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## SPECIFIC ACTIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CATEGORY 2 CENTRES MAPPING OF WATER-RELATED CATEGORY 2 CENTRES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

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## Summary

In the context of the audit of the management framework for UNESCO's category 2 institutes and centres carried out by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) (IOS/AUD/2017/04), following the 55<sup>th</sup> session of the IHP Bureau' request, the Secretariat has prepared a mapping of the 37 water-related centres. In order to carry out this mapping work, the IHP Secretariat has launched several rounds of consultations.

This mapping table is revealing a clear contrast between the governance status of many centres, compared to their operability from an IHP perspective. It is a first attempt to reach a global understanding of the centres' situation, and to start working on adapted solutions, notably within the Intersectoral Working Group on Category 2 Centres (IWGS).

## Please note that:

- 1. Due to the continuous evolving situation of the centres, the information presented in this table might have changed since the drafting of the document.
- 2. All activity-related information provided by the Centres might have been slightly modified and adapted to constraints of the document.

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CENTRES (chronological)	Status	Key Timeline	Report 2016- 2018	Location and focus	Key areas of work & IHP Themes	Operational Status	Key successes	Annual Budget in USD	Website	
IRTCES International Research and Training Centre on Erosion and Sedimentation, China	Expired but in renewal process	1.Approved by 22 C/10.3 (1983) 2. Signed 16/06/1984 3. Renewed 30/11/2005 4. Expired 01/11/2011 5. Currently in renewal process	Yes	Asia and the Pacific, International scope	River and reservoir sedimentation; Soil erosion and soil & water conservation; Rural water conservation; Ecological technology	Active	89 projects in China managed by the IRTCES and funded by the Chinese Government and company Organized 1 International training course on River Basin Management Strategies and Techniques for Soil and Water Conservation; Organized 4 International Symposia and Conferences on Coastal and Estuary, River Sedimentation, Soil and Water Conservation Conference	1 M	http://en.irtces. org/irtces/inde x.htm	
IRTCUD International Research and Training Centre on Urban Drainage, Serbia	Expired	1. Approved by 24 C/5 (1987) 2. Signed 11/10/1989 3. Valid until the end of the year 1989, but never renewed	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	Urban water management; mathematical modelling; hydroinformatics; water education	Active	Intensive cooperation with Kazakh National Technical University named after K.Satpaev (Kazakhstan), Baku State University and Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction (Azerbaijan) and Novosibirsk State University of Archtecture and Civil Engineering (SIBSTRIN), (Russia), NTUA (Greece) through exchange of students and teachers and participation in research projects	ca 40,000	www.hikom.grf .bg.ac.rs/irtcud	
HTC-KL Regional Humid Tropics Hydrology and Water Resources Centre for South-East Asia and the Pacific, Malaysia	Expired but in renewal process	1. Approved by 26 GC (1991) 2. Signed on 27/10/1999 3. Expired 2009 4. Currently in renewal process	Yes	Asia and the Pacific, Regional scope	IHP Themes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6:  HTC KL will continue to carry out the responsibilities and trust given to us focusing on IHP-VIII Strategic Plan 2014-2021; filling the gaps for Theme II while playing a bigger role to cope with the country and regional challenges particularly on water security agenda for Humid Tropics areas around globe	Active	The C2C moved forward in promoting international collaborations in research particularly in education and science, consultation and partnerships in water management both at national and international level; It has carried out numerous water sector and scholarly activities, forums, research and national & international collaborations; It ensures the promotion of conducive atmosphere for collaboration among countries in the regions of Southeast Asia and the Pacific through scientific technology and information exchange, education and science	526,700	http://htckl.wat er.gov.my/	
RCUWM Regional Centre on Urban Water Management Iran	Signed should soon enter into force	1. Approved by 31 C/17 (2001) 2. Signed 16/02/2002 3. Renewal signed 08/01/2010 4. Expired 2016 5. Approved for renewal by 202 EXB in 2017 6. Renewal signed 07/05/2018 7. Currently in entry into force process	Yes	Asia and the Pacific, Regional scope	Urban/Rural Water Management (IHP Theme 4); River Restoration (Theme 5); Water and Media (Theme 6)	Active	More than 12000 person/day training in over 100 events; Empowering young generation and encouraging female involvement in water-related activities; Organized 9 Governing meetings at "Minister Level" to form dialogue among water leaders in the region; Developing 2 manuals on "Integrated Urban Water Management (2009)" and "Water and Media (2016)"; Supporting Afghanistan by coordinating the Water Supply Project to Zaranj City and established Hydraulics Research Laboratory in Kabul (6 M USD from Iran ODA); Hosting IDI Secretariat	620,000	http://rcuwm.ir/ en/home/	

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RCTWS Regional Centre for Training and Water Studies of Arid and Semi-arid Zones, Egypt	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 31 C/18 (2001) 2. Signed 27/12/2001 3. Renewal signed 14/05/2015 with entry into force 4. Valid until 13/05/2021	Yes	Arab States, Regional scope	Groundwater- Rural Water Management- Arid / Semi- Arid Zones- Eco Hydrology/Ecosystems- Water Law And Policy- Remote Sensing/Gis- Global And Change And Impact Assessment- Water Quality- Water/Energy/Food Nexus. IHP Themes 1 & 6	Active	3 training courses in 2016 for 58 Engineers from Africa (16 Countries) in Water for Arid and Semi-Arid Region; 3 training courses for 36 Iraqi engineers in field of (Climate Change, Dam Safety, GIS); 2 in 2016 on (Strengthening national capacities to manage water scarcity and drought in Egypt and WEF-NEXUS); A training course "Salinity management" in 2017 for 15 Iraqi Engineers; TC in water treatment plant in 2017 (6 engineers from Sudan); 3 TC in 2017 for African countries (16) Water Resources and Irrigation Program; 43 Yemeni participated in 3 programs Rural Water Supply Training Geophysicists, for Hydrogeologists and Geologists, Rural Water Supply Training for Civil Engineers and Rural Water Supply	200,000	www.rctws.org		
ICQHS International Centre on Qanats and Historic Hydraulic Structures, Iran	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 32 C/19 (2003) 2. Signed 26/03/2005 3. Renewed 10/10/2014 4. Entry into force 18/02/2016 4. Valid until 17/02/2022	Yes	Asia and the Pacific, International scope	Groundwater, social/cultural dimension of water, water education, indigenous water knowledge, adaptation to climate change	Active	1 project in India on Qanat rehabilitation funded by Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation Organized 2 international workshops on Climate Change Adaptation and Indigenous Knowledge of Water Management and on Intangible Water Culture; Published 3 books on indigenous water knowledge; Organized 6 national training courses for Iranian experts, practitioners and students	250,000	www.icqhs.org		
ICHARM International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management, Japan	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 33 C/28 (2005) 2. Signed 03/03/2006 3. Renewal signed 23/07/2013 with entry into force 4. Valid until 22/07/2019	Yes	Asia and the Pacific, International scope	Water-related Disasters and Hydrological Cycle, Theme 1 Addressing Water Scarcity, Theme 3 Water Education, Theme 6	Active	Climate change impact assessment by using RRI model in Asian River Basins; IFI Platforms on Water and Disaster; Contingency planning in Philippines; UNESCO Pakistan project; ADB project in Myanmar; Doctor and Master course on Waterrelated Disaster, and short-term TCs	ca 2,6M	http://www.ich arm.pwri.go.jp/		
CAZALAC Water Centre for Arid and Semi-arid Zones of Latin America and the Caribbean, Chile	Expired but in renewal process	1. Approved by 33 C/29 (2005) 2. Signed 02/02/2006 3. Entered in force 08/11/2010 4. Expired in 2015 5. Currently in renewal process	Yes	Latin America and the Caribbean, Regional Scope	Water resources in arid and semi-Arid zones. IHP Themes 1, 3, 6 and 4, focused in rural drinking water systems.	Active	Capacity building in different countries of the LAC Region; Decision support tools for water resources in arid and semi-arid zones; Innovation for adapting to climate change.	182,000	http://www.caz alac.org		

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ERCE European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology, Poland	Expired but in renewal process	1. Approved by 33 C/30 (2005) 2. Signed 08/03/2006 3. Expired in 2012 4. Currently in renewal process	Yes	Europe and North America, Regional scope	Ecohydrology. Themes 5 and 6	Active	Dissemination of Ecohydrology in Ethiopia: focal point in the conception and actions towards the establishment of ARCE, C2C in Addis Ababa; Nomination by EU to "Best of the best" LIFE+Project 2018 for urban and catchment EH; Science education international and national networks	ca 500,000	http://www.erc e.unesco.lodz. pl/	
IHP-HELP Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, University of Dundee, United Kingdom	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 33 C/31 (2005) 2. Signed 15/12/2005 3. Renewals signed 25/09/2008 and 27/05/2014 4. Entered into force 05/06/2014 5. Valid until 04/06/2020	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	Water related disasters; water law & policy; social/cultural/gender dimension of water; ecohydrology/ecosystems; water education; water/energy/food nexus	Active	River Health project with UK and Indian consortia; Membership of the Irish Government's Expert Commission for Water; Application of the OECD water governance indicators to Scotland; Publication of the Routledge Handbook on Water Law and Policy in 2017; Prominent contributions WWDR 2017 & 2018; Input to the development of flood risk management policy through work on the River Tweed; Scottish National Land Use Strategy pilot; NERC Research Fellowship with Welsh Government; Scottish Hydro Nation Forum; staff invited to become chair of the UK's Special Protection Area/RAMSAR Scientific Advisory Group; Launch of "High Water Common Ground" documentary film on natural flood management	N/A	https://www.du ndee.ac.uk/wa ter/	
RCSARM Regional Centre for Shared Aquifer Resources Management Lybia	Expired	1. Approved by 34 C/25 (2007) 2. Signed 27/12/2007 3. Entered in force 17/02/2008 4. Expired 16/02/2018 5. Currently inactive due to political context	Yes	Arab States, Regional scope	N/A	Not active due to the unstable conditions in Libya	N/A	N/A	N/A	
IGRAC International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre The Netherlands	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 34 C/26 (2007) and 186 EX/ IX(2011) 2. Agreement signed 15/11/2011 3. Renewal signed 06/12/16 4. Entered into force 22/08/2017 5. Valid until 31/12/2021	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	Groundwater, IHP Theme 2	Active	Transboundary groundwater activities in the framework of the ISARM programme https://isarm.org, i.a. resulting in the "Transboundary Aquifers of the World" map https://www.un-igrac.org/tbamap; Global Groundwater Information System (GGIS) www.un-igrac.org/ggis Global Groundwater Monitoring Network (GGMN) www.un-igrac.org/ggmn	ca 500,000	http://www.un- igrac.org	
RCWMRIAZ Regional Centre for Water Management Research in Arid Zones, Pakistan	Not signed	Approved by 34 C/28 (2007)     Pending signature	N/A	Asia and the Pacific, Regional scope	N/A	Not Active	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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CIH International Centre on Hydroinformatics for Integrated Water Resources Management, Parque Tecnologico Itaipú Binacional, Brazil and Paraguay	Partially signed	1. Approved by 34 C/30 (2007) 2. Signed partially 24/06/2016 3. Pending signature of the Tripartite Agreement between Paraguay, Brazil and UNESCO	Yes	Latin America and the Caribbean, International Scope	IHP Themes 1, 3,5,6	Active	YRATO (application for quasi-real time monitoring of hydrological variables(http://hidroinformatica.itaipu.gov.py/yrato); National Water and Youth Forum in Paraguay; International training in remote sensing application for support in the basin management activities of Latin America and the Caribbean;Web Water Radio Platform Version 2 (http://www2.webradioagua.org/); Development of the Ecohydrology Webplatform (ecohydrology-ihp.org)	922,000	http://hidroinfo rmatica.itaipu. gov.py/ http://www.hidr oinformatica.or g		
CEHICA Centre for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Caribbean Island Sates, Dominican Republic	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 35 C/23 (2009) 2. Signed 08/03/2010 with entry into force 3. Valid until 07/03/2020	Yes	Latin America and the Caribbean, International Scope	Dry and semi-arid zones, water related disasters , erosion & sedimentation, IWRM, water quality, water education	Active	2 research projects successfully implemented; 5 research projects in progress, funded by national agencies; Regional training course on ecological and environmental flows and training of students on soil laboratory analytical techniques; Regional Course in Water Supply; Hydrological simulation regional course; Cooperation with other centres under the auspices of UNESCO, IHE Delft and IKCEST in China	20,000	http://indrhi.g ob.do		
ICWRGC International Centre on Water Resources and Global Change Germany	Signed and in force	Approved by 35 C/25 (2009)     Signed 09/07/2014 and entered into force     Valid until 08/07/2020	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	IHP Themes 1, 3 and 6 with focus on :Hydrological extremes and climate change impact studies; SDG monitoring (SDG 6) for UN Environment; Development of a global water information system funded by the Ministry of Transport	Active	Consolidation of UNESCO, UNEP and WMO on the organizational level in the water sector; Provision of customized products for scientific research, operational capabilities, policy advice and capacity building; ICWRGC operates the Global Water Quality database and information system GEMStat since 2014	825,000	http://www.wat erandchange. org/en/		
ICCE International Centre on Coastal Ecohydrology, Portugal	Signed never entered into force	Approved by 35 C/26 (2009)     Signed 12/08/2010     Had it entered into force, would have expired in 2016	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	Ecohydrology: IHP Theme 5	Active	Contributed to the ecohydrological concept dissemination in LAC with coastal ecohydrology training courses (Bahamas 2016; Brazil 2016, 2018) and international conference and side events (Tanzania, 2016; Ethiopia, 2016, Poland, 2017, Brazil international conference 2017,WWF8 side event 2018)	N/A	N/A		
HIDROEX International Centre for Education, Capacity Building and Applied Research in Water, Brazil	Under closure process	Approved by 35 C/27 (2009)     Signed in 2012     Started a transformation process in 2014 (Cat I)     Currently under closure process	N/A	Latin America and the Caribbean, International Scope	N/A	Not Active	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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ICIWARM International Center for Integrated Water Resources Management USA	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 35 C/28 (2009) 2. Signed 29/10/2009 3. Entered into force 10/02/2016 4. Valid until 09/02/2022	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	IWRM, modeling, arid regions, climate adaptation, conflict resolution, public participation, IHP Themes 1, 3 and 6	Active	Trained hundreds of water professionnels on climate change adaptation and hydrologic, hydraulic and reservoir modeling; With IHP staff and university partners, helped develop key platforms for real-time and historical floods, drought and hydroclimatic monitoring and forecasting applications	ca 1,50 M	https://iciwarm .info/about- iciwarm-2/		
APCE Asia-Pacific Centre for Ecohydrology, Indonesia	In renewal process	Approved by 35 C/29 (2009)     Signed 28/03/2011     Entered in force on 30/04/2012     Renewal approved by 204 <sup>th</sup> Executive Board in April 2018     Currently in renewal process	Yes	Asia and the Pacific, International scope	Ecohydrology, Water resources management in six focus areas (watershed, peatland, urban, arid and semi arid zone, small islands, traditional irrigation system)  IHP Themes 1 to 6	Active	Key successes and activities related to Capacity building, innovation, local wisdom, public awareness, culture integration	200,000	www.apce- unesco.or.id		
CARGC Central Asian Regional Glaciological Centre Kazakhstan	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 36 C/22 (2011) 2. Signed 29/05/2012 3. Entered into force18/05/2017 4. Valid until 17/05/2023	No	Asia and the Pacific, Regional scope	No information provided	Not Active	No information provided	No inf.	No inf.		
RC-IRBM Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management Nigeria	In renewal process	1. Approved by 36 C/ 23 (2011) 2. Signed 12/03/2012 and entered into force 3. Expired 11/03/2018 4. Currently in renewal process	Yes	Africa, Regional scope	Integrated River Basin Management, IHP Themes 3 and 6	Active	Organization of sub-regional and regional workshops in collaboration with the UNESCO Regional Offices; Research in key areas of need in Nigeria	150,000	https://nwri.go v.ng/rc-irbm		
RCGRE Regional Centre for Groundwater Resources Education, Training and Research in East Africa Kenya	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 36 C/24 (2011) 2. Signed 11/02/2013 3. Entered into force 15/03/2016 4. Valid until 14/03/2022	Yes	Africa, Regional scope	Groundwater in a changing environment, and Water Education for Water Security IHP Themes 2 and 6	Active	Kenya National Groundwater Mapping Programme to explore deep seated aquifers to address water security in the region, in partnership with USGS funded by USAID; Participated in 2 training sessions on water management on use of GIS and Passive seismic equipment; One staff trained on GW Theory and Practice at the Korean Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources	164,000	www.gwc.or.k		
RCWH Regional Centre on Capacity Development and Research in Water Harvesting Sudan	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 36 C/28 (2011) 2. Signed 04/12/2013 3. Entered into force 16/02/2015 4. Valid until 15/02/2019	Yes	Arab States, Regional scope	Water harvesting, IHP Themes 1 to 6	Active	6 Advanced Training Workshops in subjects related to water harvesting; 3 advanced training courses; 1 advanced regional training course; 3 research projects in collaboration with some universities research centers; 5 Ongoing researches.	250,000	http://unesco- rcwh.sd		

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WSDAC Centre for Water for Sustainable Development and Adaptation to Climate Change Serbia	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 36 C/29 (2011) 2. Agreement signed 24/04/2013 3. Entered into force 04/06/2015 4. Valid until 03/06/2021	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	IHP Themes 1-6	Active	Launched GWADI Secretariat for Southeastern Europe; Organized 1 international symposium and 2 international conferences (2014-2016); Participated in numerous conferences and workshops	60,000	http://www.ws dac.org	
CeReGAS Regional centre for groundwater management for Latin America and the Caribbean Uruguay	Signed no entry into force	1. Approved by 37 C/27 (2013) 2. Signed 20/03/2014 3. Had it entered into force, would expire 01/03/2020	Yes	Latin America and the Caribbean, Regional Scope	Groundwater - Management - Governance - Training on SDG 6 Initiatives: ISARM and GRAPHIC	Active	Reference in the subject of groundwater in the region (only C2C in LAC); participates and / or coordinates events, organises training courses and formulates national & regional projects; Project being approved: "Implementation of the Guarani aquifer strategic action program: enabling regional actions"	280,000	http://www.cer egas.org/	
ACGCWR African Centre for global change and water research South Africa	Not signed	1. Approved by 37 C/28 (2013) 2. Pending signature	N/A	Africa, Regional scope	N/A	Not Active	N/A	N/A	N/A	
i-WSSM International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management at the K-Water Institute Korea	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 37 C/29 (2013) 2. Signed 07/12/2016 3. Entered into force 16/12/2016 4. Valid until 15/12/2022	Yes	Asia and the Pacific, International scope	Water Security & Sustainable Development related with SDGs, IHP Themes 3,4,5 and 6	Active	3 studies on water security regarding SDGs; Organized 6 training courses on Water Security; Organized 7 intl. conference & meeting; Publication of '17 & '18 WWDR Executive Report (Korean)	1 M	http://unesco- iwssm.org	
ICWC International Centre for Water Cooperation Sweden	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 37 C/30 (2013) 2. Agreement signed 25/03/2014 3. Entered into force 17/09/2014 4. Valid until 16/09/2020	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	Transboundary river basins/aquifers; IHP Theme 6, Focal area 6.5; Theme 3, Focal area 3.1. and 3.3.	Active	Organized 2016 International Symposium on Water Diplomacy; 10 publications on transboundary water cooperation; Acquired UNESCO Chair and completed one postdoc study; Led and contributed to 7 trainings and 15 seminars on water diplomacy at global and regional level.	420,000	http://www.siwi .org/what-we- do/internationa l-centre-water- cooperation/	
ARCE African Regional Centre for Ecohydrology Ethiopia	Signed and in force	1. Approved by 38 C/24 (2015) 2. Signed 26/10/17 3. Entered into force 24/05/2018 4. Valid until 23/05/2024	Yes	Africa, Regional scope	Ecohydrology, IHP Theme 5	Active	Organised the 2nd International African Symposium in Ecohydrology, 2016; Ecohydrology got incorporated in Growth and Transformation Programme of Water Management and Development Plan in Ethiopia; The water Policy of Ethiopia is being revised and updated in the context of national and international water initiatives and Ecohydrology gained recognition from decision makers to the people on the ground to be the main body of the Water Policy	N/A	N/A	

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CLEQM Central Laboratory for Environmental Quality Monitoring Egypt	Not signed in negotiation process	1. Approved by 38 C/27 (2015) 2. Pending signature	N/A	Arab States, Regional scope	N/A	Not Active	N/A	N/A	N/A	
WRC Water Research Centre at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Kuwait	Not signed in negotiation process	Approved by 38 C/28 (2015)     Pending signature	N/A	Arab States, Regional scope	N/A	Not Active	N/A	N/A	N/A	
RWRC-COMSATS Regional Water Research Centre on Hydrology of Headwater Catchments Pakistan	Not signed	Approved by 38 C/29 (2015)     Pending signature	N/A	Asia and the Pacific, Regional scope	N/A	Not Active	N/A	N/A	N/A	
IMWBRA International Center for the Integrated Management of Watershed and Bio- Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions Iran	Not signed	1. Approved by 38 C/31 (2015) 2. Pending signature	N/A	Asia and the Pacific, International scope	N/A	Not Active	N/A	N/A	N/A	
AUTH Centre on Integrated and Multi- disciplinary Water Resources Management Greece	Signed should soon enter into force	1. Approved by 38 C/39 (2015) 2. Signed 16/09/16 3. Currently in entry into force process	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	IHP Themes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6	Active	Erasmus Plus "TRans-regional Environmental Awareness for Sustainable use of Water Resources" (Treasure water 2016-2018); Organized training on transboundary water management and development of CVs and courses for training of industry partners; A catalogue of 77 modules form competences of the European 7th level	80,000	http://keody.au th.gr	
IHE Delft IHE Delft Institute for Water Education the Netherlands	Signed should soon enter into force	1. Approved by 39 C/18 (2017) 2. Signed 15/12/2017 3. Currently in entry into force process	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	IHP theme 6 on water education, through its MSc, PhD and other short courses thus focusing on higher education. Additionally, through its research and advisory: other IHP VIII themes with the exception of focal areas targeting rural populations like 4.5.	Active	Significant increase in citizen science interventions (Ground Truth 2.0 funded by the EC);Innovative research including a device to sanitize human excreta and reduce the volume of faecal sludge(The Shit Killer® funded by the BMGF Foundation); Capacity level interventions at the national level in Indonesia, Colombia and Uganda, to provide tools & guidelines for implementing national water strategies	2017: ca. 46M 2018: ca. 54M	http://un- ihe.org/	

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CERSHI Regional Centre for Water Security Mexico	Signed should soon enter into force	1. Approved by 39 C/19 (2017) 2. Signed 17/04/2018 3. Currently in entry into force process	Yes	Europe and North America, International scope	Hydrology, water planning, water security, dam analysis water quality, water training	Active	Operations will be initiated during the second half of 2018	100,000	www.imta.gob. mx	