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REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE 22ND SESSION OF THE IHP INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL

Item 5 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 23rd 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.

Resolution XXII-1: “Proposal for a procedure to update the IHP statutes and the rules of procedure of the IHP Council”	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Requests the IHP Secretariat to carry out a consultation process with all the IHP National Committees and UNESCO Member States following that the Bureau is to review the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council and to present proposals to the 23rd Session of the IHP Council regarding the areas of the Statutes, which should be updated to improve the functioning of the IHP Council and its Bureau;</p> <p>Requests the IHP Bureau to consult closely with their electoral groups and all IHP National Committees and Focal Points in developing their proposals so as to ensure a wide range of opinions are taken into account;</p> <p>Asks that this process also includes an update and review of the procedures, working methods and statutes, as well as a clarification on the interpretation of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure regarding, among others: 1) whether members of the IHP Bureau are elected in personal capacity or as representatives of Member States, and 2) to propose scenarios that could ensure that all regions are represented in a specific IHP Bureau session if a Bureau member is unable to attend;</p> <p>Requests the assistance of the IHP Secretariat to prepare the necessary documentation to be submitted at least three months prior to the 23rd</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A consultation process inviting Member States to send their consolidated comments and suggestions on how to update and improve the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council took place from 1 August 2016 to 31 December 2016. At the closing of the consultations, three regional responses were received from Regions I, Va and Vb. Additional to the group response of Region I, that represents 27 countries, five individual responses from Member States were received. Similarly in Region Va (47 countries) and Vb (19 countries), one individual response per region was received. Five (5) responses were received from Group II, three (3) from Group III and four (4) from Group IV. 2. On the question on whether Bureau Members should be elected in their personal capacity or as representatives of their respective countries, Member States expressed a clear preference that Bureau members be elected as country representatives. UNESCO’s Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs has confirmed that this practice is compliant with the Organization’s Rules and Regulations. (cf. IHP/IC-XXIII 6, sub-item 4.3) 3. On examining scenarios to ensure that all regions are represented in a specific IHP Bureau session if a Bureau member is unable to attend, Member States clearly requested that the replacement should be from the same country. 4. The Secretariat, following a related decision of the 56th session of the IHP Bureau (February 2018) facilitated the discussions of a Working Group consisting of Permanent Delegations of the Member States represented in the IHP Bureau,

<p>session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council, so that the proposed revisions of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure can be discussed and decided upon at the meeting.</p>	<p>aiming to synthesize the input received from the Member States along with results of the work of the open-ended working group on governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO (established by the General Conference at its 18th session as per 38 C/Resolution 101), preparing two documents for 23rd session of the Intergovernmental Council debate and decision (IHP/IC-XXIII/Ref. 1).</p>
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<p align="center">Resolution XXII-2: “Financing of the International Hydrological Programme”</p>	
<p>TEXT OF THE REQUEST</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN</p>
<p>Requests the IHP Secretariat to provide to the future IHP Council sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. updated versions of the IHP Implementation Matrix, based on inputs to be provided by the UNESCO Water Family ii. a comprehensive financing plan showing how the updated IHP Implementation Matrix is financed iii. a comprehensive overview, as in Table 1 of document IHP/IC-XXII/6, of how IHP’s activities are financed from both Regular Budget and Extrabudgetary resources, including an analysis of the financial needs of underfunded themes and a fundraising proposal to accommodate those needs. 	<p>The update of the IHP Implementation Matrix was completed for the year 2017, showing a comprehensive overview of funds allocation per MLA, ERs and IHP Themes, together with the corresponding extrabudgetary funds allocated for each IHP Theme. Working document IHP/IC-XIII/6 provides an overview of the 2016-2017 financial situation and the allocations corresponding to the current biennium 2018-2019.</p>

Resolution XXII-3: “Implementation of the proposed IHP communication and outreach strategy”	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Requests the IHP Secretariat to further strengthen the implementation of the most important outreach and communication activities, such as updating the IHP website and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. to send, at least on a quarterly basis, an update on relevant activities of the UNESCO Water Family to its network, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. to prepare, jointly with the Committee, reviewed and updated Terms of Reference for the Committee and present them to the 23rd session of IHP Council; [...]</p> <p>Requests the IHP Secretariat to consult with UNESCO Water Family in order to improve IHP’s visibility, to appropriately reflect on its holistic and important role in the whole matter of water</p>	<p>The Secretariat acted upon the Council’s requests and continued the implementation of the Communication and Outreach Strategy as reported in IHP/IC-XIII/Inf.1 on Institutional developments at UNESCO, under sub-item 4.7.</p>

<u>Resolution XXII-4: “Implementation of the initiative Groundwater Governance: A global framework for action”</u>	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Requests the IHP Secretariat to support and provide technical assistance to Members States interested in using the project tools to improve their groundwater governance</p>	<p>1. As a follow up of this Resolution, the IHP organized regional expert meetings to identify and agree upon the process to be used for the implementation of the tools developed. The first working meeting was organized in Montevideo, Uruguay in June 2017 in partnership with the Regional Center for Groundwater Management (Category 2 Centre CeReGAS). Official representatives from LAC countries identified possible pilot aquifers in which the guidelines produced by the project can be applied and the preparation of a project proposal to GEF was discussed. In the Arab region, an Expert meeting held in Manama, Bahrain in October 2017</p>

	<p>organized by the UNESCO Cairo Office in cooperation with FAO led to the preparation of a regional plan for capacity building on groundwater governance. More than 50 experts (15 women) participated in the activities.</p> <p>2. IHP is cooperating with World Bank and FAO to finalize a project proposal, which will be submitted to the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) to apply the tools in three countries of the Sahel region.</p>
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<u>Resolution XXII-5: “The creation of a working group for the establishment of the Megacities Alliance for water under climate change”</u>	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Decides to establish an IHP Working Group for helping the establishment of the Megacities Alliance for water under climate change; and for proposing mechanisms to promote international synergies between megacities at the local level and Member States at the national level;</p> <p>Endorses the terms of reference of the IHP Working Group included in the reference document IHP/Bur-LIII/Ref. 4</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A concept note detailing the objective, agenda and budget of the Megacities Alliance project has been published (IHP/Bur-LV/Ref.4) and approved in February 2017 by the founding members of the Megacities’ Alliance, allowing for complementarity with other COP initiatives, in particular for the Global Alliance for Water and Climate (GAfWAC) created during COP22 in Marrakech with the support of France and Morocco. Communication materials were developed to inform interested parties on the objectives and activities of the MAWaC, and explain the advances of joining the Megacities Alliance; a Registration Form to apply for joining the Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate (MAWaC) was developed and is available on the MAWaC website. 2. The Secretariat sent in September 2017 nominal letters to UNESCO Permanent Delegations asking for their support in identifying technical experts to act as focal points for the Megacities Alliance. At present, six countries (France, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru and Turkey) have designated such focal points. 3. Teleconferences have been initiated in 2018 with the proposed by the Member States experts to discuss the mechanisms to promote cooperation among Megacities. 4. Letters to remind Permanent Delegations to identify the experts to comprise the Working Group were sent on March 23, 2018 and the process is going to end by December 2018.

Resolution XXII-6: “The monitoring and review of IHP programmes and major initiatives”	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Asks the IHP Secretariat to enhance and standardise the information requested based on UNESCO’s management systems, so it can be utilised in the monitoring of the Programme’s implementation;</p> <p>Decides to adopt the proposed approach for the evaluation of IHP’s programmes and major initiatives outlined in IHP/IC-XXII/Ref.4 and requests the IHP Secretariat to prepare and commission such a review and to report the findings to the 23rd session of the IHP Council;</p> <p>Requests the IHP Secretariat, based on the results of the evaluation, to propose to the 23rd session of the IHP Council, relying on a consultation process with the IHP National Committees, a new mechanism for the ongoing, routine collection and reporting of monitoring information on the outputs, impacts and governance for all IHP Programmes and major initiatives and a defined set of criteria, against which the IHP Council can periodically assess their progress and potential future road maps.</p>	<p>The IHP Secretariat in cooperation with the Executive Office of the Sector for Natural Sciences and the UNESCO Internal Oversight Service (IOS) launched an international call for proposals for the evaluation of IHP’s initiatives. The process, although delayed because of the financial crisis of UNESCO in 2017, has started in January 2018 desk studies for each of the initiatives to formulate the baseline for the assessment work. A consultant has been identified and contracted. A number of interviews have taken place with the initiatives’ focal points in the IHP Secretariat. A draft of the evaluation will be presented by the contractor during the 23rd session of the IGC of IHP.</p>

Resolution XXII-7: “IHP support to Member States for a sound science based implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal No 6 and of water related goals”	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Requests the IHP Secretariat to provide support to Member States to build their institutional</p>	<p>1. IHP has led the development of the step-by-step methodology to calculate the SDG target indicator 6.5.2. on transboundary cooperation, together with UNECE¹. During the first quarter of 2017, IHP and</p>

¹ United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

<p>capacities, human resources and a sound basis in science capacity for the monitoring and implementation of SDG 6 targets and those of other water related goals;</p> <p>Invites the Director-General of UNESCO to open a separate special account for IHP, designated “IHP Fund for the Implementation of SDG 6”, to receive financial support to take actions at the request of the Member States for capacity building activities in support of Member States for the implementation of the SDG 6 targets and those of other water related goals, and to present its financial regulations to the 39th session of the General Conference;</p> <p>Requests the IHP Secretariat to establish the draft financial regulations for the special account and to mobilize the UNESCO’s Water Family to voluntarily contribute proactively to the implementation and reporting process on SDG 6 targets and those of other water related goals;</p> <p>Decides to include on the agenda of the 23rd session of the IHP Council an item related to this special account.</p>	<p>UNECE, as co-custodian agencies of the SDG Indicator 6.5.2, invited all countries with transboundary basins on their territory to report on their national value of the indicator. The agencies reviewed and analyzed the data contained in national reports in cooperation with Member States and will prepare a report on indicator 6.5.2. It was announced at the 56th session of the IHP Bureau that technical sub-regional and thematic meetings will be organized in the biennium 2018-2019 in order to allow the 153 invited countries to share their experience, discuss challenges and plans for the next steps of the SDG process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The indicator 6.a.1 measures the amount of water- and sanitation-related Official Development Assistance (ODA). However, as the aim of the Target 6.a is to expand international cooperation and water related capacity-building support, the indicator does not contribute necessary information to measure the value of the component of the target on capacity building. It was suggested at the 56th session of the IHP Bureau UNESCO Member States ask the UN IAEG/SDGs to include a new indicator on water education in the SDG 6 target 6.a. 3. The IHP Water Information Network System (IHP-WINS, http://ihp-wins.unesco.org) was launched in January 2017 to (i) provide Member States with a tool for capacity-building and sound, science-based water resources management through knowledge sharing, and (ii) implement and monitor the eighth phase of the IHP (IHP-VIII). As of March 2018, 35 Member States, 2 Category 2 Centres (C2C) and 2 Chairs have joined the platform and appointed IHP-WINS focal points, while 160 contributors have registered. More than 200 information (layers, maps or documents) have been shared and published on IHP-WINS. The platform was presented at more than 30 events in 15+ countries (more than 1500 participants, 70% men, 30% women). 4. The establishment of a special account was approved by the 22nd session of the General Conference and will enable IHP to receive the financial assistance it needs to meet the demands of Member States, mainly in the field of capacity development in support of Member States and the major initiatives approved under the strategic plan IHP-VIII. The draft financial regulations for the special account are presented in
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	IHP/IC-XXIII/Ref. 2. Member States are invited to contribute to the account. The Republic of Korea and CODIA (Board of Water Directors from Ibero American countries) Member States will be the first contributors to the Special Account
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Resolution XXII-8: “Proposals for the establishment of water-related category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO”	
TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Requests the assistance of the IHP Secretariat to prepare the necessary documentation to be submitted to the governing bodies of UNESCO toward the creation of a centre in conformity with the IHP strategy for UNESCO category 2 water-related centres and the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres (document 37 C/18 Part I and Annexes), as approved by the 37th session of the General Conference (37 C/Resolution 93).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 6 December 2016, UNESCO received a revised proposal for the establishment of an International Centre on Water and Transdisciplinarity (CIRAT) in the Federative Republic of Brazil, as a Category 2 Institute under the auspices of UNESCO. On 16 November 2016, it received a further proposal for the establishment of an ‘Institute for Water Education’ (IHE Delft), in the Netherlands, as a Category 2 Institute under the auspices of UNESCO. 2. After a special consultation with the IHP Bureau members in December 2016, and in compliance with Article XII paragraph 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the IHP IGC on special consultation by correspondence, the IHP Council Members were invited on 15 February 2017 to review the revised proposal for CIRAT in Brazil, and for the establishment of IHE Delft in the Netherlands. The IHP Council Members responded positively to the proposals and agreed to conduct feasibility studies, in compliance with the guidelines for the creation of Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO. 3. The feasibility study for the establishment of CIRAT in Brazil was delayed on the decision of Brazil and is expected to be carried out during the year 2018. The two feasibility studies for the Regional Centre on Water Security (CERSHI) in Mexico and IHE Delft, in January and May 2017 respectively, confirmed the reliability of the proposals and concluded that the centres will

	<p>make relevant contributions to UNESCO and to IHP, and that their establishment would be in line with the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres.</p> <p>4. Consequently, the IHP Secretariat prepared the two related feasibility study reports and submitted these documents to the governing bodies of UNESCO in fall 2017. The Executive Board of UNESCO, at its 202th Session in October 2017, and the 39th UNESCO General Conference in November 2017, approved the proposals for the establishment of CERSHI in Mexico and IHE Delft in the Netherlands, and authorized the signature of the corresponding agreements by the UNESCO Director-General. The Agreement for IHE Delft was signed on 15 December 2017, and the CERSHI agreement was scheduled for signature on 17 April 2018.</p>
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Resolution XXII-9: “Contribution of the IHP to the preparation and follow-up of the 22nd Conference of Parties (COP 22) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be held in Marrakesh, Morocco, in November 2016”

TEXT OF THE REQUEST	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Calls upon</p> <p>the IHP Secretariat to prepare a working document with a view to eventual submission towards the 201st session of the Executive Board of UNESCO with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a strategy to raise the issue of water at the appropriate level of importance within COP 22 process; ii. concrete proposals concerning the contribution of IHP to the implementation of decisions made at COP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As a follow-up to Decision 30 of the 200th Executive Board of UNESCO (200 EX/Decision 30), the IHP Secretariat has prepared and submitted a document on IHP’s contribution to the implementation of the outcomes of COP 21 and COP 22 (201 EX/5 Part I (D)) (Links to: FR, SP, RU, AR, CH). 2. In April 2017, this document was presented by the Director-General to the 201st Executive Board of UNESCO, which acknowledged the contribution of IHP to COP 21, COP 22 and UNFCCC and invited Member States to make voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to support IHP’s work on climate change and water resources management. 3. The 201st Executive Board of UNESCO requested the Director-General

<p>21 and COP 22, as well as to the implementation of the IHP itself, in response to the needs of Member States in the coming years</p>	<p>(201 EX/Decisions) to report on future contribution of the IHP to the Conference of Parties of UNFCCC as part of the reporting on the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (2018-2021) 201 EX/SR.10.</p> <p>4. The 39th General Conference of UNESCO endorsed the updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (2018-2021) as approved by the Executive Board at its 201st session. (Resolution 39 C/15)</p>
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