

Suggestions from the UNESCO-IHP Korea National Council

The UNESCO-IHP Korea National Council (KNC) completely supports *the IHP-IX strategy (2022-2029)*. After the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council held on November 30-December 04, 2020, the UNESCO-IHP KNC members proposed the general suggestions on *the 3rd order draft of the IHP-IX Strategy* as follows:

Priority Areas	Suggestions
1. Scientific research and innovation	<p>The five-priority areas are well-organized with appropriate topics. Regarding the first priority, <i>'Scientific research and innovation'</i>, the following topic is recommended to be added:</p> <p><i>'Spatio-temporal optimization of water resources management based on ecohydrological soundness'</i></p> <p>To be more specific, <i>the water resources</i> include overall ground and surface water, and alternative water resources such as reused wastewater and desalinated water. <i>The spatio-temporal optimization</i> reflects the 'regional-specific condition' considering the seasonality and the hydraulic and hydrologic factors of each study area. It is essential to consider the ecological and hydrological factors and effects in achieving <i>the spatio-temporal optimization</i>. The strategy focusing on the human benefit only may destroy the ecosystem and cause the food and agricultural problem in the long-term perspective.</p>