

*Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP)*

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## **ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION XXV-1**  
**Preparation of the Operational Implementation Plan of IHP-IX**

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

- Noting** IHP/IC Resolution XXIV-2 on the preparation of IHP-IX,
- Considering** IHP/IC documents IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.1, IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.1bis, which present, in a narrative and a matrix form, the Operational Implementation Plan (OIP) for IHP-IX,
- Also considering** IHP/IC-XXV/Inf.4, which presents IHP-IX financial plan for the biennium 2022-2023 for IHP,
- Commends** the Members of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) and the Members of the Thematic Groups for their valuable contribution in developing the draft Operational Implementation Plan IHP-IX;
- Expresses** its gratitude to the IHP Secretariat for supporting and coordinating the efforts of the OEWG and of the Thematic Groups teams in preparing the Operational Implementation Plan for IHP-IX;
- Recalls** that the OIP and the Financial Plan for IHP-IX are evolving documents that will require periodic updates;
- Decides** to endorse the draft documents IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.1, IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.1bis and IHP/IC-XXV/Inf.4 as the OIP and Financial Plan for IHP-IX;
- Invites** the IHP Secretariat to organize a Structured Financing Dialogue with the Member States for IHP-IX, that will bring together current and future donors, stakeholders and partners, development agencies, public and private actors to support the implementation of the IHP-IX strategic plan;
- Further Invites** the IHP Secretariat to update every biennium the Financial Plan and the OIP and submit them to the ordinary session of the Intergovernmental Council of the IHP;
- Encourages** all Members of UNESCO and the UN Water Family, including other water partners to provide technical and/or financial support for the implementation of the OIP.

## Resolution XXV-2

### Framework for the Planning, Implementation and Monitoring of IHP Flagship Initiatives

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

<b>Noting</b>	IHP/IC Resolution XXI-8 on the revision and monitoring of IHP's programmes and IHP/IC Resolution XXIII-12 on the preparation of the future governance of all IHP programmes and major initiatives within the framework of the C4 and the C5,
<b>Considering</b>	Document IHP/IC-XXV/Ref.2, Framework for the planning, implementation and monitoring of Flagship Initiatives,
<b>Expresses</b>	its gratitude to the IHP Secretariat and Working Group for preparing the Framework for the planning, implementation and monitoring of Flagship Initiatives;
<b>Decides</b>	to adopt the Framework for the Planning, Implementation and Monitoring, which includes also the governance mechanism of Flagship Initiatives;
<b>Further decides</b>	that all existing and new Flagship Initiatives within IHP-IX shall have to comply with the Framework;
<b>Recommends</b>	to the hosts/secretariat of the IHP Flagship Initiatives to align their governing mechanisms to the Framework and report the adoption of this alignment to the Council on its 26 <sup>th</sup> Session;
<b>Requests</b>	the IHP Secretariat to provide an update every biennium on the status of the IHP Flagship Initiatives within IHP-IX and submit it to the ordinary session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP;
<b>Encourages</b>	all Members of the UNESCO Water Families and the UN agencies and other partners, alongside with the existing efforts of the Secretariat, to support the implementation of IHP Flagship Initiatives by providing technical, in-kind and/or financial support;
<b>Requests</b>	the Secretariat to include in the agenda of the 27 <sup>th</sup> session of the IHP Council an item on the results/experiences of the implementation of the framework, following a consultation and assessment, for consideration and the possible revision of the framework, taking into consideration that the document on the Flagship Initiatives is an evolving document.

### **Resolution XXV-3 Continuation of Flagship Initiatives during IHP-IX**

The Intergovernmental Council (IC) 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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”, as approved by the IHP Council at its 19<sup>th</sup> Session, and “Joint International Isotope Hydrology Programme”, as approved by the IHP Council at its 14th Session, that are no longer active, by the end of 2022, whilst inviting Member States to continue to work on these important subject areas in the frame of the IHP-IX Operational Implementation Plan;
- 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 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the IHP Council;
- 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 to** continue, in view of their compliance with the IHP Flagship Initiative Framework for the Planning, Implementation and Monitoring (Resolution

XXV-2), the following Flagship Initiatives 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 (WLRI);

- 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 the governance mechanism within IHP-IX;
- Encourages** the current hosts/secretariat of the Flagship Initiatives to consider the best way 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.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 five thematic open-ended working groups linked with the Priority Areas of the IHP-IX Strategic Plan and three additional cross-sectoral groups:
- IHP-IX Priority Areas:
1. Scientific Research and Innovation
  2. Water Education in the Fourth Industrial Revolution including Sustainability
  3. Bridging the data and knowledge gap
  4. Integrated Water Resources Management under conditions of Global Change
  5. Water Governance based on Science for Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience
- Additional cross-sectoral groups:
1. Hydrological Systems, Rivers, Climate Risk and Water-Food-Energy Nexus
  2. Groundwater and Human Settlements
  3. Ecohydrology and Water Quality;
- Requests** The IHP Secretariat, together with the Member States, to elaborate an overall management structure for the implementation of the IHP-IX which integrates a top-down and bottom-up approach and to describe each responsibility and role on each management level (from key activities up to outputs and the coordinating working groups) with Terms of Reference for lead, co-lead and contributors to create best transparency and involvement of experts and scientists;
- Further requests** All Member States to invite the national water authorities and water experts in coordination with IHP National Committees to link existing activities and knowledge from water and global change related research programmes and projects and implement IHP-IX activities along the lines of IHP-IX Priority Areas;

- Requests** the IHP Secretariat to facilitate punctual technical assistance according to the requirements of each Member State;
- Invites** the Member States and members of the UNESCO Water Family to provide reports prior to the Council sessions;
- Encourages** All UNESCO Water Family Members and partners to take up the responsibility in the implementation of the IHP-IX, indicating the thematic and cross-sectoral working groups they are willing to participate in and/or finance as per the recommendation on accountability of the external mid-term evaluation of IHP-VIII.