

Draft Resolution XXV-3

Continuation of Flagship Initiatives during IHP-IX

The Intergovernmental Council of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO

- Noting** IHP/IC Resolution XXIV-2 on all IHP Flagship Programmes and Initiatives and its decision to examine and approve in its 25th session the suggested Framework presented by the ad-hoc Working Group and the proposal, in accordance with IHP/IC Resolution XXI-8, concerning the examination of the continuation of the IHP Flagship Programmes and Initiatives as part of the IHP-IX Implementation Plan,
- Further noting** the recommendation of the “Evaluation of IHP’s Programmes and Major Initiatives” (IHP/Bur-LVIII/Ref.6) and the “Development of Guidelines for IHP Priority initiatives” (IHP/Bur-LVIII/Ref.7) presented to the IHP Bureau at its 58th session,
- Considering** The document “Framework for the planning, implementation and monitoring of Flagship Initiatives”, developed by the Working Group on IHP Flagship Initiatives;
- Recognizes** the contributions made by all IHP Flagship Initiatives within all the previous phases of IHP;
- Decides** to close the Flagship Initiatives “Integrated Water Resource Management” and “Joint International Isotope Hydrology Programme” by the end of 2022;
- Recommends** to the IHP Secretariat, the Working Group and the hosts/secretariat of the following Flagship Initiatives to consider and review the potential future role in contributing to IHP-IX and in line with the revised Guidelines: Urban Water Management Programme (UWMP), Hydrology for the Environment, Life and Policy Programme (HELP), From Potential Conflict to Cooperation Potential (PCCP) Programme, and the International Drought Initiative (IDI). The IHP Secretariat, the Working Group and the hosts/secretariat of these Initiatives shall provide their findings and progress concerning the role of the Initiatives during the 26th Session of the IHP Council session;
- Further decides** to continue the following groundwater-related initiatives for IHP-IX: Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR), Groundwater Resources Assessment under the Pressures of Humanity and Climate Change (GRAPHIC) Programme, World-wide Hydrogeological Mapping and Assessment Programme (WHYMAP), Land Subsidence International Initiative (LaSII), and the International Shared Aquifer Resources Management (ISARM) and decides to combine the groundwater-related initiatives into a single UNESCO Groundwater Initiative and encourages coordination among them;
- Further decides** Following the compliances of the IHP Flagship Initiative Framework for the Planning, Implementation and Monitoring (Resolution XXV-3) that the following Flagship Initiatives are recommended to continue within IHP-IX: Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data (FRIEND) Initiative, International Initiative on Water Quality (IIWQ), International Sediments Initiative (ISI), Global Network on Water and

Development Information for Arid Lands (G-WADI), International Flood Initiative (IFI), Global Network of Water Museums (WAMU-NET), and World's Large Rivers Initiative (WRLI);

Further requests that every Flagship Initiative approved by the Council will have to comply to the Flagship Initiative Framework for the Planning, Implementation and Monitoring including governance mechanism within IHP-IX;

Encourages the current hosts/secretariat of the Flagship Initiatives to consider the best way to go forward in their implementation and to work closely together with the IHP Secretariat to determine the best pathway to maximize their contribution to the IHP-IX;

Further invites all Members of the UNESCO Water Family to support the implementation of the IHP Flagship Initiatives by providing technical and/or financial support.