

Resolution XXV-4

Thematic working groups for the operational implementation of IHP-IX

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

- Noting** IHP/IC Resolution XXIII-6 on the preparation of IHP-IX and the decision of the 24th Council approving the strategic plan of IHP-IX (2022-2029) and the establishment of an Open-Ended Working Group for the preparation of an implementation plan and financial plan,
- Taking note** with satisfaction of the implementation plan of IHP-IX Strategic Plan as this is presented in the IHP/IC documents IHP/IC-XXV/4, IHP/IC-XXV/Inf.4,
- Having considered** IHP/IC documents IHP/IC-XXV/4, IHP/IC-XXV/Inf.3,
- Expresses** its gratitude to the IHP Secretariat for preparing the documents on the operational implementation framework of IHP-IX;
- Decides** to approve the establishment of the following eight thematic working groups and related terms of reference in support of the operational implementation of IHP-IX:
- i. Eco-hydrology, experimental basin and designated sites
 - ii. Water quality, pollution, source to sea including non-conventional water
 - iii. Groundwater sustainability
 - iv. Urban/rural water including transition to circular economy and related changes
 - v. Hydrological processes, scarcity and extremes, erosion and sediment, and cryosphere
 - vi. Climate change, risk analysis, decision making and adaptation on river basins
 - vii. Water management, governance and cooperation
 - viii. Water education including support to the Global acceleration framework
- Requests** the IHP Secretariat to facilitate the operationalizing of these thematic working groups;
- Encourages** All UNESCO Water Family Members and partners to take up the responsibility in the implementation of the IHP-IX, indicating thematic working groups they are willing to participate to and finance as per the recommendation on accountability of the external mid-term evaluation of IHP-VIII.