constraints in the 36 C/5 biennium; b) the staffing difficulties identified in the external evaluation of the 7th Phase of IHP; c) difficulties in implementing the staffing recommendations from this evaluation, namely the recruitment of a fundraiser, of a communication officer and of a coordinator of the UNESCO Water Network. The Bureau decided to consult their region's Member States on providing funds for a communication officer for IHP, including the possibility of secondments, interns, and other support modalities and to report back on these proposals at the 22nd session of the IHP Council. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee further called upon Member States to mobilize their representatives at the Governing Bodies of UNESCO to support this endeavour in this process.

17. In terms of overall financing for African activities, a global priority for the Organization, the Chairperson observed that while this region received a significant portion

of the Organization's regular budget, it benefitted from relatively low extrabudgetary resources.

The Bureau decided to request a resolution to call on the IHP fundraiser to explore and implement ways in which IHP could attract higher levels of extrabudgetary resources for activities in Africa, and to report back on progress at the 22nd session of the IHP Council.

18. The Chairperson expressed concern about the implementation rates of the different thematic areas of the IHP, noting that only the themes on groundwater and water education had rates close to the 70% ideal target for this stage of the biennium.

19. Referring to the IHP's ability to leverage extrabudgetary resources, the Chairperson indicated that for IHP as a whole, the average ratio of extrabudgetary funds to regular budget was 6:1, whereas some thematic areas achieved ratios of 7:1 (Water Education) and up to 20:1 (Groundwater). He recognized specifically the extraordinary accomplishment of the Chief of the Section on Groundwater Systems and Settlements and of her team, and expressed his hope that these successes could be replicated throughout the IHP.

20. The Chairperson also shared his analysis of the operation of the UNESCO Water Family, notably in relation to the water-related Centres and Chairs and the corresponding level of effort required from the Secretariat in terms of time and resources.

It was proposed that the Chairperson of IHP encourages the members of UNESCO's Executive Board to ensure at its 197th Session the appropriate allocation of staff time and financial resources for the coordination of water-related category 2 centres and water-related UNESCO chairs.

21. The Vice-Chairperson from Region I supported the aforementioned proposal of the Chairperson (cf. para. 21) and suggested to adopt it. Concerning the reporting to Council and Bureau (cf. para. 17), the Bureau decided that the Secretariat should establish a fund-raising strategy to acquire external funding for the eighth phase of IHP as a whole. Regarding extrabudgetary funds he also complimented the Chief of Section SC/HYD/GSS on her successful fundraising efforts. He suggested that regarding fundraising efforts, it would be useful to compare IHP with other intergovernmental UNESCO programmes instead of comparing Sections of IHP with one another. He also agreed to the call for strengthening efforts to coordinate water family activities. The Bureau decided to ask Member States to play a stronger role in the coordination effort.

22. The observer from Turkey agreed to the proposal by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee that, deliberations in regional groups should be held about IHP's financial situation so that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons would report back to the Bureau or Intergovernmental Council.

23. The Secretary of IHP thanked for the valuable support from the Finance Committee and the Member States' support in UNESCO's governing bodies since IHP was attributed the Organization's highest priority (rating A) of the Science Sector. The Secretariat explained that concerning the funding for the thematic area of ecohydrology in 2014-2015, the Meeting of the Working Group on the IHP-VIII implementation in Nairobi in 2013 decided to allocate the same amounts to all themes, also in consideration of the fact that during the previous biennium no funds were available for activities within all themes. Regarding the current implementation rate of SC/HYD in this biennium, averaging at 60%, the Secretariat explained that this is partially due to the fact that the allocations were received late in the year 2014.

24. Regarding the fund-raising success of SC/HYD/GSS, the Secretary of IHP mentioned that the GEF IW-Learn Coordinating Unit will be located in UNESCO Natural

Science Sector, aiming to support all thematic areas of IHP. Regarding the improved Category 2 Centres, the Secretariat reported that there has been a major improvement in networking with Chairs and Centres, including a meeting sponsored by Germany in 2014 and a second one which will be sponsored by Turkey at the end of this year. The Secretariat furthermore informed the Bureau that discussions on the financing of Category 2 Centres are taking place within UNESCO, notably the cost recovery policy to be put in place (such as the recovery of funds to carry out feasibility studies and to prepare all the related documents), which not all Member States agree with, notably among LDCs.

3.7 Report of the IHP Communication and Outreach Committee

25. The Dutch member of the Outreach and Communication Committee presented aspects of the report on behalf of the Chairperson from China. The next steps proposed are: an action-oriented communication plan, core funding to support communication activities made available by the Secretariat, a dedicated professional communication specialist on a full-time basis at the Secretariat, and a user friendly IHP website.

26. The Bureau took note of the report of the IHP Communication and Outreach Committee and congratulated its members for the concise document (IHP/Bur-LII/Ref.1). The Bureau proposed that the chairperson of the Committee presents the proposals of the Committee to the IHP Council and recommended that the members of the IHP Council look into options to second a communication expert to the IHP Secretariat. The Bureau will encourage the National Committees in their respective regions to further strengthen the communication of the results of the IHP programmes to a wider audience.

27. The terms of reference developed by the IHP Secretariat will be made available to the Bureau members. The Bureau decides to re-launch periodic information messages to Member States and organize informal information meetings with Delegations to update on IHP activities and involvement, particularly in the post-2015 process. The Bureau also decided to make use of large international water events to strengthen connections among the UNESCO Water Family, by asking the Secretariat to inform the UNESCO Water Family of IHP activities at the specific events, hosting informal networking meetings, and compiling and sharing where possible a list of UNESCO Water Family members present.

3.8 The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the UNESCO water programmes

28. The Secretariat presented the list of worldwide events and publications to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UNESCO Water Programmes, and asked for support of the Bureau and observers, mentioning the possibility for the IHP National Committees to add events to the IHP website.

29. The observer from Mexico highlighted the activities they organized in support of the anniversary, in particular during the 7th World Water Forum and the release of a special anniversary postal stamp. It was suggested that other countries might follow the example of Mexico and release a similar stamp of their own.

30. The Secretariat announced a new IHP book documenting the Organization's achievements in the field of water as a contribution to the celebrations. With more than seventy authors, the book will be released during a special event and made available online with promotion on social media, first in English and later in Spanish and French. The extensive material gathered for this publication, including images and documents provided primarily by IHP National Committees, will be available also as an interactive file freely available online in accordance with UNESCO's open access policy. The Secretariat thanked the Government of Mexico, CONAGUA and ANEAS for their support for this book. The

observer from Mexico raised the possibility of making this publication available in additional languages with the support of Member States. The Vice-Chairperson of Group I asked how this publication would be aligned with the global communication strategy of IHP, and the rapporteur of the IHP Communication and Outreach Committee responded that the book would be used as part of its communication strategy, provided that adequate human resources are secured.

The Vice-Chairperson of Group II added that the Secretariat and Bureau Members should make contacts to explore the possibility of making the book available in Russian, Chinese and Arabic.

31. The Secretariat further informed the Bureau about the project “50 years, 50 movies” that includes a series of film screenings and exhibitions linked to the IHP. The Secretariat noted that a detailed list of the screening will be made available and invited Member States to contribute with additional movies related with IHP. The Secretariat also reiterated the importance of highlighting the 50th anniversary during the upcoming 38th session of UNESCO’s General Conference.

4. PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Implementation of the eighth phase of IHP (IHP-VIII)

32. The Bureau took note of the report of the implementation of the eighth phase of IHP and encouraged its further implementation.

4.2 Regional perspectives on IHP

33. The Vice-Chairperson of Group I presented the regional perspectives for Europe and North America. In this group, water issues are addressed according to two priority areas: the improvement of scientific infrastructure and the development of integrated data exchanging and networking in joint assessment of water resources.

34. The regional perspective of Group II, Eastern Europe, was presented by the respective Vice-Chairperson. Mostly composed of countries with economies in transition, he noted that this region is often exposed to tremendous damage caused by floods. In this regard, he recalled the importance of strengthening institutional capacities by taking into account diverse factors, in particular the safety of the society and the protection of the environment.

35. The Chairperson presented the perspectives for Group III, Latin America and the Caribbean, highlighting priority areas, particularly the need for efficient management of hydrological resources and climate change adaptation.

36. The Vice-Chairperson for Group IV, Asia and the Pacific, noted that diversity and complexity are key features of the region from the hydrological, governance and economic perspectives. He emphasized that IHP, as a global family, can address water challenges by fostering the implementation of existing solutions based on scientific knowledge.

37. The perspectives related to Africa were presented by the Vice-Chairperson for Group Va, who pointed out in particular the regional need to strengthen water governance, adapt to climate change, foster water education and strengthen capacities.

38. Finally, the Vice-Chairperson for Group Vb presented the current status on Arab States and stressed the complex regional hydro-politics, the extreme aridity of the region and the maximization of non-conventional sources for water.

4.3 Report on the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted at the 21th session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council

39. The Bureau took note of the report on the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted at the 21st session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council. In response to a question of the Vice-Chairperson of Group I regarding Resolution XXI-8 on Reviewing and Monitoring of IHP's Programmes, the Secretariat clarified that the IHP programmes and initiatives are linked to specific IHP-VIII themes, and as such are planned, monitored and evaluated as part of UNESCO procedures for these purposes. The Vice-Chairperson of Group I requested the Secretariat to make the information clear and available. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to propose a procedure to simplify the process of establishing and renewing water-related category 2 centres.

4.4 Follow-up to the external evaluation of IHP-VII

40. The Secretary of IHP summarized seven recommendations of the external evaluation of IHP-VII and cited examples of their implementation by the Secretariat as reported in document IHP/Bur-LII/7. The Bureau took note and encouraged the implementation of the recommendations.

4.5 Cooperation with other UNESCO programmes

41. The Bureau took note of the report on the Cooperation with other UNESCO programmes and encouraged further cooperation.

5. UNESCO'S WATER NETWORK

5.1 Status of the UNESCO water network

42. The Vice-Chairperson of Region IV inquired about the proposals of six centres that had been approved at the 21st session of the IHP Council. The Secretariat informed that the feasibility studies of these centres are required. The representative from the observer from the Permanent Delegation of Ethiopia thanked the IHP Secretariat for its assistance to his country's efforts to establish a new centre in Ethiopia, and informed the Bureau that his government is committed to undertaking the feasibility study and had dedicated financial resources for this purpose. The IHP Secretariat will help to facilitate this feasibility in accordance with UNESCO rules and procedures. The Secretariat also informed the Bureau that the official deadline for submission of feasibility studies for category 2 centres for consideration at the 38th session of the General Conference is 15 July 2015.

43. The Vice-Chairperson of Region I requested the IHP Secretariat to assist Member States in ensuring that these proposals for category 2 centres are considered at the upcoming General Conference. On a related note, he also proposed that the IHP Secretariat document the challenges faced by Member States in the preparation of their agreements with UNESCO for the establishment of category 2 centres, so that the General Conference can be made aware of eventual challenges. In response to these propositions, the Chairperson asked the IHP Secretariat to prepare a guidance document with a simple overview of the strategy for establishing category 2 centres, indicating the specific elements required for consideration by the General Conference.

44. The Bureau decided to officially adopt the term “UNESCO Water Family” in reference to IHP, including its National Committees, WWAP, UNESCO-IHE, water-related category 2 centres and water-related UNESCO Chairs.

5.2 Operation of the UNESCO water network

45. The IHP Secretariat summarized the UNESCO Water Family meeting hosted by Germany in 2014 and announced that Turkey proposed to work with the Secretariat to organize a similar meeting in 2015. The Secretariat thanked Turkey for its proposal and informed about its work with the Permanent Delegation of Turkey on the preparations for the proposed meeting, which could also include water-related Chairs and experts from IHP national committees.

5.3 UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (category 1)

46. The Vice-Rector and Officer-in-Charge of UNESCO-IHE, Mr Stefan Uhlenbrook, presented recent achievements of the Institute with respect to education and capacity building. He highlighted the fact that the recruitment of Rector is not finalized and expressed his hope that this position would be filled soon. The Bureau inquired about whether there has been any progress on strengthening cooperation between UNESCO-IHE and IHP as a follow up to the 2014 meeting of the Chairpersons of IHP and of the Governing Board of UNESCO-IHE, with the participation of the IHP Secretariat and senior staff of UNESCO-IHE. The Vice-Rector stated that his colleagues have assessed over two hundred master theses and their link to the themes of IHP-VIII, concluding that about 75% of the theses contribute closely to the current phase of IHP. A similar proportion was reported for PhD theses. The IHP Secretariat informed the Bureau that it is consulting with Legal Affairs about how to make possible the use of the IHP logo on the cover page of UNESCO-IHE theses, as desired by both parties. Furthermore, UNESCO-IHE is working very closely with IHP in co-organizing various events and activities, including at the 7th World Water Forum, the Stockholm Water Week, contributions to the World Water Development and providing scientific expertise as Member of the Steering Committee of the Eco-Hydrology Programme. The Officer-in-Charge further informed that academic staff of the Institute has expressed a wish to better understand the IHP's activities and would welcome the opportunity to explore reinforced cooperation with IHP staff and network.

5.4 Proposed centres under the auspices of UNESCO

47. The Chairperson drew the Bureau's attention to the proposal for the establishment of a category 2 Regional Centre on Water Security, in Mexico, and recalled that this proposal was discussed in detail at the technical meeting of the members of the IHP Bureau (November 2014).

The Bureau decided to recommend the proposal for the establishment of a Regional Centre on Water Security in Mexico for the consideration of the IHP Council.

5.5 World Water Assessment Programme

48. Mr Engin Koncagul, representing the Secretariat of the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), thanked the Italian Government for their ongoing financial support to the WWAP Secretariat since 2007 and reported on a number of issues. He highlighted that WWAP is a UNESCO programme and an integral part of the Division of Water Sciences. While its Secretariat is based in Perugia, Italy, the collaboration with IHP and critical contact with UNESCO's higher management is strengthened through a WWAP staff who is based in UNESCO headquarters as the liaison person. The World Water Development Report

(WWDR) series is recognized as the flagship publication of the UN system and most authoritative report of UNESCO on world freshwater resources assessment. He further noted that the financial and strategic challenges that WWAP have faced have been resolved thanks to the leadership provided by UNESCO and with the support of the UNESCO-IHP. The WWAP representative also highlighted that WWAP constantly seeks complementary funds to extend its portfolio of activities above and beyond of the preparation of the World Water Development Report. Revised Profiles of WWAP Programme Components will be distributed through IHP's network to initiate a meaningful dialogue with the Permanent Delegations of UNESCO member states to explore potential funding and sponsorship possibilities. The Secretary of UNESCO-IHP added that the external evaluation on WWAP is ongoing and that information will be provided to the Bureau and Council.

49. The Vice-Chairperson of Region Va stressed that evaluation of the state of water resources in his region is important and inquired about the role that WWAP can play. In response, the representative of WWAP stated that the Programme can provide advice and facilitate establishment of a national platform through which issues can be discussed among relevant stakeholders and gaps in capacity can be identified.

50. The Vice-Chairperson of Group I asked about the impact of change in triennial to annual periodicity of WWDRs. The representative of WWAP replied that the main benefit of this change has been the increased visibility of UNESCO and WWAP. In fact, WWDR has become the most downloaded UNESCO report among UNESCO publications. However, the workload for WWAP has considerably increased straining the limited financial and human resources capacity of the Secretariat.

5.6 Proposed IHP Panel for Water Future and Sustainability¹

51. The general concept for creation of an Intergovernmental Panel on Water was proposed by the President of Mexico in the framework of the 69th session of the UNGA with the aims of ensuring that water is fully considered at the highest possible level on the international agenda, that links between science and policy are strengthened in the area of water management, and that the role of water is systematically accounted for in other relevant international initiatives.

52. The Chairperson and the observers from Mexico asked for the Bureau's support of this proposal and underlined the commitment of the government of Mexico to create the panel and ensure its initial financing as well as lead efforts in the search for a sustainable funding mechanisms for its operation.

53. The Secretary of IHP reminded the Bureau that as a first step, the proposal could be submitted to the IHP Council and then to necessary bodies, based on the decision taken at the Council.

54. The Bureau discussed the proposal. The observer from Turkey asked for time for Region I to conduct an internal consultation on this matter. Other regions, including the Vice-Chairpersons of Region IV and Vb expressed that the proposal was a desirable initiative, but required further consultation and receive input from the regions utilizing draft proposals in the UN languages.

55. The Chairperson summarized the consensus that each region will carry out, with the support of the Secretariat, electronic consultations on the creation of an intergovernmental Panel on Water within their regions within 90 days, after which a meeting will take place to

¹ The revised title is "Intergovernmental Panel on Water"

exchange prior to the 53rd session of the Bureau. The Chairperson requested the Secretariat to help the Vice-chairpersons in organizing these consultations.

56. The Bureau welcomed the proposal of Mexico and recognizes the need for an intergovernmental Panel on Water. The Bureau also invites the international water community to continue consultations with Member States and work in support of this initiative.

6. RELATION WITH UNITED NATIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

6.1 Cooperation with UN System on freshwater issues

57. The Bureau took note of the report about cooperation of the IHP with UN System, including the invitation extended to IHP by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for new collaboration. As reported by the Secretariat, WMO's Commission for Hydrology at its Fourteenth session in 2012 decided to invite IHP to establish a joint task force to prepare a Basic Instruction Package (BIP) and competency standards for hydrology technicians. The IHP/WMO Technical Liaison Committee held on 10 December 2014 in Paris agreed to establish such a task force. The composition of the task force was agreed by WMO and IHP, and includes members from different regions, with both operational and academic backgrounds, as well as representatives from IAHS and IAHR. The first meeting of the task force was held at WMO Geneva from 6 to 8 May 2015. The Bureau noted with appreciation this collaboration with WMO.

6.2 Cooperation with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

58. The Bureau took note of the relevant sections on intergovernmental and non-governmental organization as reported in document IHP/Bur-LII/9.

6.3 IHP contribution to UN World Water Development Report

59. The Bureau took note of the relevant section on UNESCO's contribution to the UN World Water Development Report as reported in document IHP/Bur-LII/9.

6.4 IHP's role in the post-2015 Development Agenda

60. The Bureau took note of the relevant section report on the IHP's role in the post-2015 development agenda as reported in document IHP/Bur-LII/9. The Vice-Chairperson of Group 1 suggested that the Bureau may need to consider having in-depth discussions on the post-2015 development agenda and in particular the possibility to cooperate with WMO on monitoring post-2015 SDGs targets. It was also proposed to appoint a focal point among the Bureau members to represent the IHP Bureau in the relevant meetings. The observers from Turkey and the Netherlands suggested that the Secretariat provide regular updates and informal briefing notes, such as a monthly newsletter on the post-2015 development agenda and other IHP activities to the Permanent Delegations and Member States.

The Bureau members agreed that the Secretariat provide a monthly newsletter and/or regular informal meetings on the post-2015 development agenda and SDGs to IHP National Committees, as well as during international water events.

6.5 IHP's role in the International Decade for Action – Water for Life (2005-2015)

61. The Bureau took note of the relevant section on the International Decade in document IHP/Bur-LII/9.

6.6 IHP's role in UNFCCC COP21

62. The IHP Secretariat outlined the IHP initiatives and activities that will be organized as contributions to the COP21, including two freshwater sessions during the International Science Conference (July 2015) in partnership with WMO, IAHS and others. Furthermore the Secretariat is planning to organize an exhibition on Climate Change Impacts on Mountain and Water Resources in partnership with the MAB Programme and providing a contribution to the UN WATER side event and to organize a side event on Megacities.

63. The Chairperson informed the Bureau about the importance of the COP21 and about his meeting with the French organizing team of COP21 (name to be confirmed). The Chairperson further emphasized that water should be included in the main agenda and IHP should play an important role in this process. The Bureau took note with appreciation.

6.7 IHP's role in the 7th World Water Forum

64. The Bureau expressed appreciation with the significant contributions of IHP and of other members of the UNESCO water network to the 7th World Water Forum.

7. PREPARATORY ACTIONS FOR THE 22ND SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF IHP

65. The Bureau agreed that the 22nd session of the IHP Council will take place over a four day period, from 14 to 17 June 2016.

8. OTHER MATTERS

66. The Bureau asked the Secretariat to request Senior Management for authorization to directly send IHP documents to Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and to report to the 22nd IHP Council on the response.

67. The Bureau asked the IHP Secretariat to include in the final Bureau reports a separate list of decisions and action items, extracted from the report.

68. The Chairperson proposed to organize a meeting of the IHP Bureau, as a technical meeting or if logistically possible as a formal session, in Mexico before the next session of the General Conference. The Bureau accepted this invitation with appreciation.

69. The Secretary of IHP noted the need to further involve and revitalize the IHP National Committees and asked the help of the Bureau for this purpose. The Chairperson agreed and asked the Secretariat to provide a comprehensive list of points to be addressed during the IHP regional meetings.

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

70. The Bureau and observers reviewed and commented the draft report. The Bureau subsequently adopted the revised report, which addressed the comments by its members.

10. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

71. The Chairperson thanked the Bureau, the observers and the Secretariat for the productive session and expressed his gratitude to the Permanent Delegate of Mexico to UNESCO. He closed the 52nd session of the IHP Bureau at 19:05 on 2 June 2015.

ANNEX I
DECISIONS

Sub-item and paragraph number	Decision taken / Actions required
Sub-item 3.1 (para. 6)	The Bureau requested the Senior Management of UNESCO to swiftly act upon the relevant recruitments and to ensure the appropriate level (doctoral) and type of qualifications of the professional staff at the secretariat and in the IHP field network.
Sub-item 3.2 (para. 7)	The Bureau asked the Secretariat to plan for Council and Bureau sessions in a way that all relevant issues are accomplished satisfactorily, including, if justified, modifying the duration of the sessions.
Sub-item 3.2 (para. 8)	The Bureau recommended the Council to adopt this procedure.
Sub-item 3.3 (para. 10)	The Bureau asked the Secretariat to ensure a consistent regional consultation process and then submit to the 22 nd Council a proposal for extension of the terms of office of the Bureau members. In addition, a procedure is needed to ensure that all electoral groups remain represented in the IHP Bureau in case a vice-chairperson ceases to represent a State Member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office.
Sub-item 3.3 (para. 11)	In order to present a proposal to the IHP Council at its 22nd session, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to proceed with internal consultations regarding proposed changes to the following articles and paragraphs of the IHP Statutes, with modifications marked here in bold for ease of identification, deletions presented with strikethrough and inclusions underlined: (...).
Sub-item 3.3 (para. 12)	In order to present a proposal to the IHP Council at its 22nd session, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to proceed with internal consultations regarding proposed changes to the following articles and paragraphs of the IHP Rules of Procedure, with modifications marked here in bold for ease of identification, deletions presented with strikethrough and inclusions underlined: (...).
Sub-item 3.4 (para. 13)	The Bureau decided to ask the Senior Management, based on information to be provided by the Secretariat, to consider the current administrative procedures within UNESCO in order to facilitate the mobilization and implementation of extrabudgetary resources for projects and activities.
Sub-item 3.6 (para. 16)	The Bureau decided to consult their region's Member States on providing funds for a communication officer for IHP, including the possibility of secondments, interns, and other support modalities and to report back on these proposals at the 22nd session of the IHP Council. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee further called upon Member States to mobilize their representatives at the Governing Bodies of UNESCO to support his endeavour in this process.
Sub-item 3.6 (para. 17)	The Bureau decided to request a resolution to call on the IHP fundraiser to explore and implement ways in which IHP could attract higher levels of extrabudgetary resources to activities in Africa, and to report back on progress at the 22nd session of the IHP Council.
Sub-item 3.6 (para. 20)	It was proposed that the Chairperson of IHP encourages the members of UNESCO's Executive Board to ensure at its 197th Session the appropriate allocation of staff time and financial resources for the coordination of water-related category 2 centres and water-related UNESCO chairs.

Sub-item 3.6 (para. 21)	<p>The Bureau decided that the Secretariat should establish a fund-raising strategy to acquire external funding for the eighth phase of IHP as a whole.</p> <p>(...)The Bureau decided to ask Member States to play a stronger role in the coordination effort.</p>
Sub-item 3.7 (para. 26)	<p>The Bureau proposed that the chairperson of the Committee presents the proposals of the Committee to the IHP Council and recommends that the members of the IHP Council look into options to second a communication expert to the IHP Secretariat.</p> <p>The Bureau will encourage the National Committees in their respective regions to further strengthen the communication of the results of the IHP programmes to a wider audience.</p>
Sub-item 3.7 (para. 27)	<p>The terms of reference developed by the IHP Secretariat will be made available to the Bureau members. The Bureau decides to re-launch periodic information messages to Member States and organize informal information meetings with Delegations to update on IHP activities and involvement, particularly in the post-2015 process. The Bureau also decided to make use of large international water event to strengthen connections among the UNESCO Water Family, by asking the Secretariat to inform the UNESCO Water Family of IHP activities at the specific events, hosting informal networking meetings, and compiling and sharing where possible a list of UNESCO Water Family members present.</p>
Sub-item 3.8 (para. 29)	<p>It was suggested that other countries might follow the example of Mexico and release a similar stamp of their own.</p>
Sub-item 3.8 (para. 30)	<p>The Vice-Chairperson of Group II added that the Secretariat and the Bureau Members should make contacts to explore the possibility of making the book available in Russian, Chinese and Arabic.</p>
Sub-item 4.3 (para. 39)	<p>The Bureau requested the Secretariat to propose a procedure to simplify the process of establishing and renewing water-related category 2 centres.</p>
Sub-item 5.1 (para. 41)	<p>The representative from the observer from the Permanent Delegation of Ethiopia thanked the IHP Secretariat for its assistance to his country's efforts to establish a new centre in Ethiopia, and informed the Bureau that his government is committed to undertaking the feasibility study and had dedicated financial resources for this purpose. The IHP Secretariat will help to facilitate this feasibility in accordance with UNESCO rules and procedures.</p>
Sub-item 5.1 (para. 43)	<p>The Chairperson asked the IHP Secretariat to prepare a guidance document with a simple overview of the strategy for establishing category 2 centres, indicating the specific elements required for consideration by the General Conference.</p>
Sub-item 5.1 (para. 44)	<p>The Bureau decided to officially adopt the term "UNESCO Water Family" in reference to IHP, including its National Committees, WWAP, UNESCO-IHE, water-related category 2 centres and water-related UNESCO Chairs.</p>
Sub-item 5.4 (para. 47)	<p>The Bureau decided to recommend the proposal for the establishment of a Regional Centre on Water Security in Mexico for the consideration of the IHP Council.</p>
Sub-item 5.6 (para. 55)	<p>The Chairperson summarized the consensus that each region will carry out, with the support of the Secretariat, electronic consultations on the creation of an intergovernmental Panel on Water within their regions within 90 days, after which a meeting will take place to exchange prior to the 53rd session of the Bureau. The Chairperson requested the Secretariat to help the Vice-chairpersons in organizing these consultations.</p>

Sub-item 6.4 (para. 60)	The Bureau members agreed that the Secretariat provide a monthly newsletter and/or regular informal meetings on the post-2015 development agenda and SDGs to IHP National Committees, as well as during international water events.
Item 7 (para. 65)	The Bureau agreed that the 22nd session of the IHP Council will take place over a four day period, from 14 to 17 June 2016.
Item 8 (para. 66)	The Bureau asked the Secretariat to request Senior Management for authorization to directly send IHP documents to Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and to report to the 22 nd IHP Council on the response.
Item 8 (para. 67)	The Bureau asked the IHP Secretariat to include in the final Bureau reports a separate list of decisions and action items, extracted from the report.
Item 8 (para. 68)	The Chairperson proposed to organize a meeting of the IHP Bureau, as a technical meeting or if logistically possible as a formal session, in Mexico before the next session of the General Conference. The Bureau accepted this invitation with appreciation.
Item 8 (para. 69)	The Chairperson agreed and asked the Secretariat to provide a comprehensive list of points to be addressed during the IHP regional meetings.

ANNEX II

AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the agenda
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 - 3.1 Developments at the Natural Sciences Sector and the Division of Water Sciences following the 195th and 196th sessions of the Executive Board, including the preparations for the Programme and Budget for 2016-2017 (38 C/5)
 - 3.2 Audit of the governance of IHP
 - 3.3 Proposal for the update of the IHP Statutes and of the Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council
 - 3.4 IHP-related extrabudgetary activities
 - 3.5 Report of the technical meeting of the IHP Bureau members
 - 3.6 Report of the IHP Finance Committee
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 - 3.8 The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the UNESCO water programmes
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- 7. Preparatory actions for the 22nd Session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP
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- 9. Adoption of the report
- 10. Closure of the session

ANNEX III

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ANNEX V

LIST OF ACRONYMS AND SPECIAL TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

ACC-SWR	Administrative Committee on Coordination - Subcommittee on Water Resources
ADG/SC	Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences
ANEAS	Asociación Nacional de Empresas de Agua y Saneamiento de México (National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico)
ARCE	African Regional Centre for Ecohydrology
CLEQM	Central Laboratory For Environmental Monitoring (of Egypt)
CONAGUA	Comisión Nacional del Agua (National Water Commission of Mexico)
COP	Conference of the Parties
FRIEND	Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data Sets
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GEMS	Global Environment Monitoring System
GGMN	Global Groundwater Monitoring Network
HELP	Hydrology for the Environment, Life and Policy
HidroEX	HidroEX International Centre for Education, Capacity Building and Applied Research in Water
HQ	Headquarters
IAH	International Association of Hydrogeologists
IAHR	International Association for Hydro-Environmental Engineering and Research
IAHS	International Association of Hydrological Sciences
ICIWaRM	International Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management
IGC	Intergovernmental Council
IGCP	International Geoscience Programme
IHD	International Hydrological Decade
IHP	International Hydrological Programme
IHP-VII	Seventh Phase of the International Hydrological Programme (2008-2013)
IHP-VIII	Eighth Phase of the International Hydrological Programme (2014-2019)
IMTA	Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua (Mexican Institute of Water Technology)
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

ISARM	International Shared Aquifer Resource Management Initiative
ISDR	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
IYWC	International Year of Water Cooperation 2013
KISR	Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research
K-Water	Korean Water Resources Corporation
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
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MAB	Man and the Biosphere Programme
MLA	Main line of action
NGO	Non-governmental organization
PCCP	From Potential Conflict to Cooperation Potential programme
RTI	Radar Technologies International
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SISTER	System of Information on Strategies, Tasks and the Evaluation of Results
TOR	Terms of reference
UN	United Nations
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNESCO-IHE	UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WWAP	UN World Water Assessment Programme
WWDR	World Water Development Report