



International Hydrological Programme
17th session of the Intergovernmental Council
(Paris, 3 – 7 July 2006)

Provisional Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the session

Mr Ognjen Bonacci (Croatia), Chairperson of the IHP Intergovernmental Council, will open the 17th session of the Council at 10.00 a.m. on 3 July 2006. He will report on the main activities undertaken within the framework of IHP since the 16th session of the Council (September 2004).

2. Election of the incoming Chairperson

The Council will be invited to elect a new Chairperson in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the IHP Intergovernmental Council.

3. Election of the Vice-Chairpersons

The Council will also be invited to elect four Vice-Chairpersons in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the IHP Intergovernmental Council.

4. Adoption of the agenda

The Secretary IHP will introduce this item. He will indicate that all agenda items decided upon by the 39th session of the IHP Bureau (Delft, 3-5 May 2006) are included. The Council will then be invited to adopt the Revised Provisional Agenda (IHP/IC-XVII/1 prov.rev.) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (IHP/IC-XVII/2 prov., this document) as is or as amended by the Council. The Council will likewise be invited to adopt the Provisional Timetable (IHP/IC-XVII/1 Add. prov.), taking into account the recommendation by the 39th session of the IHP Bureau to carry out the Council in the same format as the 16th session, i.e., in five days, with the report and resolutions approved on the last day. The Council will likewise take note of the provisional list of documents for the session (IHP/IC-XVII/4 prov.).

5. Determination of the Council's method of work

In accordance with Article V, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Statutes of the Council, the Council will be requested to elect the members of the Resolutions Drafting Committee for the duration of the session. The Council will also be requested to elect the members of the IHP Finance Committee, a permanent subsidiary body of the Council, for electoral regions II (Eastern and Central Europe), III (Latin America and the Caribbean) and Va (Africa). Should the Council decide to establish other subsidiary bodies, their members and chairpersons shall be elected in accordance with paragraph 8 of the Rules of Procedure.

6. Report on the 33rd session of the General Conference and on the 170th to the 174th sessions of the Executive Board of UNESCO, including overview of the Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5)

The Secretariat will inform the Council of the discussions and decisions of the 33rd session of the General Conference and of the 170th to 174th sessions of the Executive Board of UNESCO having particular importance to IHP (IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.2).

7. Review of the implementation of the resolutions and other recommendations adopted by the 16th session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP

- 7.1 Progress report on the implementation of the resolutions and other recommendations
- 7.2 Report of the IHP Finance Committee

The Secretariat will inform the Council on the implementation of the Resolutions adopted by the 16th session of the IHP Council (IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.3), as well as matters related to the funding of IHP (IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.4).

8. UNESCO's water-related centres (category I and category II)

- 8.1 UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (category I) : Presentation and linkages to IHP's educational programme
- 8.2 Proposed category II centres
- 8.3 Overview of newly-established category II centres
- 8.4 Nominations for office bearers in various boards of category I and category II centres
- 8.5 Strategy for reinforcing the network of UNESCO water-related centres (category I and category II)

The Director of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education will address a number of issues concerning the role of the Institute with respect to the International Hydrological Programme, and how to enhance collaboration (IHP/IC-XVII/6). The Council will be invited to consider and endorse the proposals for new category II water-related centres (IHP/IC-XVII/7). The Secretariat will inform the Council of the status of newly-established category II water-related centres (IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.5).

Following the review by the IHP Bureau of the nominations received from Member States for office bearers in various category I and category II centres and the resulting recommendations, the Council will be requested to designate:

- the representatives of IHP to the posts on UNESCO-IHE's Governing Board corresponding to the three electoral groups/regions where rotation is due to serve; i.e., region I (Western Europe and North America), region IV (Asia and the Pacific) and region Vb (Arab States);
- the representatives of IHP on the Governing Board of the European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology (Lodz, Poland), whereby three members of the Board shall be elected by UNESCO electoral group I (Western Europe and North America), and the other three members of the Board shall be elected by UNESCO electoral group II (Eastern and Central Europe); and
- the representatives of IHP from each of the six UNESCO electoral groups to the Advisory Boards of the International Research and Training Centre for Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES, Beijing, China) and the newly-established International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM, Tsukuba, Japan).

The Council will then be invited discuss the strategy for reinforcing the network of the UNESCO water-related centres and to consider the procedure proposed by the Bureau for its formulation (IHP/IC-XVII/8).

9. Review of IHP-VI activities and related activities of UNESCO

- 9.1 Results of IHP-VI projects since the 16th session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP
- 9.2 IHP-related extrabudgetary activities
- 9.3 Co-operation with other UNESCO environmental programmes

The Council will examine, on the basis of documents presented by the Secretariat (IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.6 to Inf.8), progress made on implementing the IHP-VI activities.

10. Follow-up to Resolution XVI-7 on IHP governance

The Council will review the recommendations of the IHP Bureau at its 38th (June 2005) and 39th (May 2006) sessions regarding Resolution XVI-7 on IHP governance adopted at the 16th session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council (September 2004), particularly with regard to the strengthening of IHP National Committees and the establishment of Regional Intergovernmental Councils (IHP/IC-XVII/9).

11. Main lines of action for the draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5)

Following review by the 39th session of the IHP Bureau, the Council will be requested to endorse the proposed Main Lines of Action of IHP for the draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5) (IHP/IC-XVII/10).

12. Endorsement of the Draft Plan of the 7th Phase of IHP (IHP-VII, 2008-2013)

Following review by the 39th session of the IHP Bureau, the Council will be requested to endorse the Draft Plan of the 7th Phase of IHP (IHP-VII) covering the period 2008-2013, taking into account contributions received from IHP National Committees (IHP/IC-XVII/11 and IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.9).

13. Progress report on new IHP initiatives

- 13.1 International Sediment Initiative (ISI)
- 13.2 International Flood Initiative (IFI)
- 13.3 Proposed thematic programme on water education within the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005-2014)

The Secretariat will inform the Council of progress on new IHP initiatives on sedimentation and floods (IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.10). As recommended by the 39th session of the IHP Bureau, the Council will be requested to consider proposals under consideration within UNESCO concerning water education and capacity building, and their implications for the IHP (IHP/IC-XVII/12).

14. Relations with United Nations and non-governmental organizations

- 14.1 Co-operation of WMO with IHP of UNESCO
- 14.2 Co-operation with the UN system on freshwater issues
- 14.3 Co-operation between IHP and the UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)
- 14.4 Report on IHP's participation in the 4th World Water Forum

The Secretariat will inform the Council of existing and foreseen international co-operation. Likewise, representatives of organizations of the UN system, other intergovernmental organizations as well as non-governmental organizations will be invited to present to the Council reports on their IHP-related activities (IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.11, IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.12). The Secretariat will likewise inform the Council of UNESCO's involvement in the Fourth World Water Forum which took place in Mexico from 16-22 March 2006 (IHP/IC-XVII/Inf.13).

15. Adoption of the report

The Secretariat will present a draft final report for examination and adoption by the Council.

16. Closure of the session

The 17th session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council will close on 7 July 2006.