

**The Assistant Director-General  
for Natural Sciences**

18 June 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honour to invite you to the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Council of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) that will take place virtually from 28 to 30 June 2021.

During the second (December 2020) and third (February 2021) Extraordinary sessions of the Council, a decision was made to hold a limited virtual session on the aforementioned date to examine only items that needed to be addressed urgently. As such this virtual session will endorse the draft Ninth Phase of the IHP (2022-2029) and the revised Statutes and Rules of Procedure. The Council will further examine:

- a. the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the IHP Council (Paris, June 2018);
- b. IHP's work on the implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) relating to water and sanitation;
- c. the way forward for the IHP Flagships and Initiatives;
- d. Mid-term evaluation of IHP-VIII.

The provisional agenda for the session is enclosed herewith for your kind attention. The Rules of Procedure of the IHP Intergovernmental Council are available online at the following internet address: <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000149819>. The documents for the session will be made available on IHP's website in advance of the Council session at <https://en.unesco.org/themes/water-security/hydrology/about-us/council-documents>.

It should be greatly appreciated if the name(s) and official address(es) of your designated representative(s) would be forwarded to the IHP Secretariat (Email: [ihp@unesco.org](mailto:ihp@unesco.org)) by 24 June 2021 at the latest, using the attached form, in order to allow the preparation of a list of participants prior to the session.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shamila Nair-Bedouelle', with a period at the end. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Shamila Nair-Bedouelle

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- Registration form
- Provisional agenda for the 24th IHP Intergovernmental Council