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**Mid-term Evaluation of Phase VIII of
the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (2014-2021)**
Evaluation completed in May 2019

Update of the Management Response

Summary

This document contains a summary table of the February 2021 update of the Management Response to the Mid-term Evaluation of IHP-VIII, which was completed in May 2019.

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| ACTION PLAN | | | | | |
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| | Actions planned | Action taken by [DATE] | Responsible unit(s) | Estimated date for completion (month/year) | IOS comments |
| Recommendation 1: Consider as a theme for IHP Phase IX: 'Finding solutions for people and nature through water in an uncertain world'. <i>For the IHP Bureau, Council and Phase IX taskforce</i> | 1.1 Suggestion transmitted to Task Force responsible for drafting IHP-IX | 4 March 2020 | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | 15 February 2021 | |
| | 1.2 Task Force presents the proposal to the Technical session of the Bureau Members along with an alternative | 23 October 2020 | Task Force | | |
| | 1.3 IHP-Bureau accepts or rejects one of the proposals | 23 October 2020 | IHP Bureau | | |
| | 1.4 IHP Council accepts or rejects one of the proposals | 1 December 2020 | IHP Council | | |
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| Recommendation 2: Undertake a detailed analysis of what each proposed IHP Phase IX activity will contribute to the global agendas on which IHP could lead. <i>For the UNESCO Water Family</i> | 2.1 Circulate the draft version of IHP-IX as approved in principle by the IHP Council to the UNESCO Water Family | 15 February 2021 | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | January 2022 | |
| | 2.2 Provide input on what each proposed IHP Phase IX activity will contribute to the global agendas on which IHP could lead | November 2021 | UNESCO Water Family | | |
| | 2.3 Collect and synthesize the input received | January 2022 | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | | |
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| Recommendation 3: | 3.1 Request from the UNESCO Water Family to identify the priorities that they will contribute in taking it forward. | Throughout the consultation process | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | January 2022 | |

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| Make clear, for each identified Phase IX priority, who will contribute to taking it forward. <i>For the Secretariat, IHP Bureau, Council and Phase IX taskforce</i> | 3.2 Define synergies with WWAP for phase IX | Throughout the consultation process | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | | |
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| | 3.4 Request from the UNESCO Water Family to identify the priorities that they will contribute in taking it forward. This will be considered in the implementation plan of IHP-IX | November 2021 | IHP Council | | |
| | 3.5 Collect and synthesize the input received | January 2022 | | | |
| Recommendation 4: Take strategic actions to strengthen the relationship between IHP and other UN agencies and organizations with responsibilities for water. <i>For the Secretariat, IHP Bureau, Council, IHP National Committees and / or focal persons</i> | 4.1 Strengthening existing partnership with UN Agencies and Organizations such as UNECE, WMO, FAO, WWC through joint actions and establish new ones. | 31 December 2023 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | 31 December 2023 | |
| | 4.2 Invite Centres and Chairs with global mandate to apply to become partners of UN-Water | 4 December 2020 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | 31 December 2023 | |
| | 4.3 to be more involved in UN-Water through IHP active participation in UN-Water Task force and Working Groups | Continuous | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | 31 December 2023 | |
| Recommendation 5: Articulate clearly defined functions for National Committees, including specific roles to deliver Phase VIII (and IX) targets. <i>For the IHP Bureau, Council, National Committees and / or focal persons</i> | 5.1 Prepare Terms of Reference for IHP NCs and FPs and circulate to IHP MS for comments | 31 October 2020 | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | Continuous | |
| | 5.2 Present Terms of Reference for IHP NCs and FPs to IHP Bureau for comments | 19 September 2020 | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | | |
| | 5.2 Provide input on the Terms of Reference and alert Council Members | 31 October 2020 | IHP Bureau | | |
| | 5.3 Approve proposed Terms of Reference | 4 December 2020 | IHP Council | | |

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| | 5.4 Circulate ToRs to all IHP MS | 11 December 2020 | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | | |
| | 5.5 Implement Terms of Reference | Continuous | National Committees | | |
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| Recommendation 6: | 6.1 Organize SPIC Water II (Science Policy Interface Colloquium on Water) | May 2022 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | 31 December 2024 | |
| Enhance IHP's strengths on the science-policy interface by increasing its interaction with and support to policy makers. | 6.2 Participate at the SPIC Water II (Science Policy Interface Colloquium on Water) | May 2022 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | | |
| <i>For the UNESCO Water Family</i> | 6.3 Explore the possibility and organize if possible Regional SPIC Water in connection with the Regional IHP NCs and CONAPHIS meetings. | 2024 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | | |
| | 6.4 Organize High level sessions in the occasion of important high level political gathering such High Level Political Forum, World Water Forum, regional high level political events | 2024 | UNESCO Secretariat | | |
| Recommendation 7: | 7.1 Encourage Member States to prepare project proposals for raising extrabudgetary funds or through self-benefiting modalities | Continuous | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | Continuous | |
| Take measures to increase the funding of the programme by mobilising additional extra-budgetary resources. | | | | | |
| <i>For the Secretariat, Category II Centres and Chairs</i> | | | | | |
| | 7.2 Prepare project proposals for raising extrabudgetary funds | Continuous | Category II Centres and Chairs | | |
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| Recommendation 8: Develop a specific and detailed performance assessment framework for the IHP. <i>For the Secretariat</i> | 8.1 Prepare in cooperation with BSP a matrix to support the performance assessment framework of IHP | January 2022 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | 31 May 2022 | |
| | 8.2 Implement the matrix for reporting | continuous | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | | |
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| Recommendation 9: Develop improved, more consistent central reporting practices, particularly regarding the programme's finances. <i>For the Secretariat, the IHP Bureau and Council</i> | 9.1 Edit the ToRs of the Finance Committee to include the task. | March 2021 | IHP Council | 31 December 2022 | |
| | 9.2 Identify representatives for the Finance Committee | 4 December 2020 | IHP Council | | |
| | 9.3 Prepare proposal for the discussions of the Finance Committee | March 2021 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | | |
| | 9.4 Provide input on the proposal | April 2021 | IHP Bureau | | |
| | 9.5 Facilitate the discussions of the Finance Committee | April to June 2021 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | | |
| | 9.6 Approve proposed practices | May 2022 | IHP Council | | |
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| Recommendation 10: Improve the communications of the Programme (a) by identifying, at the start of each project / activity, communication needs (what should be communicated, to whom and how?) and (b) by identifying key IHP staff to receive communication training, in particular on science communication. | 10.1 Identify key IHP staff to receive communication training, in particular on science communication including Field Offices | 1 March 2021 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | 31 December 2021 | |
| | 10.2 Prepare (through the hiring of a consultant) and distribute to the UNESCO Water Family guidelines on how to improve communications (that identify at the start of each project / activity, communication needs; what should be communicated, to whom and how?) | 31 December 2021 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | | |

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| <i>For the Secretariat and the UNESCO Water Family</i> | 10.3 Utilize the guidelines in new project proposals | continuous | UNESCO Water Family | | |
| Recommendation 11: Conduct an assessment of the contributions of each activity to each cross-cutting theme, including Africa, Gender Equality and Youth. <i>For the UNESCO Water Family</i> | 11.1 Prepare (through the hiring of a consultant) and distribute to the UNESCO Water Family a template to provide input on the assessment of the contributions of each activity to each cross-cutting theme, including Africa, Gender Equality and Youth. | 30 March 2021 | UNESCO-IHP Secretariat | 31 December 2021 | |
| | 11.2 Provide input | 30 August 2021 | UNESCO Water Family | | |
| | 11.3 Synthesize input and prepare a report | 31 December 2021 | UNESCO IHP Secretariat | | |
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