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# Agenda Item 4.3: A Framework for the planning, implementation and monitoring of FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme

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# The framework: purpose of the document

- The purpose of the document is to provide harmonized guidelines for the establishment, renewal, implementation and monitoring of Flagship Initiatives (FIs) of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP)

- A "Flagship Initiative" is an IHP priority initiative and/or programme, which provides a fundamental contribution to the delivery of a specific phase of the IHP Programme



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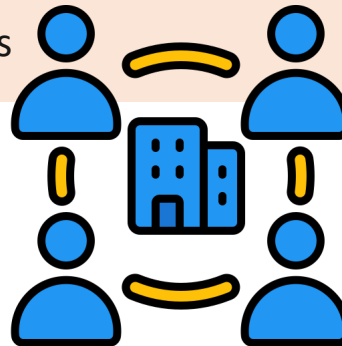
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# Institutional Setup and Governance

- **Secretariat of the Flagship Initiatives**

- All new and renewed Flagship Initiatives will need to have their own dedicated Secretariat outside the IHP Secretariat. Ideally, one of the Members of the UNESCO Water Family should take the ownership of hosting the Secretariat of the Flagship Initiatives.

- **The Advisory Board**

- All Flagship Initiatives should have an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board should be composed of representatives from at least five relevant and committed partners. These representatives should primarily be from Category 2 Centres under the auspices of UNESCO, UNESCO Chairs and IHP National Committees
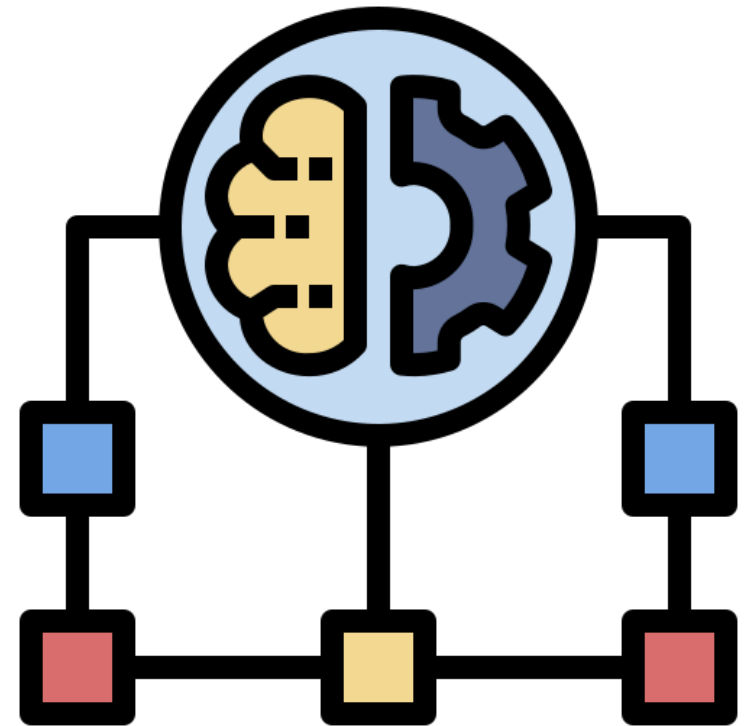
- **Key partners and network members**

- UN organizations;
- Universities and research institutes/centres;
- IHP UNESCO Category 2 centres;
- UNESCO Chairs;
- Representatives of the IHP National Committees;
- Networks of university departments;
- Governments (incl. governmental water institutions);
- Science Parks and Museums;
- Water experts;
- University departments;
- Water-related NGOs;
- Professional organization;
- International organisations;
- Intergovernmental organizations;

1.  Identifying knowledge gaps, needs and potential

    added value

2.  Developing the logical framework of the initiative

    -   Impact, Outcomes, Outputs, activities

3.  Designing of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework,

    including indicators

4.  Drafting of budget and of a resources mobilization

    strategy

1. Importance of choosing the right name

2. Communications and visibility outputs

- Scientific articles;
- Technical articles;
- Maps;
- Web portals;
- IT tools;
- Policy briefs;
- Infographics;
- Fact sheets;
- Newspaper articles;
- PowerPoint presentations for conferences and/or workshops;
- Training and education manuals;

1. Online presence, website and other visibility tools

2. Drafting of budget and of a resources mobilization strategy

1.  **Reporting on regular milestones**

*   Progress reports, containing progress against the indicators, should be presented to the IHP Council every two years.

*   A final report at the end of IHP Phase for consideration by the IHP Intergovernmental Council who should deliberate about their achievements and continuation/ closure.

2.   **Reporting should have**

*   Narrative part

*   Indicators part

*   Risk assessment

1. Criteria

1. **<u>Its relevance</u>**: to what extent the proposed Flagship Initiative will contribute to UNESCO priorities, of the achievement internationally agreed development frameworks, in particular, IHP new phase Priority Areas and their related planned outcomes?
2. **<u>Its effectiveness/efficiency</u>**: to what extent the Flagship Initiative is well structured and equipped to fulfil its general and specific objectives, and to be as impactful as expected?
3. **<u>Its visibility</u>**: what are the main (expected and unexpected) impacts of the initiative, in terms of expected beneficiaries (of research, training and capacity building efforts, meetings) as well as audience of outreach efforts?
4. **<u>Its results/achievements so far</u>**: what have been the main achievements of the Flagship Initiative during the previous IHP Phase in terms of its contribution to UNESCO priorities and to international development framework? What have been the main outcomes of its activities towards reaching the final targets? What heave been the impacts in terms of outreached beneficiaries and audiences?

The document includes templates for application of new initiatives, renewal, monitoring and reporting

Annexes are structured to guide the proponents to fill in all the data required. Some tips are provided next to an image like this:

## 7.1. Annex 1 – Template for the presentation of new Flagship Initiative proposals, as well as for the submission to renew a Flagship Initiative from one IHP phase to the following one.

The Template given in Annex I for the submission of new Flagship Initiative proposals is divided in 3 main parts:

A. Institutional Set-up

B. Strategic Framework and Implementation Strategy
   ...ility

...s and suggestions for a proper compilation of the needed information are given in the ...s, following the above structure of proposals in 3 main parts.

## 7.3. Annex 3 – Template for the assessment of existing and new FIs by the IHP Intergovernmental Council.

**3.1.** Evaluating a new Flagship Initiative proposal

The proposal for the establishment of a new initiative or for the continuation of an existing one under a new IHP Phase will be initially reviewed by the IHP Secretariat. The IHP councils assessment will be submitted to the Bureau and the Council, that will eventually take a decision.

a. **Its relevance**: to what extent the proposed Flagship Initiative intends to contribute to UNESCO priorities, the achievement of SDG's and, in particular, IHP Priority Areas and their related planned outcomes?

> *To compile this part of the check-list, refer in particular to the second part (part B) of the Template for proposals (see Annex I) dedicated to the Strategic and Implementation farmework (identification of UNESCO priorities, SDG's and IHP Priority Areas to which the initiative is expected to contribute).*

**Relevance (450 words max):**