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Report on IHP IGC Bureau Activities

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Outline

- Report on 53rd Session UNESCO IHP Bureau, Paris, 1-2 June 2015
<http://en.unesco.org/themes/water-security/hydrology/about-us/governing-bodies/documents-53rd-session-ihp-bureau>
- Items arising from the 22nd IHP Intergovernmental Council Session
- High Level International Panel on Water
- Changes to the Statutes of IHP
- Out of Session Category II Centre Proposals
- Reporting of Category II Centres & UNESCO Water Chairs to IGC
- IHP Communication Strategy

53rd Session UNESCO IHP Bureau

Key Items:

1. Mexican proposal to establish an Intergovernmental Panel on Water
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2. Changes to the term of appointment of IHP Bureau.**
3. Out of Session Proposals for Category II Centres
4. Communication Strategy

Intergovernmental Panel on Water

- Proposal by IHP IGC Chair (Group III) to establish an Intergovernmental Panel on Water similar to IPCC – discussed at IHP Bureau Technical Meeting
- Bureau requested response from all IHP regions.

Intergovernmental Panel on Water

- Mexico subverted the process by forming the high-level panel on water (HLPW) independent of IHP with the UN-World Bank
- IHP will join as a “friend” of HLPW
- WMO involved as part of the secretariat

Changes to the Statutes of IHP

- Region I had proposed the term of Bureau be increased from 2 to 4 years
- Also a problem for appointing alternate members of the Bureau when resignations occur

Changes to the Statutes of IHP

- IHP Bureau review the Statutes and the Rules of Procedure for IHP,
- Consultation with IHP National Committees should be made. Council members further requested that such process has to be made in consultation with all IHP National Committees and focal points, involving also all delegations to UNESCO.

Out of Session Category II Proposals

- A preliminary written request of designation for the International Centre on Water and Transdisciplinarity (CIRAT), as a Category 2 Centre was submitted by the Federative Republic of Brazil.
- Not read by most Bureau members but approved
- Requested improvements to proposal
- Basically unchanged
- Proposal was not even supported by Brazil's delegation to IHP

Reporting to IHP IGC

- Some UNESCO IHP Category II Centres and UNESCO Water Chairs did not send in reports to IHP IGC at 22nd Council Meeting
- The UNESCO brand is prestigious
- UNESCO should require formal reporting to maintain UNESCO brand
- A draft resolution has been prepared on this.

Communication and Outreach Strategy

- Madam Yan Huang has prepared a presentation on this